

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

Held @ 6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33319
and by Zoom Webinar with public access by computer or phone

February 18, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Members in Physical Attendance:

Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr; Governor Appointee David H. Kenton (after 9:54 A.M.); DCF Community Development Administrator Dawn Liberta (Chair); Governor Appointee Tom Powers; Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood

Members in Virtual Attendance:

Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie; Governor Appointee David H. Kenton (until 9:54 A.M.); School Superintendent Robert W. Runcie; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Council Members Absent:

School Board Member Donna P. Korn; Governor Appointee Maria Schneider

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq

Staff in Attendance:

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

Guests in Attendance:

See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order:

Ms. Liberta called the meeting to order at 9:37 A.M.

II. Roll Call:

Ms. Jacques called the roll. She announced that Dr. Kenton was on his way to establish a quorum and that action items would be deferred until he arrived.

III. Chair's Report:

Ms. Liberta noted that February is Black History Month. She encouraged everyone to participate in the great activities scheduled in Broward County.

a) Moment to arrive:

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

b) Council Minutes:

ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to approve the January 21, 2021, Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and passed with no opposing votes. (A quorum was physically present when this vote was taken.)

IV. President's Report:

a) Good of the Order:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that the third anniversary of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy was a day of caring and service and that there was a full day of support activities outside of Eagles' Haven. She also noted that during the remembrance activities, she and Broward County Vice Mayor Michael Udine discussed the impact of Eagles' Haven in the community's trauma recovery process and felt that those beneficial supports should be made available throughout the County. She explained that while trauma services and techniques have been available and offered County-wide, CSC staff is planning for a culturally-sensitive, community-responsive Request For Proposals (RFP) to allow for support services to be offered throughout the County.

Members viewed the Center for Hearing and Communication's (CHC) MSD Day of Service project. CHC's CSC-funded Maximizing Out-of-School Time (MOST) staff, students, and past program graduates created a video to shed love, positivity, and support. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer pointed out that one of the young women in the video who attended the CSC-funded MOST, Youth FORCE, and STEP programs had hearing loss early in life due to medical neglect and grew up in the foster care system. She was adopted when she was 18 years old and is now a Summa Cum Laude graduate with a degree in the medical field.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted this year's Broward AWARE! Protecting OUR Children Campaign, which is now in its 13th season. This year's Campaign launched in January with a series of virtual events that focused on Human Trafficking awareness and will culminate in April during Child Abuse Prevention Month. The next event will be on February 20th, when Women in Distress will lead a drive-through event at Roosevelt Gardens Park to shine a spotlight on teen dating violence prevention. That event will also include the distribution of resources and food. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer applauded the efforts of Mr. Andrew Leone, Director of Communications & Community Engagement, and this year's Campaign Chair, Kerry-Ann Brown, Guardian ad Litem.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared the news that one of CSC's four nominees was selected as an Afterschool Ambassador for the Afterschool Alliance. Ms. Nicole Carter, a Youth Services supervisor from the CSC-funded City of Hallandale Beach Austin Hepburn Center, was chosen as one of just 18 Afterschool Ambassadors in the nation this year. As an Ambassador, she will organize public events and communicate with public leaders to increase awareness of afterschool programs.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that the statewide Florida Institute for Child Welfare podcast that focused on Broward's groundbreaking Community Participatory Action Research (CPAR) project aired on February 10th. The podcast featured Dr. Seanteè Campbell, Research & Evaluation Manager, and Ms. Tiffany Csonka, parent co-researcher.

Ms. Liberta shared that she had listened to the podcast and that they both did a fantastic job. She commented on Ms. Csonka's significant impact in the child welfare the system and thanked them both for their positive representation.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted CSC's work with the Southern Education Foundation's Southern Policy & Practice Network, a learning collaborative

featuring key stakeholder organizations from multiple states that address equity in education. She noted that Ms. Adamma DuCille, Assistant Director for Training and Capacity Building, serves as the lead member of the Network's Florida Group and was instrumental in transitioning a three-day, in-person conference scheduled to be held in Orlando last March to a four-day virtual conference this month that included the two-day Racial Equity Institute workshop.

Dr. Kenton arrived in the Board Room.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that CSC staff are participating as a team in the YWCA 21 Day Racial Equity & Social Justice Challenge. She explained that the Challenge is based on the notion that it takes 21 days to change a habit and is designed to create dedicated time and space to build more effective social justice habits, particularly those dealing with race, power, privilege, and leadership. Participants will receive daily emails that invite them to read an article, listen to a podcast, watch a video, or reflect on personal experience.

b) COVID-19 Update:

i. Food Distribution Update:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the two CSC-funded food distribution programs that began in December.

ii. Deliver Lean Cares Food Program for Spring Break:

ACTION: Ms. Donnelly made a motion to approve additional funding for Deliver Lean Cares for Spring Break hunger relief, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes and one abstention from Mr. Wood, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

iii. Student Support:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer informed the Council of continued communication and brainstorming between CSC and Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) staff to collaboratively support students this summer so that they will be better prepared physically, mentally, and academically for the new school year. She explained that BCPS is creatively exploring ways for CSC-funded providers to access school tools and resources in that pursuit. She noted that students' physical and mental well-being needed to be addressed before gains could be made in the academic arena, which is why plans are for CSC to focus on social-emotional and physical supports, and for BCPS to focus on tutoring and academic tools and supports.

c) Legislative Report:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the most recent edition of the Capitol Connection that was included in the information packet and featured information on the Governor's recommended budget. She also briefly outlined personnel changes within Governor DeSantis' Cabinet, noting that she and Chair Liberta will participate in the upcoming Florida Children's Council's (FCC) virtual annual legislative meeting.

d) Racial Equity & Community Conversations Update:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared information on President Biden's "Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government," which she noted is supportive of CSC's racial equity work. She also updated Members on the ongoing conversations around needed supports in the community, noting that those conversations have led to different paths and approaches beyond just trauma and resiliency. She pointed out that these are ongoing conversations that are proving fruitful in CSC's work moving forward to address community needs.

V. Chief Program Officer Report:

Ms. Juarez highlighted the items under her Report.

a) Henderson Behavioral Health's Parent Partner Initiative Contract:

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the cancellation of the Henderson Behavioral Health, Inc., Parent Partner Initiative Contract and return funds to Unallocated in Goal 2.1.1 for

FY 20/21, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Legal Aid Contract Expansion:

Ms. Liberta shared that the legal services for children in the dependency system have really helped the children's needs to be met.

Mr. Walter Honaman, Legal Aid Service of Broward County, thanked the Council for considering this expansion, noting that it presents a great opportunity. He thanked CSC staff, specifically Ms. Maria Juarez, Mr. Dion Smith, Ms. Madeline Jones, Ms. Andria Dewson, and Ms. Tabitha Bush, for their efforts in working out the technical relationship between CSC and DCF and following the federal regulation.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Legal Aid of Broward County, Inc., Contract expansion as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and passed with one opposing vote from Mr. Powers.

VI. Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Report:

Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Agreement (CAPTA):

ACTION: Ms. Donnelly made a motion to approve the Interagency Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Agreement and Data Sharing Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kenton and passed with no opposing votes.

VII. Chief Communications Officer (CCO) Report:

a) Source Experts for Training Cadre RFQ Rating Committees:

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve source experts for the Training Cadre RFQ Rating Committees, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kenton and passed with no opposing votes.

b) VITA/EITC Update:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien updated the Council on CSC-funded VITA/EITC efforts that went virtual mid-way through last year and began that way this year. She noted this is CSC's 18th year funding these services and that they are operated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and community partners. Current partners are Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF), Community Access Center (CAC), and the Center for Independent Living (CIL). She also noted that HUF provides additional services, such as SNAP, KidCare, WIC, and financial literacy material.

VIII. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report:

a) Financial Statements:

Ms. Larsen outlined the need for a Finance Committee meeting, currently scheduled for 2:00 P.M. on March 1st. She explained that legal counsel advised staff that the Committee meeting could be held virtually since the Committee would only make recommendations for the full Council to consider, but that the Council should first suspend the rules of procedure as it relates to in-person attendance of subcommittees during the pandemic.

ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to suspend the rules of procedure as it relates to in-person attendance of subcommittees during the pandemic. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments and interim Financial Statements for period ending January 31, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Monthly/Annual Purchases:

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and passed with no opposing votes.

IX. Broward Reads Coalition Report:

Commissioner Furr referred Members to the recent Coalition meeting minutes contained in the information packet.

X. Funders Forum Report:

Ms. Juarez referred Members to the recent meeting minutes and highlighted the 2-1-1 presentation at the February 5th meeting. She summarized Funders Forum members' efforts to support 2-1-1 when their FEMA funds end at the end of April. She announced that the March meeting of the Funders Forum would focus on exploring ways to support BCPS students during the summer so they are ready to start the new school year in the fall.

XI. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

XII. Roundtable:

Council members thanked Program Services Director Nancy Cohn for her 16 years of service at CSC. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted Ms. Cohn's growth at CSC from Programs Manager, to Assistant Director, and then Director. She described her as an extraordinary team member known for her exceptional attention to detail. She expressed gratefulness for Ms. Cohn's accomplishments and presented her with a token of appreciation. Ms. Cohn retires on February 26th.

XIII. Adjournment:

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 A.M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.



Dr. David H. Kentor, Secretary

ATTCH 1

MEETING ATTENDEES (*denotes speaker)

Name	Organization
Alison Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Devon Klapholz	Broward Sheriff's Office
Grecia Rosendo	Center for Hearing and Communication
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
Olivia Angeli	Center for Hearing and Communication
Tracy Perez	Center for Hearing and Communication
Walter Honaman*	Legal Aid Service of Broward County
Alice-Lydia Bird	YMCA of South Florida
Deborah Taffe	Nova Southeastern University
Juliana Gerena	Gerena & Associates
Shawn Preston	Arc Broward
Mark Reyes	Urban League of Broward County
Idelma Quintana	Broward County
Melissa Kelly	Center for Hearing and Communication
Ana Valladares	Mujeres Latinas Impulsando Mujeres
Donna Lavallo	Smith Community Mental Health
Grace Ramos	The M Network
David Williams	Center for Hearing and Communication
Regine Kanzki	Crockett Foundation Inc
Andy Fernandez	Firewall Centers

COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Wood - Jeffrey - S.	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Children's Services Council of Broward County
MAILING ADDRESS 110 SE 6th St., 15th Floor	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:
CITY Fort Lauderdale	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
COUNTY Broward	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED 2/18/2021	MY POSITION IS:
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Jeffrey S. Wood, hereby disclose that on February 18, 20 21 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

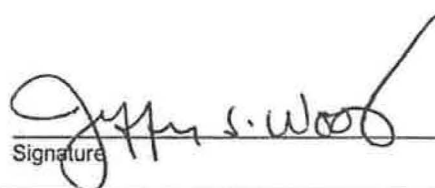
- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- Inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, See law firm below ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

I abstained from voting on Agenda Item IV.b.ii, "Approve Deliver Lean Food Program for Spring Break," as I am an attorney at the Tripp Scott Law Firm, and Deliver Lean Cares is a client of the Law Firm.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

2/18/2021
Date Filed


Signature

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