

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 22, 2022

4:00 P.M.

Minutes

Members in Physical Attendance:

Judge Shari Africk-Olefson; School Superintendent Vickie L. Cartwright; Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr; Governor Appointee David H. Kenton; DCF Community Development Administrator Dawn Liberta (*Chair*); School Board Member Ryan Reiter; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Council Members Virtual:

Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood

Council Members Absent:

Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Governor Appointee Tom Powers

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer; Monti Larsen; Sue Gallagher; Andrew Leone; Amy Jacques; Laura Ganci; Dion Smith; Kathleen Campbell; Lisa Bayne; Adamma DuCille; Marissa Aquino; Kyle Jones; Piper Weber; Angie Buchter; Keyonia Lawson; Travis Johnson; Shira Fowlkes; Colleen Carpenter; Roxanne Smith; Marissa Greif-Hackett; Diego Alvarez; Jimmy Jean; Akil Edwards; Tracy Graham; Ivy Pierre; Jill Denis-Lay; Fern Phillip; Jennifer Fletcher; Camila Romero; Florence Ukpai; Cristina Castellanos; Latora Steel; Megan Turetsky; Liza Khan; Johnsingh Jeyasingh; Meg Wallace; S. Benaine; Shawanda Spencer; Jessica Rincon; Erin Byrne; Brooke Sherman; Trisha Dowell, Lynn Kalmes; Nicolette Picardi; Madeline Jones; Jennifer Wennberg; Shaquoia Wilson; Clarice Horton; Michelle Hagues; Cynthia Reynoso; Karen Franceschini; Melissa Soza; Alexia Bridges; Pooja Yajnik; Yolanda Meadows; Jocelin Eubanks; Johannie Stanley; Diane Choi; Silke Angulo

Guests in Attendance:

See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Ms. Liberta called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was established with the physical presence of Judge Africk-Olefson, Dr. Cartwright, Dr. Kenton, Ms. Liberta, Mr. Reiter and Dr. Thaqi.

III. Chair's Report

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

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted today's events with this year's Broward: Read for the Record author, Antwan Eady. The day began with the author reading his book, Nigel and the Moon, to children at Thurgood Marshall Elementary, followed by a few committee members fanning out to read to other classrooms at the school, a PSA promoting the October 27th event, and a Future First: Focus on Broward's Children taping at the BECON Studio. She directed interested volunteer readers and Council Members to register at HandsOnBroward.org.

Commissioner Furr arrived.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer updated the Council on its matching grant with Soles4Souls' 4EveryKid initiative, which seeks to provide homeless children with shoes. She reported that on August 18th, Broward County Public Schools' Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team (HEART) received its first shipment of 4,626 brand-new shoes and socks (combined).

She also updated the Council on Florida Philanthropic Network's (FPN) College Access and Success Initiative (CASI) 2.0 grant, for which the Community Foundation Broward (CFB) had applied on behalf of Bridge to Life (B2L), Broward County's Local College Access Network. CFB was awarded the \$50,000 Grant, with CSC, CFB, and the Broward Education Foundation each providing

initial contributions for the grant's match requirement. She noted that the combined endowment of \$100,000 will help B2L better serve youth in Broward County.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that the Healthy Start Coalition was one of nine HRSA grant awardees for their Catalyst for Infant Health Equity. She noted that this federal award will invest \$500,000 into our community to address the geographic areas with the highest infant mortality rates in Broward County. The grant aims to reduce the rate of infant mortality, and more specifically, the disparity between the high rates of Black to White infant mortality in Broward County.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer encouraged Members to attend this year's 8th Annual Lights on Afterschool celebration, which will be held on Thursday, October 20th, from 1:00-5:00pm at Franklin Park. She explained that CSC partners with Broward County Parks to celebrate afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families, and communities.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer teased tomorrow's big Youth Summit/20th Anniversary event, highlighting what to expect from the video vignettes, the newly-created CSC anthem, and the keynote speaker. She gave a huge shout out to CSC staff who are instrumental in the day's planned activities: Sue Gallagher (Chief Innovation Officer), Sharetta Remikie (Chief Equity & Community Engagement Officer), Laura Ganci (Director of Research & Planning), Carl Dasse (Sr. Data Systems & Research Manager), Andrew Leone (Director of Communications & Community Engagement), Shea Williams (Strategy Manager – Special Needs), Melissa Soza (Programs Manager), Fern Phillip (Programs Manager), and Tracy Graham (Multimedia Communications Manager).

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer updated the Council on the coordination of the Gubernatorial appointees process with the County. The County will open the application process around the last week of October or the first week of November, closing it about three weeks later, and sending the required number of names to the Governor in mid-December.

V. Consent Agenda

- a) August 2022 Council Minutes
- b) September 7, 2022, TRIM Minutes
- c) HUF Youth FORCE Contract Adjustment

- d) Extension of Mental Health Association's Kinship Contract
- e) LOA with the Agency for Health Care Administration Regarding LIP Funding on behalf of Henderson Behavioral Health
- f) Funding to Extend Center for Social Change Consulting Agreement
- g) Infrastructure Building Capacity Grant Project Funding Awards
- h) Public Awareness Media and Collateral Purchase Plan
- i) Purchase of Books from Barnes & Noble for Florida History and Florida Day Event
- j) Interim Financial Statements for August 2022
- k) Investment Bank Statements
- l) Monthly/Annual Purchases

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer gave a quick update on the LIP funding, noting that we were notified yesterday that the amount to be paid to AHCA will be \$110,063.

Commissioner Furr inquired about the proposed book purchase for Florida Day, stating that he thought the idea was to write and create a local fourth grade history addendum or supplemental resource. As a former teacher of fourth grade history, he pointed out that Broward County history would interest the students more and better engage them. He asked for more time to take a better look at the proposed books and to meet with local historians to explore the possibility of creating something unique and local to Broward County that would better grab student's attention and interest.

Dr. Cartwright shared that the original purpose was to focus not just on local history, but on the State of Florida's history, with an intense focus on the value of being a Floridian, and to make a more living, breathing experience for the students by inviting the community into the schools. She added that the local historians mentioned by Commissioner Furr could be those community members to talk about Florida/local history and read from these books. She added that as part of the special day, March 3rd was being proclaimed as Florida Day in Broward County Public Schools by the School Board.

Discussion ensued with Members recalling previous conversations about a County-impact and narrative that would be more interesting, but not CSC creating a book. It was suggested that maybe the historians could identify a local book or create a compilation of local articles.

Commissioner Furr suggested deferring the item to allow him to check with the Historical Society for any creative, local angle. Dr. Cartwright agreed and said she would go back and discuss the vision with District staff. Ms. Liberta pulled the item, V.i., from the Consent Agenda.

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, without item i – Florida Day Books. The Consent Agenda included approval of the August 18, 2022, Council minutes; September 7, 2022, TRIM Hearing minutes; Hispanic Unity of Florida’s Youth FORCE Contract adjustment to serve youth at Pines Middle School; Mental Health America of Southeast Florida’s Kinship Contract extension through January 31, 2023; Letter of Agreement with the Agency for Health Care Administration on behalf of Henderson Behavioral Health; funding to extend Center for Social Change Consulting Agreement; Infrastructure Building Capacity Grant project funding awards, SBDC coaching, consulting and technical assistance for FY 22/23; Public Awareness Media and Collateral Purchase Plan; interim financial statements for period ending August 31, 2022; acceptance of monthly statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for August 2022; and approval of CSC monthly/annual purchases for September 2022 and FY 2022/2023; all as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cartwright and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to table agenda item V.i., “Approve Purchase of Books from Barnes & Noble for Florida History and Florida Day Event,” for one month. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

VI. Agency Capacity Building Committee Report

Dr. Kenton summarized the last quarterly meeting of the Agency Capacity Building Committee, noting that the meeting focused on funding priorities post-pandemic with good conversations about the current non-profit funding landscape and the post-pandemic job market. He highlighted upcoming trainings on employment engagement, art therapy, and adverse childhood experiences. The next Committee meeting will be November 2nd, from 2:00-4:00pm.

VII. Public Comment

There were none.


VIII. Council Members' General Comments

There were none.

IX. For Your Information

X. Adjournment

ACTION: The meeting adjourned at 4:47 P.M. with a motion from Commissioner Furr and a second from Dr. Cartwright.


~~Jeffrey S. Wood, Secretary~~
Cindy Arenberg Seltzer
President/CEO

ATTACHMENT 1

MEETING ATTENDEES (*denotes speaker)

Name	Organization
Mark Reyes	Urban League of Broward County
Regine Kanzki	Crockett Foundation
Daniella Agudelo	Mental Health America of Southeast Florida
Liz Meyers	Mental Health America
Chris Yoculan	Mental Health America of Southeast Florida
Paul Jaquith	Mental Health America of Southeast Florida