

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY
6600 W. Commercial Blvd.
Lauderhill, FL 33319

Minutes
March 21, 2019
9:30 A.M.

Members in Attendance: School Board Member Robin Bartleman; Governor Appointee Emilio Benitez; Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie; DCF Regional Managing Director Dennis Miles; Governor Appointee Tom Powers; School Superintendent Robert W. Runcie; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi, M.D.; Governor Appointee Ana Valladares

Counsel Present: Garry Johnson, Esq.

Council Members Absent: Broward County Mayor Beam Furr; Governor Appointee Maria Schneider

Staff in Attendance: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO; Monti Larsen; Sandra Bernard-Bastien; Sue Gallagher; Maria Juarez Stouffer; Marlando Christie; Andrew Leone; Adamma DuCille; Akil Edwards; Amy Jacques; Andria Dewson; Arnold "JB" Jean-Baptiste; Brooke Sherman; Camila Romero Gil; Deborah Forshaw; Erin Byrne; Jill Denis-Lay; Jocelin Eubanks; Jumorrow Johnson; Karen Franceschini; Kathleen Campbell; Keisha Grey; Keyonia Lawson; Laura Ganci; Liza Khan; Maddy Jones; Marissa Aquino; Melissa Soza; Michelle Hagues; Monique Finlay; Seanteé Campbell; Silke Angulo; Tameeka Grant; Travis Johnson; Trisha Dowell

Guests in Attendance: Attached

Agenda:

I. Call to Order:

Ms. Donnelly called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

II. Roll Call:

The roll was called and a quorum was established.

III. Chair's Comments:

a) Council Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Judge Gillespie made a motion to approve the February 21, 2019, Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valladares and passed with no opposing votes.

b) April 18th Council Meeting:

Due to the holidays immediately following the April Council meeting, the Chair double-checked to ensure there wasn't a quorum issue for the April meeting. The only Member who indicated an absence at the April meeting was Dr. Thaqi.

c) Budget Retreat Logistics:

Ms. Donnelly reminded Members that the May 16th Council meeting, which includes the Budget Workshop, will start earlier than normal at 8:30am and could last until mid-afternoon. Members were asked to let Ms. Jacques know if they planned to arrive late or leave early, so that a quorum could be maintained for expected votes that day.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that lunch boxes would be available to purchase in advance of the May Retreat.

IV. President's Report:

a) Good of the Order:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that the Children's Services Council of Broward County was recently honored by the South Florida Business Journal as one of the "2019 Best Places to Work," coming in 15th in the medium company category. She thanked Ms. Donnelly for her generosity in sponsoring a table for CSC staff to attend the awards luncheon.

Superintendent Runcie arrived.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer celebrated the success of the Broward People of Color Caucus' Human Museum, which was a living museum featured at the Museum of Discovery and Science and presented by youth in the CSC-funded programs at the Urban League and HANDY. It was noted that the youth selected their own person in history to research and present.

Ms. Bartleman, Mr. Benitez, and Ms. Valladares arrived.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the successful Rising Above the Stigma Conference, which featured a well-received presentation by Dr. Laura Ganci, CSC's Director of Research and Evaluation. She congratulated Ms. Valladares on her role in the conference.

Members were referred to the Survivors Stroll photo collage in their meeting information packet. This was one of the Broward AWARE! Campaign events.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the 2-1-1 Nonprofit Awards and the CSC-sponsored Collective Youth Impact Award, which was awarded to the Urban League of Broward County and partners for its Community Justice collaborative.

Members were informed of upcoming events, including the Me and My Dad Challenge on March 30th at Joseph C. Carter Park, which is another event in the Broward AWARE! Campaign. Judge Gillespie will be the featured speaker for this event.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the well-received Girls and Young Women Report, noting that the community launch is scheduled for April 1st and that she just wrapped up a Future First: Focus on Broward's Children television episode on the Report.

The last event in this year's Broward AWARE! Campaign will be the Family Fun and Resource Fair on April 13th at Delevoe Memorial Park, and it will feature important messages related to various elements of child abuse prevention, such as human trafficking, water safety and safe sleep.

Members were directed to their meeting information packet for CSC-funded program success stories.

Members viewed a drowning prevention PSA, which M Network has also edited into a 30 second version that will air on Comcast. The campaign also features bus wraps and bill boards. Superintendent Runcie stated it could also be aired on BECON. Members requested to receive a link of the PSA that could be shared on social media.

b) Eagles' Haven Update:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer reported that while Eagles' Haven has not officially opened its doors, it has been providing case management services, as well as in-home services, for several families since February 14th of this year and is accessible via phone, email and Facebook. She also touched upon a possible future expansion of trauma services throughout the County, building upon what has been learned over the past year to provide a community response to the violence and trauma impacting children and families throughout Broward.

c) Broward Days Report:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer reported that it was a successful Broward Days in Tallahassee.

d) Federal Advocacy Update:

As follow-up from the last Finance Committee meeting, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that she is still gathering additional information related to the possible hiring of a firm to assist with advocacy at the federal level related to a myriad of issues affecting CSC. The information and topic will be brought to the Council once it has been thoroughly explored and vetted by staff.

V. Chief Programs Officer (CPO) Report:

Ms. Juarez briefed Members on the items under the CPO Report.

a) Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) Request For Proposals (RFP) Recommendations:

The PBIS RFP was released in November and closed in December, with three proposals received. The current funded provider, Family Central, was recommended for funding. It was noted that a training on ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) for parents is included in the program.

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the PBIS Recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Legal Supports RFP Recommendation:

The Legal Supports RFP was advertised in January and closed in February, with one proposal received from Legal Aid Service of Broward County.

Mr. Benitez commented that no other CSC in Florida provides this service, and that from his experience Legal Aid has done great work in moving kids out of the system. He commended Mr. Honaman and Mr. Bazerman for their tremendous work.

Dr. Thaqi echoed those sentiments, noting that she will be looking to expand this area during the upcoming Budget Workshop in May. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer pointed out that without additional CSC general revenue, some recent changes in federal Title IV-E reimbursable expenses may make that possible.

Judge Gillespie acknowledged the large amount of pro-bono work conducted by Mr. Honaman and Mr. Bazerman, pointing out that they play a very critical role in the judicial system.

Mr. Walter Honaman, Legal Aid Service of Broward County, thanked the Council for its vote of confidence and promised to work hard to continue to earn that confidence, to represent the children and youth they serve, and to work with stakeholders to improve the services that are provided. He personally thanked and recognized CSC staff for their leadership, creativity, and collegiality: Ileana Blanco, Kathleen Campbell, Shawanda Spencer, Andria Dewson, Colleen Carpenter, Dion Smith, Erin Byrne, Jeffery Glover, Maddy Jones, Laura Ganci, and Silke Angulo.

ACTION: Mr. Benitez made a motion to approve Legal Aid Service of Broward County as the Legal Supports provider, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valladares and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Extension of Healthy Youth Transitions (HYT) Contract Term:

ACTION: Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve the extension of the HYT contract term, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valladares and passed with no opposing votes.

Mr. Powers departed the meeting.

d) Additional Funding for Special Needs Summer 2019 Slots:

Ms. Bartleman raised the preliminary findings of the Special Needs Assessment, citing that summer and out-of-school time poses a challenge for this population. She also outlined some of the challenges for the in-school programs, such as security requirements, and the fact that the Principal-run programs are permitted to discontinue services to children exhibiting behavioral issues. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that CSC staff and school board staff are scheduled to discuss the concerns and challenges raised in the Special Needs Assessment.

ACTION: Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve additional non-recurring funding to increase Special Needs Summer 2019 slots, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.

Ms. Shawn Preston, Arc Broward, thanked the Council on behalf of the families they serve. She emphasized that the families they serve do go into crisis without these services.

VI. Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Report:

Racial Equity Update:

Dr. Gallagher updated Members on CSC's racial equity initiatives. She announced this year's Groundwater presentation will be held on April 10th. She encouraged Members to share the invitation with those who have not experienced the racial equity workshops.

Dr. Thaqi shared that as partners in the racial equity workshops, the Florida Department of Health in Broward County has committed to have every employee participate in the workshops. She also noted that this project has become a central piece of their application for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize, which is a very prestigious national award centered on equity through collaboration and inclusion, especially with historically marginalized populations. She noted that Phase 1 of the application highlighted accomplishments in the County, including the Dismantling Racism initiative, the Coordinating Council of Broward (CCB), Children Strategic Plan accomplishments such as SNAC, and Health Department initiatives such as Test & Treat. She noted that their application has processed through Phase 1 to Phase 2, which then highlighted additional items such as some accomplishments of the CCB (Transportation Sales Tax and affordable housing), as well as the Florida Department of Health in Broward County's SEALS (Sealing and Educating All Little Smiles) program that provides sealants and other preventive dental services to children in elementary and middle schools. The application successfully made it through Phase 2 and is now one of 12 finalists out of the original 183 applicants. The last piece will be a site visit by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation examiners that will include a community conversation and tour, with the winner being announced after that.

Ms. Donnelly commended Dr. Thaqi for her leadership in successfully moving the application through the process and into the finals.

Ms. Donnelly encouraged CSC Members to attend a racial equity workshop and/or the Groundwater presentation.

VII. Chief Communications Officer (CCO) Report:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien highlighted the items under the CCO Report.

a) Countdown to Kindergarten:

This event is part of a series of events in which the School Board is taking the lead. The Countdown to Kindergarten event on March 9th had 1,500 pre-kindergarten students in attendance.

ACTION: Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve drawdown from the Community Foundation of a PNC Bank contribution and related expenditures for Countdown to Kindergarten, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valladares and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Back-to-School Extravaganza Budget and Vendors:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien shared that CIGNA is a new partner in the Back-to-School Extravaganza, donating both funds and volunteers.

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the budget and Carlyn Uniforms as vendor for the 2019 Back-to-School Extravaganza, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.

VIII. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report:

Ms. Larsen highlighted the items under the COO Report. She drew Members' attention to the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) at the dais.

Mr. Benitez noted that the CAFR stands for transparency and is a testament to that fact that CSC is using taxing dollars in a very beneficial way.

a) Financial Statements and Budget Amendments for February 2019:

b) Invoices, P.O.s & Contracts:

ACTION: Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve budget amendments and interim financial statements for Period Ending February 28, 2019, as well as approve the CSC monthly/annual purchases, both as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Provider Administrative Rate:

As follow-up from the last Finance Committee meeting, Ms. Larsen noted that she is still gathering additional information related to the possible increase of the provider administrative rate included in each contract. The information and topic will be brought to the Council once it has been thoroughly explored and vetted by staff.

Mr. Benitez stated that an increase would give providers the flexibility to reward their staff, which is important in a time when agencies are struggling to keep a talented workforce. He suggested that the Council be very open and lenient with the administrative rate.

IX. Agency Capacity Building Committee Report:

Ms. Valladares highlighted the recent meeting of the Agency Capacity Building Committee, which was attended by more than 50 people. The featured speaker was Dr. Rosalind Osgood, President/CEO of the Mount Olive Development Corporation, as well as a Broward County School Board member and the author of the book Influential Woman Leader. She stressed the importance of self-care. Participants also heard from a featured panel of funders representing the United Way, Broward County Human Services, 2-1-1, and the CSC.

X. Broward Reads Coalition Update:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien highlighted activities of the Broward Reads Coalition, including the recent and successful Real Men Read event, in which Superintendent Runcie participated.

XI. Public Comment:

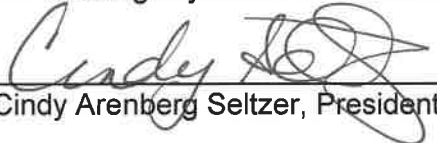
There was none.

XII. Council Members' Roundtable:

CSC's Research and Evaluation staff highlighted data stories from the FY 17/18 Annual Programmatic Performance Report.

XIII. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.


Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO

MEETING ATTENDEES***denotes speaker**

Name	Organization
David Bazerman	Legal Aid Service of Broward County
A. Therese Sullivan	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Shawn Preston*	Arc Broward
Tonya Ricker	Arc Broward
Michelle Rosegreen	Family Central
Ruth Lynch	The Charter Schools of Excellence
Mariela Betancourt	Family Central
Maria Detwiler	Family Central
Lisa Farland	YMCA of South Florida
Alice-Lydia Bird	YMCA of South Florida
Walter Honaman*	Legal Aid Service of Broward County
Alison Rodriguez	YMCA
Michelle Rogers	Family Central