

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

September 23, 2021

4:00 P.M.

Minutes

Members in Physical Attendance:

Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie; Governor Appointee David H. Kenton; DCF Community Development Administrator Dawn Liberta (Chair); Governor Appointee Tom Powers; Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood

Members in Virtual Attendance:

Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Council Members Absent:

School Interim Superintendent Vickie L. Cartwright; Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr; School Board Member Donna P. Korn; Governor Appointee Maria Schneider

Counsel Present:

John Milledge, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO; Monti Larsen, COO; Sandra Bernard-Bastien, CCO; Maria Juarez, CPO; Dr. Sue Gallagher, CIO; Marlando Christie; Amy Jacques; Laura Ganci; Dion Smith; Michelle Hamilton; Andrew Leone; Kathleen Campbell; Lisa Bayne; Madeline Jones; Marissa Aquino; Jennifer Wennberg; Kyle Jones; Margaret Wallace; Piper Weber; Erin Byrne; Joshua Caraballo; Angie Buchter; Keyonia Lawson; Parry Silcox; Danielle Bachelder; Shawanda Spencer; Cynthia Reynoso; Adamma DuCille; Clarice Horton; Melissa Soza; Latora Steel; Andria Dewson; Karen Franceschini; Michelle E. Hagues; Keisha Grey; Fern Phillip; Yolanda Meadows; Jessica Rincon; Shira Fowlkes; Liza Khan; Camila Romero; Jennifer Fletcher; Jill Denis-Lay; Katrina Welch; Trisha Dowell; Brooke Sherman; Jimmy Jean; Nicolette Picardi; Marissa Greif-Hackett; Shaquoia Wilson; Aisha Castleberry; Katrina Welch; Kimberlee Reid

Guests in Attendance:

See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order:

Ms. Liberta called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

II. Roll Call:

Mrs. Jacques called the roll and announced that a quorum had been established.

III. Chair's Report:

Moment to Arrive:

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

IV. President's Report:

Good of the Order:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer congratulated Ms. Donnelly and her husband James for being named Philanthropists of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. They will be recognized at the Association's virtual awards luncheon celebration November 10th.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that the Broward Human Trafficking Coalition was recently recognized with the 2020 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award. She commended Ms. Tabitha Bush, CSC Programs Manager, and Dr. Keisha Grey, CSC Sr. Strategy Manager, for their efforts with the Stop Trafficking and Rescue Survivors (STARS) Committee, which is a Subcommittee of the Broward Human Trafficking Coalition and is part of the Broward Children's Strategic Plan.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer congratulated Dr. Grey for being recognized as a Jamaican trailblazer by the City of Lauderhill.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the recent launch of the Broward: Read for the Record with the "Broward Reads Dragon Celebration" at the Museum of Discovery & Science. Members watched a video clip of the celebration.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that she was a panelist for "Mobilizing the Movement Part III: Uniting the Jewish and Black Communities," which was a virtual event sponsored by the Urban League of Broward County, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Broward County, and the American Jewish Committee. The event convened local thought leaders and change agents for an

intimate discussion about the historical experiences of Black and Jewish communities and how they can work together to address race, racism, and systemic oppression.

Dr. Sue Gallagher recently participated in a podcast for the All In Network, a national organization providing technical assistance to communities across the US to systematically improve community health outcomes. She shared insights regarding CSC's data sharing and equity journey. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that the feedback was outstanding.

Farm Share and Neighbors 4 Neighbors recently donated thousands of reusable masks, hand sanitizers, and wipes. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that CSC promoted the availability of these items and assisted with dozens of child-serving agencies receiving them for their staff and program participants.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15) and staff's newsletter project, "CSC Estrellas," which features CSC staff members of Hispanic heritage sharing how their cultural heritage has shaped who they are. Kudos to Dr. Laura Ganci, CSC Director of Research & Evaluation, and Ms. Betty Dominguez, CSC Data Specialist, for their work on the newsletter.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that Dr. Sharetta Remikie has been selected as CSC's new Chief Equity & Community Engagement Officer. As a life-long Broward residence, Dr. Remikie brings a wealth of education, knowledge, and life experience to this position. She currently is the Director of Maternal Infant Health for the March of Dimes.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that Ms. Adamma DuCille, CSC Assistant Director for Training & Capacity Building, has been promoted to Director of Equity & Capacity Building. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer described Ms. DuCille as a powerhouse and brilliant, and stated that she is excited to have her as part of the senior management team.

V. Consent Agenda:

- a) August 2021 Council Minutes:
- b) September 13, 2021, TRIM Minutes:
- c) HEAL Trauma RFP Rating Committee Recommendations:
- d) Extension of Community Collaborative Contract with United Way of Broward County to Jointly Fund the Center for Working Families Programs through 12/31/21:

- e) Early Learning Coalition (ELC) Vulnerable Population:
- f) Hanley Foundation's Leverage Request:
- g) Youth FORCE Contract Adjustments for HUF and Firewall Centers to Address Waitlists:
- h) Public Awareness Media and Collateral Purchase Plan for FY 21/22:
- i) CSC Training Expenditures for Fiscal Year 21/22 Racial Equity Institute (REI) Workshops:
- j) Letter Of Agreement (LOA) with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on behalf of Henderson Behavioral Health:
- k) Budget Amendments & Interim Financial Statements for August 2021:
- l) Monthly/Annual Purchases:

Ms. Liberta asked Members for any items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion or abstentions. She pulled item V.e. (ELC Vulnerable Population), noting that she sits on the Board of the ELC.

ACTION: Ms. Donnelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, minus the ELC Vulnerable Population Contract extension. The Consent Agenda included approval of the August 2021 meeting minutes; approval of the September 13, 2021, TRIM Hearing minutes; approval of the HEAL Trauma RFP Rating Committee recommendations; approval of the extension of the Community Collaborative Contract with the United Way of Broward County to jointly fund the Center for Working Families programs through December 31, 2021; approval of the Hanley Foundation's leverage request; approval of the Youth FORCE Contract adjustments for Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. and Firewall Centers, Inc. to address waitlists; approval of the Public Awareness Media and Collateral Purchase Plan; approval of CSC training expenditures for REI Workshops; approval of LOA with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on behalf of Henderson Behavioral Health; approval of the Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2021; and approval of CSC monthly/annual purchases for September 2021 and FY 2021/2022, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Ms. Donnelly made a motion to approve the ELC Vulnerable Population Contract extension through December 31, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes and one abstention from Ms. Liberta, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

VI. Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Report:

Youth Summit Update:

Dr. Gallagher updated Members on the upcoming Youth Summit Series. She explained that every five years the CSC and the Children's Strategic Plan (CSP) hold a summit to provide an update to the community of the previous five years and a look ahead to the next five. This year, the update will be a series of five events starting in 2021 and culminating with a larger event in September 2022. CSP will also co-create episodes of Future First: Focus on Broward's Children, with youth serving as co-hosts with Ms. Arenberg Seltzer.

VII. Chief Communications Officer (CCO) Report:

Broward: Read for the Record Update:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien updated the Council on this year's Broward: Read for the Record, which will be both virtual and in-person on October 28th. Volunteer readers can register at www.handsonbroward.org. Members viewed an informational video on the upcoming event.

VIII. Agency Capacity Building Committee Report:

Mr. Wood, Committee Co-Chair, thanked Ms. Bernard-Bastien for her assistance in the capacity building area. He referred Members to the recent Committee meeting minutes in the information packet. The next Committee meeting will be held November 3rd. He thanked Dr. Kenton for bringing the concept Chat & Chew series to the group, noting that they just had their last session and that the series was very successful.

IX. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

X. Council Members' Roundtable:

Council Members said farewell to Ms. Sandra Bernard-Bastien, CSC's Chief Communications Officer, upon her retirement from CSC at the end of this month.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared memories from 20 years ago when Ms. Bernard-Bastien walked into a fledging organization at the very beginning and became its Director of Communications. She brought with her great branding experience, a lot of charm, and extensive knowledge. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that she has learned so much from Ms. Bernard-Bastien, explaining her philosophy of hiring people smarter than her and pointing out that Ms. Bernard-Bastien was no exception. She highlighted several initiatives created by Ms. Bernard-Bastien, including the Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign and the Back-to-School Extravaganza. She then presented her with a commissioned piece from local artist George Gadson to commemorate her 20 years at CSC. Ms. Liberta presented her with flowers on behalf of the Council.

Ms. Bernard-Bastien thanked the Council, noting that it has been an honor, privilege, and pleasure to serve "Collaboration County" (a term coined by the late Skip Johnston), and she thanked each member of her team who was by her side along the way. She also thanked the Senior Management Team, especially Ms. Arenberg Seltzer, who she described as a visionary and a brave and phenomenal leader. She concluded by thanking 20 years' worth of board members whom she served under and who set an example of how boards should operate.

Ms. Liberta thanked Ms. Bernard-Bastien for her service in the community and wished her the best in her retirement.

Mr. Powers explained that while his parents taught him not to judge, he does; but, he judges a person on what they have accomplished. He described Ms. Bernard-Bastien as kind, always thinking of others, and noted that she has made it so easy for people to follow her and that she has done a lot for CSC.

Ms. Donnelly thanked Ms. Bernard-Bastien for all that she has done and pointed out that she is a very special human being with a lot of energy, passion, commitment, and true heart. She called her an inspiration who has left a great legacy and wished her well in the next chapter of her journey.

Judge Gillespie described Ms. Bernard-Bastien as a beautiful human being 20 years ago and a beautiful human being today. He pointed out that a queen never loses her title and advised her to continue to wear hers.

Dr. Kenton shared memories of the first time he met Ms. Bernard-Bastien, two years before he was appointed to the Council, at the Real Men Read event. He remembered that she stopped and talked with him, giving him advice about being connected to the community. He recalled her telling him he was needed, he was

valued, and he should be a part of the community in which he was raised. He explained the impact that had upon him and how it led him to serve on the Council two years later.

Mr. Wood complimented Ms. Bernard-Bastien on the person that she is on the inside and how she made him feel welcome from the beginning. He stated what a pleasure it is to be involved in the Council's capacity building efforts, citing it as the best thing in which he has been involved. He stated that she has made an impact in Broward County and she will be missed.

XI. Adjournment:

ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and passed with no opposing votes.



Dr. David H. Kenton, Secretary

MEETING ATTENDEES (*denotes speaker)

Name	Organization
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Jazzmann LeSane	The LeSane Project
Henri Crockett	Crockett Foundation
Tierra Smith	Prevention Central
Paul Jaquith	Mental Health America of Southeast Florida
Djenane Gourgue	Haitian American Chamber of Commerce
Andres Fernandez	Firewall Centers
Regine Kanzki	Crockett Foundation
Alison Bregman-Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Tim Curtin	Memorial
Donna Lavallo	Smith Community Mental Health
Christine Heft	Memorial Healthcare System
Angelika Schlanger	The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
Idelma Quintana	Broward County
Walter Honaman	Legal Aid Service of Broward County

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

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- 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, Dawn Liberta, hereby disclose that on September 23, 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, Early Learning Coalition of Broward County (ELC) ;
- 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 V.e., "Approve ELC Vulnerable Poulation Contract Extension through 12/31/21," as I serve on the Board of the ELC.

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.

9/23/21

Date Filed

Dawn Liberta
Signature

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