

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

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

January 19, 2023
9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Members in Physical Attendance:

School Superintendent Vickie L. Cartwright; Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr; Governor Appointee David H. Kenton; DCF Community Development Administrator Dawn Liberta (*Chair*); Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood; School Board Member Allen Zeman

Council Members Absent:

Governor Appointee Tom Powers; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer; Monti Larsen; Andrew Leone; Maria Juarez; Amy Jacques; Sharetta Remikie; Sue Gallagher; Michelle Hamilton; Laura Ganci; Kathleen Campbell; Lisa Bayne; Marissa Aquino; Kyle Jones; Piper Weber; Angie Buchter; Keyonia Lawson; Tracy Graham; Fern Phillip; Jennifer Fletcher; Camila Romero; Florence Ukpai; Cristina Castellanos; Liza Khan; Jessica Rincon; Erin Byrne; Trisha Dowell, Lynn Kalmes; Madeline Jones; Jennifer Wennberg; Clarice Horton; Michelle Hagues; Cynthia Reynoso; Melissa Soza; Jocelin Eubanks; Diane Choi; Silke Angulo; Nelson Giraldo; Shantigra "Shae" Williams; Gabi Tabib; Andria Dewson; Tabitha Bush; Carl Dasse; Natalie Gomes; Ileana Blanco; Kandyss Torrence; Katrina Welch; Jill Denis-Lay; Shira Fowlkes; Travis Johnson; Priscilla Cole; Karen Franceschini; Ashley Brooks; Ivy Pierre; Brooke Sherman; Betty Dominguez; Pooja Yajnik; Shaquoia Wilson; S. Benaine; Kim Reid; Colleen Carpenter; Nicolette Picardi; Alexandra Lemoine; Yolanda Meadows; Shawanda Spencer; Marissa Greif-Hackett; Roxanne Smith; Jonathan Corado; Alexia Bridges; Jimmy Jean; Marlando Christie; Johnsingh Jeyasingh; Diego Alvarez

Guests in Attendance:

See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Ms. Liberta called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was established.

III. Chair's Report

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) Welcome Dr. Allen Zeman & Judge Michael Davis

Ms. Liberta welcomed Dr. Allen Zeman as the new School Board representative to the Council, as well as Judge Michael Davis who replaces Judge Africk-Olefson, who was moved to a non-juvenile division and therefore removed from the Council by the Chief Judge. CSC's authorizing legislation requires a judicial representative who interacts with juvenile in some capacity. [Note: CSC and Judge Davis were verbally notified of this change on Tuesday, January 17th. The official letter (attached) received on the afternoon of January 19th clarified that the new appointment was effective February 2, 2023.]

Ms. Liberta highlighted the Non-Profit Awards event where she announced the finalists for the Children's Services Council of Broward County Collective Impact for Youth Award: Broward Healthy Start Coalition, God's Gift, and Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services. The winners in all categories will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on March 3rd at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

Ms. Liberta highlighted the Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Summit where she represented the CSC and welcomed participants. She noted that it was a great event with amazing turnout.

c) State of the CSC

Ms. Liberta pointed out that this would be her last meeting as Chair, having completed two consecutive years in that position. She thanked her fellow Board Members and staff for a wonderful two years, stating that it has been a pleasure to serve as the Council's Chair. She summarized the highlights of this past year, including the 20th anniversary community event, noting that CSC is greatly respected in the community.

d) Council Minutes

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the November 17, 2022, Council meeting minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cartwright and passed with no opposing votes.

IV. President's Report

a) Good of the Order

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer praised CSC staff for their efforts in producing the Annual Report and Annual Performance Report (APR). Copies were at the dais and had been delivered to the County Commission by the January 1st deadline. She pointed out that Members will hear more about the APR during the Roundtable later in the meeting.

CSC's Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 20 /21 received the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer pointed out that the CSC Fiscal Team has received this recognition every year since the Council's inception.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer congratulated Mr. Andrew Leone, CSC's Director of Communications & Community Engagement, on his recent recognition for his service on the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Social Justice Task Force. She noted that Mr. Leone is a great representative in the community.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that Ms. Michelle Hamilton, CSC's Director of Human Resources, has been chosen as an honoree for the South Florida Business & Wealth's 2023 Excellence in HR Awards. She explained that the award was created by South Florida Business & Wealth Magazine to

acknowledge C-Suite leaders whose dedication within the human resources industry and their communities deserves particular acclaim. Ms. Hamilton will be honored at an awards ceremony on February 8th at Gulfstream Park and featured in the Magazine.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that Ms. Sharetta Remikie, CSC's Chief Equity & Community Engagement Officer, represented the CSC at the Broward Legislative Delegation's recent Public Hearing.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared the response and outreach of the CSC-funded HEAL Trauma (Healing and Empowering All Living with Trauma) program in Deerfield after the recent shooting of a teen in Deerfield. She explained that CSC's HEAL programming came out of community conversations following the MSD tragedy to ensure that other communities experiencing gun violence feel supported and are being heard. CSC partnered with Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC) to provide for and train Community Mental Health Workers. Since the community emphasized the importance of trust, it was important to work with trusted individuals in the community and ensure they had knowledge of resources and connections that they could share with their neighbors. Following the shooting, the CSC-funded HEAL provider, Community Based Connections (CBC), went door to door, held numerous meetings with residents, and built trust. She pointed out that during these forms of outreach, the community expressed fears and highlighted some issues that need to be addressed, such as lack of community policing and concerns related to afterschool programs that require children to make their way home after dark if parents weren't able to pick them up at 6:00pm. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that CSC staff is working with residents to find a solution, one of which may be exploring the expansion of Summer Breakspot enrichment activities at the Housing Authority in that neighborhood.

Dr. Cartwright pointed out that CBC has also been partnering with the School District to engage with this specific community. She pointed out that CBC is making a very large impact in the community.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer agreed that CBC's approach has been helpful with connections and noted that Deerfield Beach Community Cares has also assisted in bringing the community together. She pointed out that Memorial Healthcare System has the CSC-funded HEAL program in the southern part of the County and that they are also doing amazing work and going the extra mile to build community trust.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the recent upgrade of the CSC website, noting that it was still in the midst of final touches. Mr. Leone gave a brief demonstration highlighting the new platform, including its user-friendly and easily searchable functions, as well as the new electronic Sponsorship Application process and the state-of-the art, industry-standard translation page featuring Creole, Spanish, and Portuguese. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that there will be a big launch of the new site in the near future to make the community aware of available resources.

b) Gubernatorial Appointees Update

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer reported that the County's application process for CSC's five Gubernatorial appointees closed with 21 eligible applicants. County Commissioners will consider the applicants at their meeting on January 24th and choose a minimum of 15 names to send to the Governor for his consideration.

V. Finance Committee Report

Ms. Liberta referred Members to the meeting minutes in the information packet and noted that the Finance Committee meeting currently scheduled for January 26th has been cancelled because the quarterly statements are not available yet. The quarterly investment statements will be reviewed at the Committee meeting at the end of February when the Committee will also review the draft Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and receive the required auditor communication.

Ms. Liberta noted that the Finance Committee recommended to the full Council an increase of the Building Fund. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that since there were additional monies in Fund Balance, and since CSC is prohibited from bonding/ incurring debt, it made sense to commit it to the Building Fund at this time to prepare for anticipated continued growth. She added that the Council has been in its current space since 2009 and that it is becoming tighter as the Council strives to meet increased community needs. It has been managed so far, she explained, by building out conference rooms and reception space into offices. Staff is also currently in a "hybrid with a purpose" work environment and sharing offices, but eventually there will need to be a more permanent space solution. She further explained that the Council could move those funds back into Fund Balance or elsewhere in the budget at any point if conditions change.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve increasing the Building Fund commitment from Fund Balance to prepare for future

growth, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and passed with no opposing votes.

VI. Chief Program Officer Report

Ms. Juarez highlighted the items under her Report.

- a) Mental Health America (MHA) Kinship Renewal
- b) Firewall Centers LEAP High Contract Adjustment

ACTION: Ms. Donnelly made a motion to approve the MHA Kinship Contract renewal for February 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, and approve the Firewall Center, Inc., Contract adjustment to address the waitlist, both as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

Mr. Andy Fernandez, Firewall Centers, thanked the Council for its support and confidence and expressed excitement to serve more kids.

VII. Chief Innovation Officer Report

Dr. Gallagher highlighted the items under her Report.

- a) ABCD RFP Recommendations

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the rater recommendation for ABCD facilitation & coaching services and approve the facilitator/coaching provider paying Community Connector stipends and miscellaneous expenses for four months, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cartwright and passed with no opposing votes.

- b) Community Participatory Action Research (CPAR) Update

Dr. Gallagher updated the Council on the partnership with the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy, which the Council approved last year, to create a CPAR project in Broward to improve the experience and outcomes of youth who have been Baker-Acted and to inform a data collaborative to facilitate communication around admissions to facilities. Staff are currently working with partners to identify parents of youth who have been Baker-Acted, as well as older youth with past lived experience in this area, to serve as co-researchers

with professionals, including an insurance case manager. The project starts next week with eight confirmed parents and youth who are listed on purchases and the purchases addendum that Ms. Larsen will mention further in her report. Dr. Gallagher also noted that CSC was just notified by AISP that they plan to provide additional funds to support this work. Once staff has all of that information, it will be brought back to the Council.

VIII. Chief Equity & Community Engagement Officer

Dr. Remikie highlighted the items under her Report. Information on both items were included in the meeting information packet.

- a) Read for the Record 2022 Recap
- b) Quarterly Community Engagement Report

IX. Chief Operating Officer Report

Ms. Larsen highlighted the items under her Report.

- a) Amended Travel Per Diem Rate
- b) Budget Amendments & Interim Financial Statements
- c) Monthly Statements for the Managed Fund
- d) Monthly/Annual Purchases

Ms. Larsen drew Members' attention to a Purchases Addendum at the dais that added three Baker Act Data Pilot Consultants and an additional \$900 for the Community Reinvestment Alliance of South Florida sponsorship request to correct a Scriveners error of a missing a zero that reflected \$100 instead of \$1000.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve amending travel per diem rates beginning January 2023; approve the Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for period ending December 31, 2022; accept monthly statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for December 2022; and approve the CSC monthly/annual purchases and purchases addendum, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Zeman and passed with no opposing votes.

X. Broward Reads Coalition Report

Commissioner Furr highlighted the recent meeting of the Broward Reads Coalition. The minutes were contained in the information packet.

XI. Funders Forum Report

Ms. Juarez highlighted the January 6th meeting of the Funders Forum. The meeting minutes were included in the information packet.

XII. Nominating Committee Report

a) Slate of Officers

Ms. Donnelly announced the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, which met on December 5th. She pointed out that while the Committee had originally recommended Judge Africk-Olefson as Secretary, Commissioner Beam was being recommended now that Judge Africk-Olefson was no longer a Member.

ACTION: Dr. Cartwright made a motion to approve David H. Kenton as Chair, Jeffrey S. Wood as Vice Chair, and Beam Furr as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Judge Davis and passed with no opposing votes.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer thanked Ms. Liberta for her service as Chair the past two years and presented her with a photo plaque as a token of the Council's appreciation.

Ms. Liberta passed the gavel to the new Chair, Dr. Kenton.

b) Committee Assignments

ACTION: Committee Assignments remained the same for 2023, except for the additions of Dr. Zeman to the Finance Committee, Judge Davis to the Program Planning Committee, and Mr. Wood to the Special Needs Advisory Coalition.

XIII. Public Comment

Dr. Cartwright shared new graduation rate information, comparing graduation rates prior to the Pandemic. A new report showed Broward County Public Schools increasing the graduation rate to more than twice the rate of the State. She noted that while the rate was slightly below the state, it showed gains being

made, especially with subgroups of Black, Hispanic, White, students with disabilities, and students receiving free and reduced lunch. She added that the subgroups were above the state average, they increased the number of schools with 100% graduation from five to six, and the graduation rate for traditional high schools was 93.9%.

Mr. Mikelange Obel, Community Based Connections, thanked the Council for its support and expressed gratitude, noting that the work can't be done without collaborative support.

XIV. Council Members' Roundtable

Mr. Andrew Leone, CSC's Director of Communications & Community Engagement, and Dr. Laura Ganci, CSC's Director of Research & Planning, highlighted the collaborative efforts of the Annual Report and Annual Performance Report (APR). Mr. Leone described the Annual Report as serving as an executive summary of the APR, with the Annual Report featuring more community initiatives.

Laura highlighted the Performance Report for CSC-funded FY 21/22 programs, following the Results Based Accountability model of "How much did we do, How well did we do it, and Is anybody better off?"

XV. Adjournment

ACTION: The meeting adjourned at 11:57 A.M. with a motion from Ms. Liberta and a second from Mr. Wood.



Beam Furr, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

MEETING ATTENDEES (*denotes speaker)

Name	Organization
Alison Bregman-Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
Angle Profit	Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County
Andy Fernandez*	Firewall Centers
Idelma Quintana	City of Hollywood & Broward County
Shawn Preston	Arc Broward
Cathea Comiskey	Ann Storck Center
Kymrae Mizell	Whoamentoring Works
Mark Reyes	Urban League of Broward County
Lauren Fuentes	Children's Home Society of Florida
Mikelange Olbel*	Community Based Connections
Grace Ramos	The M Network