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**Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for
Exceptional Student Education**

Mental Health Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Google Meet joining info

<https://meet.google.com/rcg-rrxu-jxt>

Welcome

Attendees:

Lianie Cuba, Mental Health Department M-DCPS
Maria Guajardo, Thriving Mind
Giselle Mendieta, M-DCPS ESE
Craig Siegel, Art Therapy M-DCPS
Crystal Miller, Clinical Behavioral Services, M-DCPS
Dary Castro, SEDNET Project Manager
Ivette Dominguez, AKI
Vanessa Seron, ASD Programs
Sylvia Cardo, ASD Programs
Tiombe Kendrick-Dunn, M-DCPS ESE
Dr. Michelle Cumming, FIU
Ivan Deveaux, UM Card

Thriving Mind Presentation – Maria Guajardo

- Services for children, youth and young adults, as well as parents if need.
- Will be working on prevention services
- Thriving Minds funds West Care (Miami Dade) and Guidance Care Center (Monroe) Mbile Response Team
- Baker act facilities are Citrus Health Network, Larkin Hospital, Nicklaus Children Hospital, and Jackson Behavioral Health
- Offer services for Individual, family, group therapy, Psychiatry, case management, mentor/life coach.
- Wraparound services= Children's Crisis response team (ages5-17), Community Action Treatment (ages 5-21), Families and Communities Empower of Success (ages 6-17), Behavior Health Network (ages 5-19), and Navigate (ages 15-35).
- Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program and Specialized Therapeutic Group Home
- No substance use program funding for female residential programs.
- Substance Use Services= JARF, MDC Juvenile service department
- Substance outpatient = The village south, Concept health system, citrus health system, Here's Help, Guidance Care center.
- Support services for youth and young adults= Transition to independence process Model, Care Coordination (3 or more acute care within 180 days)
- Support for adults and parents= Nami, 211 Miami, Federation of families

-Alisa Surenska 786-280-2434 Child welfare integration coordinator

Art Therapy Presentation – Craig Siegel

- What is art? Is a mental health profession that enriches individuals, families, and communities through active art making, creative process and applied psychological theory.
- District currently have 10 art therapists in 26 schools between the ages of 4-22.
- Art therapy is currently under the Emotional/Behavior Disabilities program
- Art therapy requires a license art therapist and learns coping skills vs Therapeutic Art can be done alone and learning techniques.
- Craig Siegel contact personal

Questions and Answers

Next Meeting Date:

April 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn