

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

November 16, 2023 Meeting Postponed to December 8, 2023
9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Council Members in Physical Attendance:

School Board Member Debra Hixon; Governor Appointee David H. Kenton (*Chair*); DCF Community Director Dennis Miles; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi; Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood

Council Members Absent:

Judge Michael Davis; Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr; School Superintendent Peter B. Licata

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer; Monti Larsen; Sharetta Remikie; Sue Gallagher; Dion Smith; Lisa Bayne; Kenneth King; Michelle Hamilton; Marissa Greif-Hackett; Marlando Christie; Amy Jacques; Angie Buchter; Tracy Graham; Shaquoia Wilson; Jimmy Jean; Johnsingh Jeyasingh; Diego Alvarez; Fern Phillip; Nelson Giraldo; Jill Denis-Lay; Yolanda Meadows; Liza Khan; Jennifer Fletcher; Priscilla Cole; Julie Toscano; Cristina Castellanos; Jocelin Eubanks; Carlos Campos; Keyonia Lawson; Radoika Pilarte; Alexia Bridges; Ashley Cole; Astrid Cantos; Erin Byrne; Ileana Blanco; Jonathan Corado; Kandyss Torrence; Lynn Kalmes; Travis Johnson; Valencia McConnico-Bell; Shantigra "Shae" Williams; Florence Ukpai; S. Lorenzo Benaine; Trisha Dowell; Michelle Hagues; Natalie Gomes; Jessica Rincon; Karen Franceschini; Ivy Pierre; Melissa Soza; Madeline Jones; Nicolette Picardi; Kimberlee Reid; Camila Romero; Roxanne Smith; Cynthia Reynoso; Jennifer Wennberg; Yolanda Meadows; Betty Dominguez; Alexandra Lemoine; Clarice Horton; Mina Razavi; Shawanda Spencer; Nancy Adjohan; Shira Fowlkes; Andria Dewson; Pooja Yajnik; Gaby Carbonell; Silke Angulo; Maxine Goldson; Nicholas Hessing

Guests in Attendance:

See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Dr. Kenton called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was 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.

Dr. Kenton welcomed Ms. Debra Hixon as the school board representative to the CSC.

Council members thanked School Board Member Zeman for his service on the Council and presented him with a photo plaque. Dr. Zeman thanked the Council for the plaque and for the opportunity to serve. He expressed his support for the work of the Council and challenged Council Members and staff to keep looking for ways to do more to support Broward's children and families.

October 19, 2023, Council Minutes

ACTION: Ms. Hixon made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes from October 19, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

Reminder – December 2023 Meeting Cancellation

Dr. Kenton reminded Members that the December 21st monthly meeting had previously been cancelled.

Crockett Foundation Plaque Presentation

Mr. Matt Arellano, on behalf of the Crockett Foundation, presented CSC with a plaque in appreciation of CSC's funding and support of their programs and youth.

IV. Executive Committee Meeting Report

President/CEO FY 23/24 Salary Adjustment & New Contract Term

Dr. Kenton briefly highlighted the recent meeting of the Executive Committee and

referred Members to the meeting information and minutes in the packet which included each Council Members scores and comments on Ms. Arenberg Seltzer's evaluation.

ACTION: Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the President/CEO salary adjustment for FY 2023/24 and new Contract terms for FY 23/24 through FY 27/28, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.

V. President's Report

a) Good of the Order

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that for the 22nd year in row, CSC received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that Broward's Campaign for Grade Level Reading received multiple recognitions. The Campaign received 2022-2023 Pacesetter Honors for the implementation of the Reading Explorers program. Fifty-nine stories were submitted and 33 were recognized. In the Communications Expo, which is designed to highlight and honor recent communications tools created by Campaign communities, Broward's Campaign was recognized as Exceptional for the *Literacy League Newsletter* by HandsOn Broward. Broward's Campaign also received Brightspot recognition for the *Read for the Record* Future First Episode, the Read for the Record promo, and the Read for the Record event.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that CSC was recently recognized for its partnership with the Commission on Behavioral Health and Drug Prevention, which just celebrated 35 years. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer displayed the poster plaque that was presented to CSC at the Commission's anniversary event.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that CSC has been selected to receive the Friendship Journey's "Community Hero" Award at tomorrow's gala.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted several community events and partnerships, including the Junior Achievement Store Fronts Ribbon Cutting for two CSC-sponsored store fronts highlighting wellness and social service careers; the Volta Music Foundation distribution of violins and a year-end performance by children in CSC-funded MOST programs; the Lights on Afterschool celebration attended by 684 youth and 65 adults; the Choose Peace Poster Contest; the FLITE Heroes Luncheon; NSU's Day for Children; the International Welcome Center Ribbon-Cutting; Celebrate Babies Week; the PBS Town Hall on Mental Health;

the Haitian Family Celebration; the Fathers, Men & Boys Action Committee's Rise Up Summit – Making Waves of Change; and the City of Plantation parade.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer encouraged Members to attend the January 10th Program Planning Committee (PPC) meeting, which will feature a substantive discussion and policy decision around Youth Employment services and related RFP.

b) Native American Heritage Month

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer recognized November as National Native American Heritage Month and a time to recognize and honor the contributions, achievements, sacrifices, and cultural and historical legacy of the original inhabitants of what is now the United States and their descendants.

c) National Adoption Month

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer also recognized November as National Adoption Month, a time to increase national awareness of adoption issues and bring attention to the need for adoptive families for teens in the U.S. foster care system. She also highlighted National Adoption Day, which encourages cities to open their courts on the Saturday around or before Thanksgiving to finalize and celebrate adoptions from foster care. Broward's Adoption Day is hosted by the Heart Gallery and finalized 26 adoptions this year.

d) December Office Schedule

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that, as has been done in past years, the CSC office will be closed between December 25 – January 1st. She further noted that staff will use leave for the four non-holiday days during that time.

VI. Program Planning Committee Report

Ms. Seltzer briefly highlighted the items under the PPC Report.

a) Junior Achievement Leverage Funding Request

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve leverage funding for Junior Achievement to provide summer youth employment opportunities to economically-disadvantaged youth, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

b) David Posnack JCC Leverage Funding Request

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve leverage funding for David Posnack JCC to provide a Winter Break day camp, Spring Break day camp, and in-hospital year-round recreational activities to children with Cancer

and their siblings, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.

c) MOST Expansion

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that she had hoped to expand CSC-funded MOST programming to schools that did not demonstrate need (86% or more students qualifying for Free & Reduced School Lunch) at the time of the RFP a couple of years ago, but do so now. She further explained that Legal Counsel had advised it would violate the procurement and the RFP would need to be re-issued. As that is not tenable at this time, she stated we would wait for the next RFP cycle. Mr. Wood asked CSC Counsel, Garry Johnson, to look for ways in the RFP process to gain more flexibility to meet the needs of children during an RFP cycle.

VII. Chief Program Officer (CPO) Report

Broward UP Promise Neighborhood Grant

Mr. Dion Smith, Director of Program Services, briefly highlighted the Broward UP Promise Neighborhood Grant.

Dr. Kenton asked Legal Counsel if he needed to abstain from this vote due to his employment at Broward College. Mr. Johnson responded that he does not have to abstain because it is in his official capacity and he doesn't gain favor personally, but he could abstain out of an abundance of caution and to address public perception.

ACTION: Ms. Hixon made a motion to approve receipt of 2024 Broward UP Promise Neighborhood Grant funding, pending legal approval of the amendment with Broward College; and approve 2024 provider allocations for Broward Up Contracts, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Dr. Kenton.

VIII. Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Report

Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Data Sharing Update

Dr. Gallagher updated the Council on data sharing with the Department of Juvenile Justice, stating that DJJ had expressed a concern with providing identifiable data. To address that concern, they will only provide unidentifiable data, which is similar to the recent agreement we reached with Broward County Public Schools (BCPS).

IX. Chief Equity & Community Engagement Officer (CECEO) Report

Dr. Remikie briefly highlighted the items under the CECEO Report.

a) Capacity Building Grant RFA Awards

ACTION: Mr. Wood made a motion to approve recommendations for Capacity Building Grant RFA awards, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Broward: Read for the Record Recap

Dr. Remikie briefly highlighted the successful Broward: Read for the Record event, noting that she will share final numbers and information in January. Members viewed videos of the event.

X. Chief Operating Officer Report

Ms. Larsen briefly highlighted the items under the COO Report. She noted a slight revision in the year-end Financials that had previously been sent to Members, with copies at the dais. She emphasized that it was not material and did not impact Carryforward or the bottom line, but was revised and released in the spirit of full transparency. She also noted that staff planned to switch out the tree vendor on Purchases in order to save money.

a) Budget Carryforward

b) Facilities Management Services RFQ Award

c) Budget Amendments and Preliminary Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending September 30th

d) Monthly Statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank

e) Monthly Purchases

ACTION: Mr. Wood made a motion to approve all items under the COO Report, as presented. The COO items included approval of Budget Carry Forward from FY 22/23 into FY 23/24, approval of the Rating Committee selection of McGuire Development Company to continue to provide Facilities Management Services, approval of Budget Amendments and Preliminary Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023, approval of the monthly statement for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for October 2023, and approval of the CSC monthly Purchases. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

XI. Special Needs Advisory Coalition (SNAC) Meeting Report

Dr. Gallagher highlighted the recent meeting of the SNAC and referred Members to the minutes in the information packet. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2nd at 9:30 A.M. and will be hosted by BCPS.

XII. Funders Forum Report

Dr. Kenton referred Members to the minutes in the information packet.

XIII. Public Comment

Ms. Laurie Sallarulo, President/CEO of Junior Achievement and former CSC Member, thanked the Council for its partnership on the new store fronts. She said they are now fully completed and invited them to come visit. She also thanked them for the confidence in their vote to provide youth career services. She said they plan to place between 300-400 youth in jobs this summer.

Ms. Ana Valladares, Mujeres Latinas Empowering Women and former CSC Member, thanked the Council for its support and the Capacity Building Grant award, noting that it will help the organization build a strong infrastructure and better position itself.

XIV. Council Members' Roundtable

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer introduced members of the Girls Coordinating Council of Broward (GCC) for a presentation on the healthy development of girls in Broward. Presenters were Sara Nunez (*Executive Director of Pace Center for Girls*), Ali Cagnetta (*Pace Center for Girls Board Member*), Dr. Ciara Bostick (*CEO of God's Gifts*), and Shae Williams (*CSC's Strategy Manager*). Sara Nunez talked about the success of the GCC. She noted that while they lost momentum during COVID, the group was actively growing.

Shae Williams presented data showing an increase in the number of girls arrested post-COVID, as well as an increase in the number of girls reporting feeling sad or hopeless and the number of reported suicide attempts. Sara noted that the data provided a starting point to re-engage community stakeholders in their work. They increased from 10 partners in the Fall of 2022 to 30 active partners currently. She said they are taking an in-depth, relational approach to bridge gaps by educating one another and showing that the lived experiences and stories of the girls in Broward are enhancing the quantitative and qualitative data to inform the actions of the Girls Coordinating Council.

Ciara Bostick highlighted the three impact teams. The Girls Voice Impact Team puts girls in charge in positions of leadership. The Community Engagement &

Education Impact Team puts together events based on the data. The Data and Research Impact Team disseminates data relating to GCC priorities.

Members were invited to the Queen for a Day event on February 24th. The event will focus on self-care and career development. Sara noted that this event came about from surveys and a GCC community meeting.

Shae promised to share the Turn the Curve Report with Members, as well as Access to Padlet where they will be able to review the surveys and other information related to GCC.

XV. Adjournment

ACTION: The meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.



Beam Furr, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

MEETING ATTENDEES (*denotes speaker)

Name	Organization
Erica Herman	Voices for Children
Carol Aubrun	City of West Park
Jacqueline Figueroa Morales	Broward Sheriff's Office
Jill Reipsa	Junior Achievement
Alison Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Andy Fernandez	Firewall Centers
Karen Kassebeer	Children's Bereavement Center
Ana Valladares*	Mujeres Latinas Empowering Women
Peter Rose	David Posnack Jewish Community Center
Bonnie Rayman	David Posnack Jewish Community Center
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
Keisha Grey	Grey & Associates
Alice-Lydia Bird	YMCA of South Florida
Kimberly Gales	HRI
Traci Schweitzer	Department of Children & Families
Sara Nunez	Pace Center for Girls/Girls Coordinating Council
Laurie Sallarulo*	Junior Achievement
Matt Arellano*	Crockett Foundation
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Dr. Ciara Bostick	Broward Sheriff's Office
Audrey Ljung	Broward County FSAD/CHA
Allison Cagnetta*	Pace Center for Girls
Sophia Smart	BCPS – 21 st CCLC

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Kenton - David H.		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Children's Services Council of Broward County	
MAILING ADDRESS 3501 Davie Rd.		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
CITY Davie	COUNTY Broward	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED 12/8/2023		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:	
		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, David H. Kenton, hereby disclose that on December 8, 20 23 :

(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, _____ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of Broward College, 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.

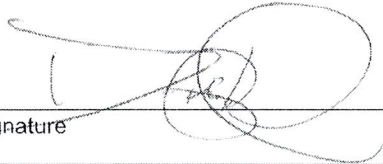
(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

Out of an abundance of caution and for public perception, I abstained from voting on Agenda Item VII (Tab 28), " Approve Receipt of 2024 Broward UP Promise Neighborhood Grant Funding and 2024 Provider Allocations for Broward UP Contracts." I am Dean of Student Services at Broward College and Broward College was awarded the 5-year Promise Neighborhood Grant.

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.

12/8/2023

Date Filed

Signature 

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.