

# Social Services Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

### 5/7/2024



#### Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:02pm on 5/7/2024 at the Sunrise Senior Center.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

Sharon Baron- Present  
Abdul Basit- Present  
Olivia Coleman- Present  
Patricia Louis-Mills- Present

Harvey Soufrine- Present  
Gisel Suarez- Present  
Amanda Walch – Present

#### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from meeting were approved.

#### Open Discussion

No open discussion.

**Presentation by:** Luz Florez Gonzalez with Urban League of Broward County. The Urban League of Broward County is advancing the lives of nearly 14,000 individuals annually through six verticals of service; education, entrepreneurship, jobs, community justice, housing, and health. Their transformation solutions have life-changing effects that create equity and parity, facilitating economic opportunity and stability and uplifting individuals. Education and youth development programs provide young people with the critical skills they need to excel academically, avoid at-risk behavior and become engaged members of their communities. Tutoring, college preparation, and leadership development are some of the many educational advancement tools offered. Urban League's entrepreneurship Center's M3 Model (Money, Market, & Management) helps small business owners access the tools needed to grow and develop their business. They provide technical assistance, business management training, and lending solutions. They also help equip individuals with the tools needed to enter or re-enter the workforce through training, career-building, and job placement services. "ADVANCE-U" is another great tool that offers a full range of essential economic resources for residents to help them succeed in the workforce, stabilize their finances and build assets. Urban League strives to build a stronger, safer community for the children and families they serve. Through their community justice programs, youth learn the value of social responsibility. They use a variety of methods including the restorative justice model to engage youth and community in critical conversations regarding day-to-day interactions. Check out their website at [ulbroward.org](http://ulbroward.org) to see the other benefits of this community based gem!

#### New Business

Kathy Osborn reported Social Services numbers for the month of April:

Fee waivers: 27 approved

Medical Transportation: 7

Food Pantry: 5 Families

Total Contacts: 188

EAF: 0

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:33pm. Next meeting will take place on June 4, 2024 at 4:00pm.

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