

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderdale, FL 33319

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June 18, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Members in Attendance:

School Board Member Robin Bartleman; Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie; Governor Appointee David H. Kenton; DCF Community Development Administrator Dawn Liberta; Governor Appointee Tom Powers; Governor Appointee Maria Schneider; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi; Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Council Members Absent:

Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr; School Superintendent Robert W. Runcie

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO; Monti Larsen, COO; Sandra Bernard-Bastien; Maria Juarez; Sue Gallagher; Marlando Christie; Andrew Leone; Laura Ganci; Dion Smith; Nancy Cohn; Michelle Hamilton; Kathleen Campbell; Amy Jacques; Alexandra Lemoine; Diego Alvarez; Travis Johnson; Madeline Jones; Cynthia Reynoso; Marissa Aquino; Gloria Putiak; Jennifer Wennberg; Odeth O'Meally; Kyle Jones; Clarice Horton; Shawanda Spencer; Megan Turetsky; Brooke Sherman; Marissa Greif-Hackett; Andria Dewson; Camila Romero; Adamma DuCille; Latora Steel; Trisha Dowell; Carl Dasse; Meg Wallace; Piper Weber; Liza Khan; Yolanda Meadows; Lorenzo "Lolo" Benaine; Michelle Hagues; Alicia Williams; Tabitha Bush; Lynn Kalmes; Erin Byrne; Joshua Caraballo; Pooja Yajnik; Karen Franceschini; Fern Phillip; Ileana Blanco; Kimberlee Reid; Katrina Welch; Angie Buchter; Keisha Grey; Keyonia Lawson; Akil Edwards; Melissa Soza; Seantee Campbell; Nelson Giraldo; Colleen Carpenter; John Jeyasingh; Parry Silcox; Jocelin Eubanks; Jill Denis-Lay; Jessica Rincon; Betty Dominguez; Deborah Forshaw; Roxanne Smith; Danielle Bachelder; Alexia Bridges

Guests in Attendance:

See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order:

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

II. Roll Call:

The roll was called and an exact quorum was established with the presence of Ms. Donnelly, Judge Gillespie, Dr. Kenton, Ms. Liberta, Dr. Thaqi, and Mr. Wood.

III. Chair's Report:

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

Ms. Donnelly commended Cindy/staff for the anti-racism statement issued on behalf of CSC.

a) Council Minutes:

ACTION: Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the Council Meeting minutes from May 21, 2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Cancellation of July Meeting:

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the cancellation of the July monthly Council meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

IV. President's Report:

a) Good of the Order:

Ms. Bartleman and Mr. Powers joined the meeting.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that FLIPANY (Florida Introduces Physical Activity & Nutrition to Youth) was awarded the Aetna Foundation's Healthiest Cities Grant. In March, the Council approved joining FLIPANY's grant application as a leverage partner. The grant award will support the physical activity and nutrition education of students at Deerfield Beach Middle School.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP) Grant award was received yesterday. This award from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime responds to victims' immediate and ongoing needs in the aftermath of mass violence. She explained that CSC was one of three sub grantees, along with the Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) and the United Way. She noted that CSC will act as a passthrough for the City of Parkland, and that all funds previously spent in response to the mass violence at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, including those establishing and maintaining the services at Eagles' Haven, should now be claimable once we receive instructions on how to bill the State. The grant award goes through the end of FY 2021.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer thanked Dr. Thaqi and the Health Department for the donation of 50,000 masks that will help keep youth and families safe, especially those attending CSC-funded in-person summer camps.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared photos from the CSC-funded Crockett Foundation's virtual Summer Camp kick-off event where camp supply kits were distributed. It was noted that many other summer programs are going virtual and doing the same kinds of supply distributions.

CSC's CPAR (Community Participatory Action Research) work was included in the University of Pennsylvania's Toolkit for Centering Racial Equity Throughout Data Integration. CSC's participation in the University of Pennsylvania's Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy's Inaugural Learning Community and our racial equity work was a catalyst for the development of the toolkit.

b) CSC Update RE COVID-19:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted recent CSC efforts related to COVID-19, including an additional distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) to CSC-funded providers. This recent distribution featured cleaning supplies and gloves as well as the masks provided by the Health Department.

COVID-19 Response Funding for South Florida Hunger Coalition Food Distribution, Additional PPE for Nonprofits, and Additional Funding to Hispanic Unity of Florida for VITA/EITC:

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to ratify funding for South Florida Hunger Coalition for the Mobile School Pantry food distribution in the NE quadrant; approve purchase of additional PPE for distribution to nonprofits; and ratify additional funding to Hispanic Unity of Florida for VITA/EITC, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Intergovernmental Report:

Ms. Schneider joined the meeting.

Ms. Bartleman summarized the current options under consideration for the new school year. She expressed concern about child care/afterschool programs. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared her concern, especially since most of the CSC-funded afterschool programs are located in school buildings. She noted that space will be a big issue if school space is not available.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that the Governor has now received the budget from the Legislature and has until July 1st to sign it. He has indicated he does not intend to bring the Legislature back for a special session. Staff will present a full legislative action report at the August meeting.

d) Racial Equity Work:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted CSC's anti-racism commitment and racial equity work with staff members, providers, and the community. She commended Council members for their support over the past five years of the undoing racism work. She noted that the past work has allowed conversations to go faster and deeper.

Dr. Thaqi and Ms. Liberta thanked Ms. Arenberg Seltzer for CSC's powerful statement on systemic racism.

V. Joint Finance/PPC Committee Report:

Dr. Thaqi referred Members to the Committee minutes in the meeting information packet.

a) Revenue Update:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer updated Members on the tentative property values from the Property Appraiser's Office that showed an increase of 4.7%

rather than the 4% staff estimated for the May Budget Retreat. While this will create more revenue than anticipated, she explained that the Fund Balance carry-forward amount will be a little less than anticipated, as programs are utilizing better than anticipated.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer led a discussion on the setting of the tentative millage rate, looking at staying at the same rate or going back to the "roll-back" rate. She noted that the difference to tax payers between the two rates is only about 3 cents per \$1,000 of taxable home value, 49 cents versus 46 cents. She further explained that if the Council approved maintaining the millage rate with the proposed budget, it all balances; but if the Council approves the roll-back rate with the proposed budget, there will be a \$5.2 million deficit which could be filled by utilizing Fund Balance. She also raised a concern about the strong possibility of a big economic downturn in the out years and the need to plan for that now in order to avoid drastic program cuts in future years.

Ms. Bartleman expressed a desire to find ways to stay stable or reduce the budget this year so that funds can be put in reserves for when the current economic situation impacts property values in the near future. She felt an increase in Fund Balance now would assist in preparation for next year when tough decisions will have to be made.

Mr. Powers agreed that preparation was necessary for next year and the year after that, but he also stated that most taxing authorities are raising taxes and that while CSC's proportionate share is small, it will all add up to a big bill for the tax payers. He felt it would be symbolic for the Council to go to the roll-back rate and do a little belt-tightening now before a lot has to be done later.

Ms. Schneider also agreed that there is a rough future ahead and we need to plan accordingly.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer pointed out that staff is looking to conservatively stay at the current millage rate of 0.4882 to meet what the Council wanted to do this year and still conserve Fund Balance to meet the economic issues foreseen in the out years, which is how the Council successfully handled the last economic downturn. She further explained that the difference to the average home owner between the current millage rate and the roll-back rate would be about \$8.42.

Ms. Bartleman and Ms. Schneider expressed a desire to stay at the current millage rate.

Dr. Thaqi also requested to stay at the current millage rate, stating that these are unprecedented times and that with the Council's Return on Investment, it needs to have that money in its reserves going forward.

b) Uncertain Community Needs & Impact on FY 20/21 Budget:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that the proposed draft budget gives the Council flexibility in uncertain times and allows for the anticipated increase in out-of-school time services and anything else that may result from the pandemic, as well as the continuation of CSC's anti-racism and trauma work in the community. She added that the next step in the trauma work will be community presentations on Dr. West-Olatunji's report findings/recommendations.

c) Draft FY 20/21 Budget & Tentative Millage Rate:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the draft FY 20/21 Budget.

ACTION: Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the Draft Tentative FY 20/21 Budget, as well as approve the tentative millage rate and authorize staff to adjust the Budget based on the Property Appraiser's final report and submit the necessary forms to the appropriate officials, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kenton and passed with one opposing vote from Mr. Powers.

VI. Chief Program Officer (CPO) Report:

a) MOST & Inclusion Supports Renewals:

Ms. Maria Juarez, CSC's Chief Program Officer, explained that the renewal recommendations for the MOST and Inclusion Supports Contracts were deferred at the May meeting to allow time to determine how the pandemic will impact the opening of the 20/21 school year and out-of-school time services. At this point, there is still not a definitive plan, but it is anticipated that the cost-per-child will double and that the daily number of children served may be reduced by half due to health guidelines and space issues. She added that conversations will continue, but in order to facilitate the contract process/negotiations, staff is requesting approval of the contract renewals with not-to-exceed amounts.

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the MOST and Inclusion Supports Contract Renewals for FY 20/21 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Healthy Families Broward Renewals:

Ms. Juarez explained that the renewal recommendations for Healthy Families Broward were deferred at the May meeting due to the recent notice of changes to the program's model and population to be served. Subsequent conversations revealed that the model and populations to be served will remain the same for the Broward program, with the in-home model serving 13 high-risk zip codes. She noted that the program is high-performing and that outcomes have been positive. Level funding was recommended, but she pointed out that staff is monitoring the low utilization rate and may make a recommendation in the future for a reduction.

ACTION: Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve the Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc., Healthy Families Broward Contract Renewal as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.

c) August and September 2020 Funding for LEAP High and STEP Tier 2:

Ms. Juarez explained that while Members approved Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding in May for FY 20/21 LEAP High and STEP, staff is requesting approval for funding for August/September FY 19/20 to allow the expanded Tier 2 programs to begin at the start of the school year.

ACTION: Ms. Schneider made a motion to approve the August and September 2020 Funding for LEAP High and STEP Tier 2 as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bartleman and passed with no opposing votes.

d) Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, Inc., Grant Award for Youth FORCE Tier II:

Ms. Juarez referred Members to the summary information in their meeting packet. She noted that contracting for these sites will be done separately, and that any remaining funds at the end of the Fiscal Year will revert to the Foundation.

Ms. Donnelly thanked The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation for supporting Broward's children in this manner and stated that it is an honor to have a foundation of that caliber partner with the CSC.

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to accept the grant award from The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, Inc., and related expenditures as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.

e) TIL Housing MOU Renewal:

Ms. Juarez highlighted the MOU, noting that it has been a good partnership for four years and has no budget impact. She added that the renewal contained one minor change to clarify what constitutes an emergency for H.O.M.E.S. to enter a youth's residence.

ACTION: Dr. Kenton made a motion to approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding for TIL Housing Services for FY 20/21 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

f) Fiscal Sponsor Fees to Various Agencies:

Ms. Juarez highlighted the Fiscal Sponsor Policy as one of CSC's capacity building initiatives that allows an organization that is otherwise unable to independently pass CSC's fiscal test to pass with a fiscal sponsor relationship. She added that the Fiscal Sponsor is required to truly mentor the requesting agency and that the goal is for the organization to hopefully receive CSC funds in the future without a Fiscal Sponsor.

ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to approve Fiscal Sponsor fees to various agencies as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Liberta and passed with no opposing votes.

g) Eagles' Haven Utilization Update:

Ms. Juarez explained that there was a request of staff at the June Joint Finance & Program Planning Committee meeting to compile a report documenting CSC's trauma work in order to help inform the expansion of trauma services to the wider community. She highlighted the Eagles' Haven status update included in the meeting information packet, noting that participants have improved well-being at program completion and that client satisfaction rates are 100%. She added that program status reports

for Broward Behavioral Health Coalition and the Center for Mind Body Medicine would be forthcoming in August.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer pointed out that wellness programs build resiliency and bring people into Eagles' Haven (EH) where resource navigation to longer-term treatment can then take place. She stated that JAFCO has done an amazing job at EH and that lives are being saved. She explained that there are currently funds in the budget for three additional centers in the County, but that staff is methodically working with the communities to build trust and determine the unique needs, resources, and cultural norms for each community. That current outreach may result in a forthcoming RFP/RFQ to create whatever the community needs in this area.

VII. Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Report:

Dr. Sue Gallagher, CSC's Chief Innovation officer, briefly highlighted the items under the CIO Report.

a) TIL Data Sharing Agreement Renewal:

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the Transitional Independent Living System of Care Data Sharing Agreement Renewal as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kenton and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Amendment to the BCPS & CSC Combined Data Sharing & Transportation Agreement:

ACTION: Ms. Liberta made a motion to approve the Amendment to the BCPS & CSC Combined Data Sharing and Transportation Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Raters for Youth System Organizing (YSO) Support Services 2020 RFQ:

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the raters for the Youth System Organizing (YSO) Support Services 2020 RFQ as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Liberta and passed with no opposing votes.

VIII. Chief Communications Officer (CCO) Report:

a) 2020 Broward Read for the Record:

Ms. Sandra Bernard-Bastien, CSC's Chief Communications Officer, announced that the book this year will be, "Evelyn Del Rey is moving Away," by Meg Medina.

ACTION: Mr. Wood made a motion to accept the anticipated revenue and approve the related expenditures for the 2020 Broward: Read for the Record, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kenton and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Revised FY 19/20 Back-to-School Extravaganza (BTSE) Budget:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien announced that this year's Back-to-School Extravaganza will consist of 10 distribution sites featuring a grab and go model, along with the distribution of PPE and food. She thanked the Jim Moran Foundation for their commitment of \$100,000. Ms. Donnelly thanked staff for their efforts.

ACTION: Ms. Schneider made a motion to approve the revised BTSE Budget for FY 19/20 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kenton and passed with no opposing votes.

IX. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report:

a) Revisions to Emergency Purchasing Policy:

ACTION: Ms. Schneider made a motion to approve the revisions to the Emergency Purchasing Policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Liberta and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Interim Financial Statements and Budget Amendments for May 2020:

A scrivener's error was noted on the agenda and it was confirmed that the financial statements were for 2020, not 2019.

ACTION: Dr. Kenton made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for period ending May 31, 2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.

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

ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to approve the CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Liberta and passed with no opposing votes.

X. Agency Capacity Building Committee Report:

The Committee Co-Chairs, Dr. Kenton and Mr. Wood, summarized the recent Committee meeting, noting that there were good discussions on capacity building and next steps.

XI. Broward Reads Coalition Report:

Before she highlighted the recent meeting of the Broward Reads Coalition, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared additional Good of the Order items, including the upcoming events featuring the documentary, "PUSHOUT: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School," on June 24th, and the State of Fathers, Men, and Boys in Broward County on June 25th. She also acknowledged the importance of the upcoming Juneteenth Holiday, when slaves in Texas were last to find out that they had been freed two years prior. She pointed out that this day is a celebration of black culture and contribution to our country.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer, as one of the Co-Chairs of the Broward Reads Coalition, briefly summarized the recent Coalition meeting, noting that there was great attendance and the sharing of important information. She referred Members to the meeting minutes in the information packet.

XII. Funders Forum Report:

Ms. Juarez highlighted the recent meeting of the Funders Forum, where local funders in the child-serving arena come together collaboratively to share initiatives and address areas of concern. She noted that recently they have been focusing on COVID funding with a regularly-updated list to assist with coordination. Ms. Donnelly requested a copy of the COVID funding list.

XIII. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

XIV. Council Members' Roundtable:

CSC staff led the Roundtable discussion on the upcoming Maximizing Out-of-School Time (M.O.S.T.) Request For Proposals (RFP).

Ms. Jill Denis-Lay, Programs Manager, stated the goal and desired outcome for this RFP. Goal 7.1 seeks to improve the availability and quality of out-of-school time programs to promote school success of children living in economically-disadvantaged neighborhoods, with the desired outcome of economically-disadvantaged children in Broward County having safe, supervised, fun, and

productive out-of-school time experiences. Goal 10.1 seeks to strengthen the continuum of support services with special physical, developmental, and behavioral health needs; with the desired outcome of families with children with developmental, physical, or behavioral health conditions having access to support services and safe, supervised, and productive out-of-school time experiences that maximize life outcomes.

Ms. Denis-Lay then outlined the history of CSC's M.O.S.T. funding, which began in 2001, and acknowledged Ms. Gloria Putiak, CSC Senior Planning & Research Manager, for her dedication to the research in this program area.

Ms. Meg Wallace, Assistant Director of Program Services, explained that the children currently served in M.O.S.T. programs attended a Title I school where 86% or more of the children qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL). As a result, the 2017 RFP served children in 62 schools. Since that time, the FRL list of schools has shifted so that the Council now has a choice as to increase funding to serve an additional six schools at 86% FRL or increase the percentage of FRL to 89% to keep level funding and serve 62 schools. Discussion ensued.

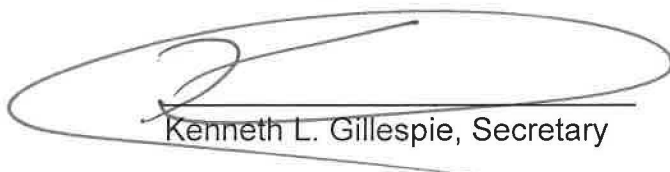
Mr. Travis Johnson, Assistant Director for Research Analysis and Planning, addressed M.O.S.T. performance measures, including enhanced evaluation and outcome processes that increased collaboration and support, as well as enhanced data collection and provider/participant engagement.

Ms. Denis-Lay highlighted program components, PATHS social skills curriculum, and Project Based Learning, as well as proposed program enhancements of the new physical fitness curriculum CATCH Kids Club and enhancements focusing on literacy.

ACTION: Ms. Liberta made a motion for the 2021 MOST RFP to remain at serving those children who attend a Title I school where 86% or more of the children qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:48am.



Kenneth L. Gillespie, Secretary

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MEETING ATTENDEES

*denotes speaker

Name	Organization
Marie Stover	Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Broward Inc.
Cathea Comiskey	United Community Options of South Florida (UCO)
Alison Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
A. Therese Sullivan	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Juliana Gerena	Gerena & Associates
Susan Feldman	YMCA of South Florida
Dale Mandell	HandsOn Broward
Shawn Preston	Arc Broward
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Marilyn Camerota	Memorial Healthcare System
Kathy Wint	HandsOn Broward
Newsoul Deus	Florida International University (FIU)
Mark Reyes	Urban League of Broward County