

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33319

March 19, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Members in Attendance:

School Board Member Robin Bartleman (*via phone*); Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr; Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie (*via phone*); Governor Appointee David H. Kenton; DCF Community Development Administrator Dawn Liberta; Governor Appointee Tom Powers; Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Council Members Absent:

School Superintendent Robert W. Runcie; Governor Appointee Maria Schneider; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO; Monti Larsen, COO

Guests in Attendance:

There were no guest attendees physically present in the room. Individuals were able to join via live stream, with the submission of comments/questions via email. No one made their presence known nor did they submit any questions prior to nor during the meeting.

Agenda:

I. Call to Order:

Ms. Donnelly called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

II. Roll Call:

There were only five Members (Ms. Donnelly, Commissioner Furr, Dr. Kenton, Ms. Liberta, and Mr. Wood) present in the room at 9:30am, so the Chair proceeded with non-action items until Mr. Powers arrived, at which time Ms. Arenberg Seltzer called roll and announced the establishment of a quorum.

III. Chair's Comments:

a) Moment to Arrive:

Council Members took a moment to allow the body and mind to settle and focus before they considered the meeting agenda items.

b) January 16, 2020, Council Minutes:

Ms. Donnelly explained that in order to conduct an expedited meeting under the current CDC guidelines, she would like to take as many approval items as possible in a single motion. She asked Members to review the approval items, including the food funding on the supplemental agenda, and let her know if any should be pulled for an explanation, discussion, or abstention vote.

Mr. Powers pulled agenda item VI.a., "Approve Funding for Cyntoia Brown-Long and Push-Out Movie Screening Licensing Fees," for questions and discussion.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made motion to approve all approval items as presented, minus the Cyntoia Brown-Long item. Those items included approval of the February 20, 2020, Council meeting minutes; approval of CSC as a leverage partner for Feeding South Florida (FSF), approval of additional funding for Harvest Drive (HD) Food Boxes; approval of funding South Florida Hunger Coalition (SFHC) food distribution efforts; approval of the Department of Children & Families (DCF) Interagency Agreement, contingent upon legal counsel review and approval; approval of additional funding for 2-1-1/Henderson Behavioral Health case managers for FY 19/20; approval of revenue from ELC and related expenditures to M Network in support of the relaunch of the Look Before You Lock Campaign; approval of match funding to expand public awareness efforts related to Census 2020 through niche media outlets; approval of CSC as a leverage partner in FLIPANY's Aetna Foundation's Healthiest Cities Grant application, pending award; approval of budget amendments and interim financial statements for period ending February 29, 2020; and approval of the CSC monthly/annual purchases. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.

Mr. Powers inquired as to whether this May 4th event featuring Ms. Cyntoia Brown-Long was still happening; and if not, when would it be rescheduled. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that the event had been postponed until September, but that no funds would be expended until the event occurred. She further explained that if it didn't occur, the funds would return to the budget line; but if it did, Council approval now would allow staff to proceed with planning and logistics. Mr. Powers also sought confirmation that the event was not focused on selling Ms. Brown-Long's book. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer assured him it was not a book-selling event, but rather a presentation and discussion focused on opportunities to improve the justice system and services for youth, with a focus on girls – especially those who were victims of human trafficking.

ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to table the Cyntoia Brown-Long agenda item until September. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood. Mr. Powers withdrew his motion.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve funding for Cyntoia Brown-Long and Push-Out movie screening licensing fees, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

IV. President's Report:

a) Good of the Order:

In order to conduct an expedited meeting under current CDC guidelines, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer chose to forego her Good of the Order this month. She did, however, draw Members' attention to the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR) at the dais.

b) Deerfield Beach High School Update:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted CSC's role so far in Deerfield Beach High School's recovery efforts after the recent deaths of three students. She further explained that CSC was assisting in pulling together weekend, evening, and Spring Break opportunities for youth, similar to those available at Eagles' Haven for Marjory Stoneman Douglas students, when the Corona Virus pandemic occurred. As a result, staff are looking at electronic opportunities and the sharing of apps. Crisis services are still available through normal channels.

c) COVID-19 Update:

i. Additional Food Funding:

ACTION: Was included in approval motion earlier in the meeting.

ii. Delegation of Authority to Executive Committee:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer raised the issue of how to handle Council approval of possible emergency funding requests related to COVID-19 before the next Council meeting or in a situation where the Council is unable to have a quorum physically present in the room to conduct business. Discussion ensued. It was noted that an Executive Committee meeting requires two Members to be physically present, while a meeting of the full Council requires six. It was also noted that all Council members would receive any Committee meeting materials and would be able to virtually participate and join in discussions, but not vote if not a member of that Committee.

ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to approve creation of a Corona Virus Response Fund of up to \$500,000, to be administered by the Executive Committee, CEO, COO, and CPO in that order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

In case there was no Council meeting in April, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer sought guidance on the main agenda item, the Positive Youth Development RFP awards, where contracts would need to be executed by the start of the 2020/2021 school year. Consensus was reached to permit staff to negotiate and draft contracts that could quickly be executed after Council approval of the RFP awards at the May Council meeting. It was emphasized that contract negotiations and the drafting of contracts did not constitute grant awards, and that the Council would have the final authority on who received awards. It was made clear that this directive was just an attempt to expedite the execution of contracts once the final awards were made by the Council.

For the other two RFPs currently in progress, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that the process would continue electronically through CAPS, with the only adjustment being virtual or no in-person interviews.

d) Legislative Report:

In order to conduct an expedited meeting under current CDC guidelines, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer chose to forego her Legislative Report this month.

V. Chief Programs Officer (CPO) Report:

DCF IV.E. Agreement:

ACTION: Was included in approval motion earlier in the meeting.

VI. Chief Innovation Officer Report:

a) Funding for Cyntoia Brown-Long and Push-Out Movie Screening Licensing Fees:

ACTION: Was approved earlier in the meeting.

b) Additional Funding for 2-1-1/Henderson Behavioral Health Case Management:

ACTION: Was included in approval motion earlier in the meeting.

VII. Chief Communications Officer Report:

a) ELC Funds to Support Creation and Distribution of Look Before You Lock Campaign Material:

ACTION: Was included in approval motion earlier in the meeting.

b) Expansion of Census 2020 Outreach:

ACTION: Was included in approval motion earlier in the meeting.

c) Match Funding for FLIPANY's AETNA Foundation's Healthiest Cities Grant Application:

ACTION: Was included in approval motion earlier in the meeting.

VIII. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report:

a) Financial Statements and Budget Amendments:

ACTION: Was included in approval motion earlier in the meeting.

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

ACTION: Was included in approval motion earlier in the meeting.

IX. Agency Capacity Building Committee Report:

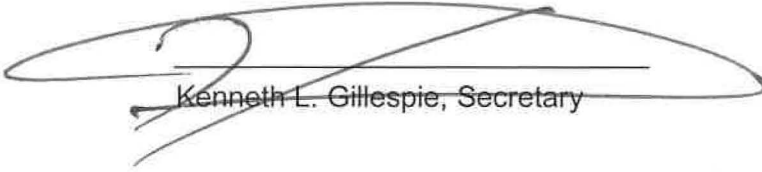
In order to conduct an expedited meeting under current CDC guidelines, the Chair chose to forego the Committee Report this month.

X. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

XI. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 A.M.



Kenneth L. Gillespie, Secretary