

# Children's Services Council of Broward County Monthly Meeting

6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderdale, FL 33319

March 19, 2020 9:30 a.m.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL - Meeting Agenda - SUPPLEMENTAL**

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

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO

#### c. COVID-19 Update

- i. Approve Additional Food Funding **(Tab)**
- ii. Discuss Delegation of Authority to Executive Committee

<b>Service Goal:</b>	2.2 Children live in financially stable environments, free from hunger.
<b>Objective:</b>	2.2.1 Promote efforts to increase economic self-sufficiency and food security for families.
<b>Issue:</b>	Expand Availability of Nutritious Food for Families in Need.
<b>Action:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve CSC as a Leverage Partner For Feeding South Florida (FSF)</li> <li>2. Approve Additional Funding for Harvest Drive (HD) Food Boxes</li> <li>3. Approve Funding SF Hunger Coalition (SFHC) Food Distribution Efforts</li> </ol>
<b>Budget Impact:</b>	<p>\$ 30,000 of \$457,683 Available in Unallocated for FSF for FY 19/20</p> <p>\$25,000 of \$427,683 Available in Unallocated for HD for FY 19/20</p> <p>\$ 11,174 of \$11,174 Available in Goal 2.2. for SFHC for FY 19/20</p>

**Background:** Approximately 20% of children—one in five—in Broward-- experience food insecurity. The Children's Services Council of Broward County (CSC) has been a supporter of childhood hunger relief efforts since 2006.

**Current Status:** The rapid spread of the coronavirus in Broward has compelled the School Board to cancel classes and close schools for the foreseeable future. Children that rely on school meals to not go hungry and their families will be especially negatively affected by this disruption of this safety net. Accordingly, staff is recommending supporting Feeding South Florida's hunger relief efforts by providing \$30,000 in leverage match funding against a \$175,000 grant they received from Ultimate Software to hire additional temporary staff to assemble and distribute food boxes. The expectation is that many of these temp workers will be individuals laid off from the hospitality and tourism industries that have been most affected by COVID-19 related closures.

In addition, staff recommends providing Harvest Drive funding up to \$25,000 in cost reimbursements to allow for additional food purchases to expanding their food box assembly and distribution. The funding would help provide approximately 725 food boxes, each intended to feed a family of four for a week.

The third initiative will be Harvest Drive working with the South Florida Hunger Coalition and Broward County Schools to help determine viable methods of distribution and sites. They are currently exploring activating Summer BreakSpot sites as additional distribution locations. Holy Cross has donated a retrofitted vehicle to aid this effort. The Mobile School Pantry, funded through the SFHC, will use money currently allocated to serve different sites, since their normal distribution school sites are not available. Staff recommends allocating \$11,174 available in Goal 2.2 toward supporting SF Hunger Coalition food distribution efforts.

- Action:**
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