

Children's Services Council of Broward County

6600 W Commercial Blvd
Lauderhill, FL 33319

Program Planning Committee

Agenda

September 9, 2019; 3:30 PM
CSC – Training Room 1

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| I. | Call Meeting to Order | | Cathy Donnelly,
Committee Chair |
| II. | Approve April 30, 2019, PPC Meeting Minutes | (Tab 26) | Cathy Donnelly |
| III. | Recommend Approval to the Full Council Emergency Funding for Community Reconstruction Housing Corporation Rites of Passage Program (North) | (Tab 27) | Maria Juarez |
| IV. | Recommend Approval to the Full Council Leverage Funding for Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI) | (Tab 28) | Sandra Bernard-Bastien |
| V. | Recommend Approval to the Full Council Joint/Community Collaborative Funding of Urban League to Continue Serving Current Families | (Tab 29) | Sandra Bernard-Bastien |
| VI. | Follow-Up RE: Gun Safety Statement | (Tab 30) | Cindy Arenberg Seltzer |
| VII. | Follow-Up RE: Public Charge Issue | (Tab 31) | Cindy Arenberg Seltzer |
| VIII. | Public Comment | | Cathy Donnelly |
| IX. | Adjourn | | Cathy Donnelly |

TAB 26

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

6600 W. Commercial Blvd.
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Program Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting

Minutes

April 30, 2019; 11:30am

Members in Attendance: Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly, Governor Appointee Ana Valladares, and Governor Appointee Maria Schneider

Staff in Attendance: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO; Sue Gallagher; Maria Juarez; Monti Larsen; Nancy Cohn; Amy Jacques

Guests in Attendance: Tony Karrat (Legal Aid Service of Broward County), Sabrina Diz (Legal Aid Service of Broward County), T. Bertran (SunServe), Andrea Montavon-McKillip (Legal Aid Service of Broward County), Mark Ketcham (SunServe)

Agenda:

I. Call Meeting to Order:

Committee Chair Cathy Donnelly called the meeting to order at 11:43 A.M.

II. Committee Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Ms. Schneider made a motion to approve the June 5, 2018, PPC meeting minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valladares and passed with no opposing votes.

III. Legal Aid Leverage Request:

Ms. Juarez briefly outlined the Legal Aid leverage request as proposed. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer outlined the CSC emergency funding policy upon which the original request and funding was based, and which has expired. She then outlined the leverage policy for the current request to continue legal services for existing youth currently in the process.

Ms. Donnelly led a discussion on the need for a more permanent solution in the future, and one which could possibly serve non-CSC Kinship youth. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer offered to convene a community collaborative to address the long-term need. Committee members requested additional data for the anticipated discussion at the Budget Retreat for possible funding in FY 19/20, such as, how many youth are currently being turned away; how many youth are part of the CSC Kinship program; how many are non-CSC Kinship youth; what entities are currently helping the non-CSC Kinship youth, etc. Consensus was reached to recommend approval of leverage for up to \$15,000 for services in remaining FY 18/19.

ACTION: Ms. Schneider made a motion to approve recommending to the full Council the Legal Aid leverage request for up to \$15,000 in FY 18/19 to continue services for current CSC Kinship families receiving legal immigration services. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valladares and passed with no opposing votes.

IV. SunServe Leverage Request:

Ms. Juarez briefly outlined the SunServe leverage request as proposed. Committee Members expressed a desire to consider it in terms of the larger budget needs for FY 19/20 at the upcoming Budget Retreat on May 16th. Consensus was reached to recommend placing \$27,500 on the budget wish list at the upcoming Budget Retreat.

ACTION: Ms. Donnelly made a motion to recommend to the full Council the placement of \$27,500 toward a SunServe youth activities coordinator position for FY 19/20 on the wish list at the May Budget Retreat. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schneider and passed with no opposing votes.

V. Center for Mind Body Medicine Training:

Ms. Juarez announced that CSC had received \$110,000.00 from The Jim Moran Foundation to expand the Center for Mindy Body Medicine's community-based training. She noted that she continues to reach out to community partners to expand the capacity of this comprehensive wellness program and will keep the Council updated on those efforts.

VI. Racial Equity Update:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) has expressed an interest in BSO employees participating in the community racial equity workshops. Staff will work with BSO and bring any actions to the full Council.

VII. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 P.M.

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Service Goal:	3.1 Reduce risk factors associated with delinquency, teen pregnancy and other risky behaviors.
Objective:	3.1.1 Provide youth development programs that engage middle school students attending high-need schools to promote school and community attachment.
Issue:	Potential Loss of Leverage Funding for Community Reconstruction Housing Corporation Rites of Passage Program (North)
Action:	Recommend Approval to the Full Council Emergency Funding for Community Reconstruction Housing Corporation Rites of Passage Program (North) Contingent Upon Not Receiving Other Leverage Funding.
Budget Impact:	\$50,000 of \$50,000 Available in Goal 3.1.1 For FY 19/20. This falls under the Emergency Funding Exemption.

Background: Community Reconstruction Housing Corporation (CRHC) has been a CSC provider offering effective and impactful services to at-risk youth attending Crystal Lake Middle School since FY 15/16 with leveraging funding provided by the City of Pompano Beach. CRHC was approved for renewal at the May Budget Retreat with the final allocation amount of \$148,585 approved at the June Council meeting, contingent upon the Provider securing leverage funding for FY 19/20.

Current Status: CRHC is currently negotiating with the City of Pompano Beach to secure funding for the final year of operations (FY 19/20), but at this time the City has not approved these leverage dollars. The Provider is in good standing programmatically and has a history of successfully serving a niche population of at-risk youth. Loss of funding would result in closing their afterschool program at this site as of October 1, 2019. It is proposed that CSC provide emergency funding in the amount of \$50,000 to compensate for the loss of the Pompano Beach funding with the expectation that if this leverage is secured, CSC will amend the contract to reduce CSC funding and add the leverage funding. It should be noted that the Provider's renewal contract for FY 19/20 will be in its final year of leverage and will sunset on August 31, 2020. In order to be considered for funding beginning with the 20/21 school year, CRHC will need to apply through the Positive Youth Development RFP that will be issued during FY 19/20.

Recommended Action: Recommend Approval to the Full Council Emergency Funding for Community Reconstruction Housing Corporation Rites of Passage Program (North) Contingent Upon Not Receiving Other Leverage Funding.

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Service Goal:	5.1 Improve the educational success for young children.
Objective:	5.1.3 Provide leadership and support for the Community-wide Grade Level Reading Campaign including literacy and early education support (PreK through 3rd grade) and other resources for children, parents, teachers.
Issue:	Leverage Funding Request for Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI) i3 Federal Grant Cohort 2.
Action:	Recommend Approval to the Full Council Leverage Funding for Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI).
Budget Impact:	\$ 50,000 of \$ 85,875 Available in Goal 5.1.3 For FY 19/20.

Background: In 2015, Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI), a national non-profit focused on improving education systems by ensuring low-income students can read by third grade, received a USDA i3 Scale-Up grant to work in seven BCPS elementary schools. This five-year grant, combined with school investment and local philanthropic support (including CSC leverage), enabled CLI to provide 1) one-on-one, job-embedded coaching to teachers; 2) school leader and literacy coach development; 3) trainings in research-based early literacy best practices; and 4) high-quality books and materials for classrooms. During the past three years, schools fully implementing the CLI approach made dramatic gains evidenced by reading proficiency more than double the rate of the other district schools; and a faster decline in the percentage of 3rd grade students scoring in the lowest performance tier on the Florida Standards Assessments in ELA in comparison to district schools not receiving CLI services.

Current Status: During school year 2019-20, through a \$1 million district project, CLI will expand services to K-5 classrooms in seven additional schools, for a total of 14 schools. To pay for CLI services at these new schools, BCPS pledged approximately \$900,000 in Title 1 Funds, and CLI must raise \$100,000 in philanthropic "match funding" from the local community. They have a \$50,000 grant pending with the Jim Moran Foundation and these partners have asked CSC provide the other \$50,000. This match funding would be used to cover the following costs:

- \$6,300 - 3 school-based Leadership Team Meetings to establish and implement an early literacy action plan, track progress, and make mid-course adjustments;
- \$4,500 - 3 project-wide Principal Meetings to strengthen literacy instructional leadership;
- \$9,800 - 2 Lesson Study Cycles at each school for grade-level cohorts of teachers to improve their lesson design;
- \$6,000 - 2 Family Literacy Nights at 6 of the 7 schools to provide parents/guardians with tips for engaging students in reading and writing;
- \$8,400 - 3 project-wide Review of Progress meetings where participating schools get the opportunity to step-back and ask critical questions, examine evidence, and make improvements; and
- \$15,000 - full-day seminars at 4 of the 7 schools to provide teachers with information on core instructional practices demonstrably linked to improved student early literacy.

Recommended Action: Recommend Approval to the Full Council Leverage Funding for Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI).

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Service Goal:	2.2 Children live in financially stable environments, free from hunger.
Objective:	2.2.1 Promote efforts to increase economic self-sufficiency and food security for families.
Issue:	Urban League Emergency Funding.
Action:	Recommend Approval to the Full Council Joint/Community Collaborative Funding of Urban League to Continue Serving Current Families.
Budget Impact:	\$27,673 from \$749,978 from Unallocated in FY19/20 This falls under the Community Collaboration Exemption.

Background: In 2014, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded \$185,000 to the Broward Wealth Building Coalition (BWBC) to implement the Assets Building Community Project to help low income residents with first time home ownership, small business capitalization or post-secondary education. Broward County served as the Fiscal agent for the BWBC, which included the Urban League of Broward County as the lead agency. Leveraged Funding for the Individual Development Account (IDA) Program, was approved by the Council in January 2015. The program targets low income working individuals and families in underserved communities and provides educational workshops supporting the goal choices of each family: home ownership, starting or expanding a small business, or education. Participants open a savings account with a participating bank and create a plan to save up to \$2,000, matched by the Federal Government and other entities. The CSC provided matching funds of \$20,000 in FY's 2016/17 and 2017/18.

Current Status: IDAs have proven to be an effective means for lifting low income families out of poverty, putting many on a path to upward mobility and is an excellent investment in low income communities. CSC was the convener of several community partners in 2008 and committed dollars for the first Broward County IDA Grant application, eventually secured by the County with Urban League as the providing agency. Since the IDA program has not been reauthorized at the federal level since FY 2017/18, Community partners are requesting funds to cover the cost of one case worker which would allow for the continuation of services to families currently being served under the last authorized grant and under which services are still being provided. The United Way has committed \$29,288 and the County \$18,200 effective October 1st, 2019. CSC is being asked to pick up the balance of \$27,673 for a total of \$75,161.

Recommended Action: Recommend Approval to the Full Council Joint/Community Collaborative Funding of Urban League to continue serving current families.

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**As Presented at the August 15, 2019 Council
Meeting**

Issue:	Gun Violence that Contributes to Child/Family Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE).
Action:	Approve Statement Regarding Gun Safety
Budget Impact:	None.

Background: Since inception CSC has provided leadership on issues relating to the well-being of children, as called for in its Mission Statement. While the very first goals focused on ameliorating trauma through advocating for improvements to the Foster Care and Juvenile Justice systems and the funding of services to prevent children from entering those systems, in recent years there has been an even greater focus on the impact of trauma on children. Since the tragedy at MSD the issue of trauma from gun violence inflicted by mass shootings, gangs, near daily shootings in some communities and suicides have been an area of focus with each new incident retraumatizing already traumatized children and youth.

Current Status: Following the recent mass shootings in Gilroy, CA.; El Paso, TX; and Dayton, OH, the Jewish Federation of Broward County implored community leaders to join in one voice around gun safety and the expansion of mental health services. In collaboration with the Jewish Federation, United Way and others in our community, we are asking the Council to approve the following statement and authorize the CEO and staff to speak out on these issues.

As child advocates, we have a responsibility to speak out against the irreparable trauma inflicted upon our children by gun violence and a lack of funding for behavioral health resources. In an effort to minimize this trauma, the CSC supports Federal and State action to:

- *Provide adequate funding for behavioral health services;*
- *Improve access for prevention and early intervention services for children and families;*
- *Expand background checks for gun purchases at any location;*
- *Improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System across all states;*
- *Raise the federal age requirement to purchase firearms to age 21;*
- *Prohibit the purchase of military-style firearms; and*
- *Reform Florida's Baker Act to close loopholes which allow persons with documented histories of mental health issues the right to purchase guns.*

This motion was tabled. Prior to the tabling, staff was directed to develop an alternative statement focusing on social emotional learning, the need for additional federal and state funding for mental health supports and the importance of safe storage of firearms. See next page.

Recommended Action: Approve Statement Regarding Gun Safety.

Proposed Revised Statement:

As child advocates, we have a responsibility to speak out against the irreparable trauma inflicted upon our children by gun violence and inadequate state funding for behavioral health resources – Florida ranks 47th in the nation for mental health funding. In an effort to minimize this trauma, the CSC supports Federal and State action to:

- Work with local communities to improve access to training and promote social-emotional learning and problem solving skills;*
- Provide adequate funding for behavioral health services;*
- Support local efforts to build community resources to support the resilience and coping skills of children and families who have been exposed to gun violence;*
- Promote responsible gun ownership, including the use of gun locks and other safe storage devices;*
- Promote public health research and data collection on gun violence - its effect on children and social determinants relating to suicide and gun violence.*

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Issue: Suggestion at August 15 Council Meeting That CSC Publicize Items Not Considered "Public Charge" for Immigration Purposes.

Action: For Discussion.

Budget Impact: None.

Background: At the end of the August 15, 2019, meeting, Council Member Valladares raised the issue of "Public Charge" as it relates to immigration status. She explained that federal proposed rule changes regarding what is considered "public charge" had many immigrant families confused and scared. She explained based on a recent conference call she participated in regarding the federal rulemaking, it was clarified that neither free / reduced school lunches nor Women, Infants & Children (WIC) will be counted as a public charge. Given the importance of these programs for insuring the health and well-being of children, she asked that CSC publicize this clarification.

Concerns were raised about CSC offering such reassurance to the community given the rapidly changing landscape of immigration policy. Legal Counsel cautioned that CSC must carefully vet any sources recommended on such a delicate topic. After discussion, staff was instructed to consult with Counsel and community partners to determine the best role for CSC.

Current Status: After consulting with legal counsel and partners in the Children of Immigrant Families Coalition, staff is recommending that CSC not publicize which federal programs fall inside or outside the Public Charge as the situation remains fluid, but rather refer people to consult with legal experts. There are, however some areas of advocacy that the Council could consider:

1. If there is further rulemaking which invites public comment, CSC could stress the importance of keeping free / reduced lunch and WIC outside of public charge due to their importance in keeping children healthy.
2. Keep speaking out against Family Separation. A recent report from the Inspector General for the Federal Dept. of Health and Human Services cited the damage being inflicted upon these children due to the trauma of family separation. We know from our work with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) how long-lasting such damage can be.
3. Speak out against any further efforts to deny deferrals from deportation for medically fragile children. Many of these children have been invited here by highly specialized Children's Hospitals to help them find cures for rare diseases or to save lives where treatments are not available in the child's home country. In many of these cases, being forced to leave the country is tantamount to a death sentence.

Recommended Action: For Discussion.