

# CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

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Lauderhill, FL 33319

## MINUTES

August 15, 2019

9:30 A.M.

**Members in Attendance:** School Board Member Robin Bartleman; Governor Appointee Emilio Benitez; Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr; Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie; Governor Appointee Tom Powers; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi, M.D.; Governor Appointee Ana Valladares

**Counsel Present:** Garry Johnson, Esq.

**Council Members Absent:** DCF Regional Managing Director Dennis Miles; School Superintendent Robert W. Runcie; 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; Angie Buchter; Arnold "JB" Jean-Baptiste; Camila Romero Gil; Carl Dasse; Dion Smith; Erin Byrne; Fern Phillip; Gloria Putiak; Jennifer Wennberg; Jocelin Eubanks; John Jeyasingh; Jonathan Evans; Kathleen Campbell; Keisha Grey; Keyonia Lawson; Marissa Aquino; Marissa Greif-Hackett; Michelle Hagues; Mina Razavi; Nancy Cohn; Pooja Kothari; Silke Angulo

**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:** Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the June 20, 2019, Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.

b) September Meeting/TRIM Hearings:

Ms. Donnelly emphasized the importance of Council member attendance at the September TRIM Hearings.

#### **IV. President's Report:**

a) Good of the Order:

Members viewed a video highlighting the recent Healthy Families Graduation.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the successful YOU Matter Youth Rally, hosted by On-Call Leadership. This year's rally brought together youth and law enforcement under the theme "Unleashing Your Inner Giant," with educational workshops focused on personal development, civic engagement, gun violence safety, and mental health.

CSC was a sponsor of the recent 2019 Broward World Refugee Day. Both CSC and Arnold "JB" Jean-Baptiste, CSC's Senior Community Outreach Manager, received certificates of appreciation for service and support.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that Ms. Maria Juarez, CSC's Chief Program Officer, was a panelist on the Funders' Panel at the recent Grant Professionals Association's Regional Conference at Nova Southeastern University.

Mr. Benitez arrived.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted Dr. Gallagher's recent national speaking engagements on CSC's racial equity and integrated data system work.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that Mr. Easton Harrison, CSC's Community Support Assistant, recently presented on youth advocacy at the United Way's Broward Youth Coalition.

Ms. Valladares arrived.

Members viewed a video highlighting the CSC-Funded Supported Training & Employment Program (STEP) at the YMCA.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that Mr. Marlando Christie, CSC's Director of Management Information Systems (MIS) has obtained Certified Government Chief Information Officer Certification. She explained that this is a nationally-recognized certification that shows one's commitment to both the technology and the government profession, and that one has achieved a higher level of practical skills and knowledge for managing technology in an environment that is continuously changing. To obtain the certification, Mr. Christie participated in a 12-month academic course that lays the foundation for assessing and addressing some of the most critical issues facing IT leadership in the public sector.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that she will be honored by the Urban League of Broward County as a 2019 Margaret Roach Humanitarian Award Honoree on September 28<sup>th</sup> at Hard Rock Stadium.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer updated the Council on the work of the Broward League of Cities' School & Community Public Safety Task Force, of which she is a member.

Ms. Bartleman departed the meeting.

b) Statement Regarding Gun Safety:

In the wake of recent mass shootings in Gilroy, CA; El Paso, TX; and Dayton, OH, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer outlined the Jewish Federation of Broward County's request at the most recent meeting of the Coordinating Council of Broward (CCB) for community leaders to join them in one voice around gun safety and the expansion of mental health services. Council Member discussion ensued.

Mr. Powers stated that if there was not adequate funding for behavioral health services, it was in the Council's purview to strengthen funding in that area. He felt that the Council should address issues related to mental health and the expression of hate, but he advised against entering the fray of such a divisive issue as gun control. He further explained that while the issue has to be addressed, it cannot be done so in a manner that creates more hate, divisiveness, and prevents the Council from continuing its good work on behalf of the children and families of Broward County.

Dr. Thaqi gave a general caution against advocating for anything that would stigmatize and criminalize those with mental health issues. She also explained that in her role as Director of the Florida Department of Health in Broward County, she is prohibited from advocating for legislation and will therefore abstain from voting on the statement as presented.

Judge Gillespie noted that he, too, would have to abstain from any statement that was legislative in nature.

After hearing the thoughts of the Council, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer offered a possible alternative statement that focuses on the serious and long-lasting effects of trauma on children and the importance of supporting the resilience of children and combatting hate. She noted that most of CSC's funding is directed toward emotional/social learning of children to prevent them from acting out in hate, but that the State of Florida is ranked 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the funding of behavioral health services.

Commissioner Furr stated that this would be an opportunity to frame any statement around root causes, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE), and CSC's prevention efforts. He noted that this would allow the Council to stay in its lane of what it knows and does best.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the statement regarding gun safety, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valladares and discussion ensued. Commissioner Furr then withdrew his motion and requested that staff come back to the next meeting with possible action related to resilience for children.

**ACTION:** Mr. Benitez made a motion to approve the statement regarding gun safety, as originally presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valladares.

**ACTION:** Mr. Powers moved to table the previous motion until a revised statement that was more agreeable to everyone could be drafted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with two opposing votes from Mr. Benitez and Ms. Valladares. The record reflects that Ms. Bartleman previously departed the meeting.

c) Budget Update:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer stated that while the final property values released in July were minimally higher, an increase from 5.7% to 5.76%, the CRA obligations had come in higher than anticipated. She indicated that the Council's Unallocated budget line for the beginning of the Fiscal Year is now around \$700,000. Mr. Benitez cautioned that there are signs pointing to a possible economic downturn and asked that staff keep that in mind.

d) Florida Children's Council (FCC) Update:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the recent FCC Retreat, noting that it was a great opportunity for CSC Broward's management team to work with other CSCs' staff. She also announced that her four-year term as Chair of the FCC has come to an end.

e) Third Sector Presentation:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly outlined the technical assistance grant awarded to CSC through Third Sector, which aimed to build systems that drive improved outcomes. She introduced Heather Kay (H.K.) Howard, Director of Third Sector Capital Partners, Inc.; and Miranda Beggin, Senior Associate for Third Sector Capital Partners, Inc., who addressed the Council via Skype.

The Third Sector representatives presented on "Reflections from Empowering Families & Third Sectors' 21-month partnership with CSC Broward." They explained that the Empowering Families Initiative is a national cohort of communities working to improve outcomes for children and families through the use of Integrated Data Systems (IDS) and outcomes-oriented contracting, and that Empowering Families sites seek to improve coordination of programs to foster the family well-being of parents and their children using the two-generation approach. They work with governments to align on six components of outcomes contracts to ensure funding and services are improving lives, noting that CSC Broward already had much of those components in place and is a different kind of government funder.

CSC Broward engaged with Third Sector to strengthen its ability to advance positive outcomes for the children and families served by its programs by developing more equitable relationships with providers focused on co-creating improved outcomes for program participants to address structural racism. The Third Sector representatives noted that CSC has started to change its relationship with its providers. They also noted that they learned three important lessons from CSC Broward that has informed how they approach their work nationally:

- Hold racial equity at the center.
  - ✓ They learned that if they do not embrace an equity-centered approach, they risk perpetuating biased systems and not achieving their mission.
- Tools and processes for aligning cross-system.
  - ✓ The Children's Strategic Plan showed them what outcomes-orientation can look like at the jurisdiction or systems level.
- Embrace a learning mindset.
  - ✓ They found it unique to work with a government partner that was so open to learning and innovating and who pushed them to do the same.

**V. Office Space Committee Report:**

Commissioner Furr deferred to Legal Counsel to deliver the update on the possible acquisition of the land adjacent to the CSC building.

Mr. Johnson updated the Council on recent negotiations with the land owner, concluding that they were not successful and that there was no opportunity at this time to purchase the land. He added that he would keep the Council informed if negotiations resumed at any point in the future.

**VI. Chief Programs Officer (CPO) Report:**

- a) Urban League New DAY Renewal:
- b) Early Learning Coalition Childcare Contracts:
- c) Fiscal Sponsor Fees:
- d) YMCA Good Neighbor Store (GSN):

**ACTION:** Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Urban League New DAY Contract renewal; approve reallocation of funding from the ELC Financially Assisted Childcare Contract to the ELC Vulnerable Populations Childcare Contract; approve Fiscal Sponsor fees to various agencies; and approve returning \$11,346 for the YMCA GNS program into Unallocated for Goal 3.1.6, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Gillespie and passed with no opposing votes. The record reflects that Ms. Bartleman had previously departed the meeting.

**VII. Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Report:**

- a) Racial Equity Institute (REI) Workshop:
- b) DJJ Data-Sharing Agreement:
- c) Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC)/Carisk Data-Sharing Agreement:
- d) Administration of Children & Families (ACF) Interoperability Innovations Grant:

**ACTION:** Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve expenditures and schedule for REI workshops for FY 19/20 as presented; approve the Data Sharing Agreement with DJJ as presented and pending final legal approval; approve renewal of the Data-Sharing Agreement with BBHC and Carisk as presented and pending final legal approval; and approve applying for the ACF Interoperability Innovations Grant as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valladares and passed with no opposing votes. The record reflects that Ms. Bartleman had previously departed the meeting.

- e) Community Participatory Action Research (CPAR) Update:

Council members were referred to the information in their meeting packet.

### VIII. Chief Communications Officer (CCO) Report:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien highlighted this year's successful Back-to-School Extravaganza, where 8,000 filled backpacks and thousands pairs of shoes were distributed to Broward youth. She thanked the various partners, including the YMCA; HandsOn Broward, who provided 665 volunteers; and Jodi Samson and the other Social Workers at Broward County Public Schools. She also thanked CSC staff, including Ms. Lynn Kalmes, CSC's Senior Budget Analyst; Mr. Andrew Leone, CSC's Director of Communications & Community Engagement; Mr. Arnold "JB" Jean-Baptiste, CSC's Senior Community Outreach manager; and Ms. Alexia Bridges, CSC's Media & Outreach Communication Specialist. Members viewed a Comcast Newsmakers video of the event.

- a) Communication and Outreach Consultant:
- b) Back-to-School Extravaganza:
- c) Broward: Read for the Record:
- d) CSC Website and ADA Compliance:

**ACTION:** Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve The M Network to provide communication and outreach consulting services; approve acceptance of revenue and reconciliation of 2019 Back-to-School Extravaganza; approve additional allocation for 2019 Broward: Read for the Record; and approve Taoti expenditures related to updating the CSC website to current ADA standards, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes. The record reflects that Ms. Bartleman had previously departed the meeting.

- e) Racial Equity Institute (REI) Youth Sessions Report:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien highlighted the successful REI youth sessions this summer. She noted that the School District is interested in doing a spring session next year, as well as a summer session.

- f) Capacity Building Boot Camp Report:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien highlighted this year's successful boot camp, noting that they have received positive feedback from both the presenters and the participants.

### IX. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report:

Ms. Larsen highlighted an item in POs that gives authority to the President/CEO to bind forthcoming insurance policy renewals, with the actual policies being brought to the Council in September.

- a) Facilities RFQ Raters:
- b) Interim Financial Statements and Budget Amendments for July 2019:
- c) Invoices, P.O.s & Contracts:

**ACTION:** Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Evaluation Committee for the Facilities Management Services RFQ; approve Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for period ending July 31, 2019; and approve CSC monthly/annual purchases, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valladares and passed with no opposing votes. The record reflects that Ms. Bartleman had previously departed the meeting.

**X. Special Needs Advisory Coalition (SNAC) Report:**

Ms. Donnelly referred Members to the meeting minutes in the information packet.

**XI. Broward Reads Coalition Report:**

Commissioner Furr reported on the most recent meeting of the Broward Reads Coalition. He announced that test results for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading are at their highest, increasing by 8%. He also announced that the Coalition received the Pacesetter Award for the third year in a row.

**XII. Public Comment:**

Ms. Lynne Kunins, FLIPANY, explained that FLIPANY's mission is to foster healthy lives. She thanked Ms. Donnelly for her mentorship and leadership in providing snacks/meals through federal funding. She pointed out the disparity in the number of sites that FLIPANY serves in Miami and Palm Beach, versus Broward, noting that she is looking to build capacity in Broward County to expand to 25 sites. Ms. Donnelly directed Ms. Kunins' request to the Program Planning Committee (PPC), noting that FLIPANY would need to submit a proposal to CSC staff for consideration at a future PPC meeting.

**XIII. Council Members' Roundtable:**

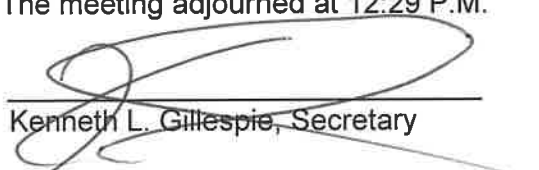
CSC staff highlighted the background, outcomes, and research related to the CSC-funded Healthy Youth Transitions (HYT) program area in preparation for the release of the HYT 2020 Request for Proposals (RFP). The desired populations to be served by this RFP include youth, ages 15-22, who are transitioning out of the Foster Care System or are living in an informal kinship arrangement; middle and high school youth who self-identify as LGBTQ; middle and high school youth with Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) involvement; as well as a new population of youth who are at risk of not graduating or who are already disconnected from school and employment. The HYT service components include: individual youth development; support/coaching/training groups; individual/family counseling; group counseling; housing opportunities for older youth; enrichment & family bonding activities; and alumni services. Council Members had an opportunity to ask questions and provide input.

Ms. Valladares raised the issue of "Public Charge" and proposed Federal Rule changes as it relates to immigration status. She asked that CSC publicize or link to other websites clarifying specific programs that would or would not be counted as a public charge by the Federal Government. Concerns were raised as to issuing such reassurances given the rapidly changing landscape of immigration policy and Federal Rules. Legal Counsel also cautioned that CSC must carefully vet any sources recommended on such a delicate topic.

**ACTION:** CSC staff was instructed to consult with Counsel and community partners to determine the best role for CSC in the area immigration and “Public Charge.”

**XIV. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 P.M.



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Kenneth L. Gillespie, Secretary



**MEETING ATTENDEES**

\*denotes speaker

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Dale Mandell	HandsOn Broward
Kathy Wint	HandsOn Broward
Dawn Moreira	The M Network
Robin Ullman-Moffett	JAFCO
Lynne Kunins*	FLIPANY
Lisa Devine	Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County
Courtnee Biscardi	Urban League of Broward County
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Alice-Lydia Bird	YMCA of South Florida
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
Lauren D.	Urban League of Broward County
Shawn Preston	Arc Broward
Alison Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Elizabeth Dorante	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Mo Corker	Comerica Bank