

**Special Needs Advisory Coalition (SNAC) of Broward  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 5, 2022 @ 9:30am – 11:30am  
Meeting Held via Zoom**

**Chair(s) in Attendance:**

**Debra Hixon** (School Board of Broward County); **Andrea Knowles** (Broward Legislative Delegation & Broward Days, Inc)

**CSC Council Member(s):** None.

**SNAC Members in Attendance:**

**Arc Broward** (Jody Ellis); **City of Parkland** (Bob Mayersohn); **ELC Broward** (Debbie Kay); **Equine-Assisted Therapy** (David Plath); **Family Care Council** (Marty Norris); **Family Network on Disabilities** (Lisa Math); **FLITE Center** (Natarish Bacon); **Helping Adults with Autism Perform and Excel** (Larry Rothman); **Positive Development** (Yomayra Mora-Perea); **South Florida Wellness Network** (Rachael Craig-Dunn, Sandra Reyes); **UM-NSU CARD** (Luis Grana); **University of Miami – Mailman Segal** (Nancy Torres); **YMCA South Florida** (Shaymonica Jones, Alison Bregman-Rodriguez, Susan Feldman); **CSC** (Marissa Aquino, Shaquoia Wilson, Shantigra “Shae” Williams).

- I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Debra Hixon welcomed SNAC members at 9:30 am.
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** David Plath initiated a motion to approve March 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Lisa Math, and passed unanimously.
- III. **Introduction of CSC Strategy Manager – Special Needs:** Marissa Aquino introduced Shantigra “Shae” Williams as the new Strategy Manager - Special Needs for CSC. Marissa reported that Shae Williams will transition into the role of supporting SNAC.
- IV. **Advancing Equity:** Shae Williams shared The Art of Gathering. The Art of Gathering is led and founded by Priya Parker. Priya was the keynote speaker at the 2022 Collective Impact Action Summit. The website link for Priya Parker and The Art of Gathering was shared within the zoom chat. The Art of gathering focuses on gathering (meeting) in meaningful, purposeful, and specific ways. This meaningful intentionality will help us achieve a collaborative practice where everyone at the table walks away with something applicable to their service provisions and community interactions. The Art of Gathering is a transitional tool we will engage with to set the stage for SNAC’s advancement in Collective Impact and Asset-Based Community Development, key components of the advancement of Equity.
- V. **Legislative Priorities:** Andrea Knowles shared that the legislative sessions are moving into session 4. Redistricting was completed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> legislative session and

as a result, many residents may experience a change in state, house, and congressional representatives.

- VI. Youth Summit Series:** Marissa Aquino informed the SNAC of the cancellation of the SNAC Youth Summit event due to low registrations. Shae Williams discussed the Youth Summit planning committee's request to obtain a STEP program's Youth participation as part of the panel discussion for the culminating Youth Summit Series event.
- VII. Community / Provider Updates:** ALL SNAC members provided updates on their programs and initiatives. After yesterday's SNAC meet & greet (in-person) it was noticeably clear the Coalition can benefit from connecting in person. This dynamic is evident in that we achieved greater attendance & participation at the in-person SNAC meet & greet than we did for our virtual SNAC meeting which is currently and has been historically held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. When we reconvene for August's SNAC meeting those in attendance explored and discussed meeting in person.
- VIII. Next Meeting Next Meeting August 5, 2022, at 9:30 am via in person**
- IX. Adjourn**