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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

June 18, 2026
9:30 A.M.
Minutes

Council Members in Physical Attendance:
Judge Lauren M. Alperstein, Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi, School Superintendent Howard Hepburn, Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich, Governor Appointee Christine Thompson, Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood *(Chair)*

Council Members in Virtual Attendance:
Governor Appointee Julia Musella

Council Members Absent:
School Board Member Debra Hixon, DCF Child Protection Director Robert Shea, Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Counsel Present:
Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:
Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (President/CEO), David Kenton, Maria Juarez, Sue Gallagher, Marlando Christie, Marissa Greif-Hackett, Kathleen Campbell, Alicia Williams, Carl Dasse, Amy Jacques, Angie Buchter, Tracy Graham, Nelson Giraldo, Johnsingh Jeyasingh, Akil Edwards, Jimmy Jean, Felina Rosales-Furer, Michelle Hagues-Fullwood, Pooja Yajnik, Shira Fowlkes, Leslie Saca, TaiQuay Bogle, Julie Toscano, Shaquoia Wilson, Kyle Jones, Shawanda Spencer, Deidre-Ann Burrell, Julie-Ann Waweru, Madeline Jones, Erin Byrne, S. Lorenzo Benaine, Horace Summers, Marissa Aquino, Gabi Tabib, Carlos Campos, Diego Alvarez, Jessica Rincon, Lynn Kalmes, Maya Berryhill-Porter, Radoika Pilarte, Valencia McConnico-Bell, Kandyss Torrence, Gaby Carbonell, Jonathan Corado, Yolanda Meadows, Florence Ukpai, Maxine Goldson, Travis Johnson, Priscilla Cole, Nicolette Picardi, Shae Williams, Rhonda Morrison, Cecil Arbiza-Rivera, Natalie Gomes, Brooke Sherman, Arturo Parham, Cristina Castellanos, Jheanelle Henry, Melissa Soza, Andria Dewson, Amber Gross, Latora Steel, Astrid Cantos, Jill Denis-Lay, Liza Khan, Silke Angulo, Zoe Lewis, Jennifer Fletcher, Nancy Adjohan, Mina Razavi, Ivy Pierre, Camila Mathieson, Maryanne Rodriguez, Jocelin Eubanks, Betty Dominguez, Diane Choi, Clarice Horton, Jennifer Wennberg, Trisha H., Alexia Bridges, Maxine Goldson

Guests in Attendance:
See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Chair Jeffrey S. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:34 A.M.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

III. Chair's Report

Due to a tenuous quorum, the Council considered action items first, followed by non-action items. Ms. Foganholi and Dr. Hepburn departed the meeting after all votes were taken.

a) Moment to Arrive

Council Members took a moment to allow their bodies and minds to settle and focus before considering the meeting agenda items.

b) May 2026 Council Minutes

c) Cancelation of July 2026 Council Meeting

ACTION: Dr. Thompson made a motion to approve the action items under the Chair's Report, which included the Council meeting/Budget Retreat minutes from May 21, 2026, and the cancellation of the July 2026 monthly Council meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Foganholi and passed with no opposing votes.

IV. President's Report

a) Good of the Order

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer informed the Council of a partnership with Broward Health to establish an endowment in support of Eagles' Haven, extending its life without CSC bearing sole responsibility.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that CSC Broward was named a *Sun-Sentinel* Top Workplace for the fourth consecutive year.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that CSC Broward had received the Community Partner Award from The Advocacy Network on Disabilities at their Breakfast for Champions event.

Ire Diaz, CEO of Advocacy Network on Disabilities, thanked the Council for its continued support of children with disabilities and for ensuring that all children are included in programming.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer praised The Advocacy Network for being an amazing partner in serving children with special needs and noted that Ms. Diaz will retire at the end of September. The Council gave Ms. Diaz a round of applause.

CSC was also recently honored with the Community Collaborator of the Year Award from the David Posnack Jewish Community Center.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted recent educational awareness and community outreach efforts, including interviews with local Channel 10 - WPLG, Our City Magazine, En USA, and Cox Media Group, during which she spoke with two of their radio hosts across four stations. She also gave informational presentations to members of the Florida Philanthropic Network, the South Florida Wellness Network, and the Florida Voices for Health's Policy Workgroup, and hosted a press conference at the CSC office for LifeNet4Families and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement to draw attention to and distribute child identification kits to parents. She shared that Michelle Hagues, CSC's Assistant Director of Program Services, also spoke about CSC services and resources at the New Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church's Career Expo Day.

Staff participated in the United Way's 11th Annual Behavioral Health Conference. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that this two-day conference served as a platform for behavioral and mental health professionals to learn, network, and discuss issues related to behavioral health practices, policies, and research. The theme this year was the power of prevention, with Ms. Arenberg Seltzer serving on two panels, sharing how CSC supports the community by funding prevention services.

CSC was a sponsor of the successful "A Day in K" event at the Museum of Discovery & Science. The event welcomed a total of 3,772 guests, including 890 future Kindergarteners, who had the opportunity to explore the Museum and gather invaluable resources from community partners, including CSC.

b) Financial Disclosure Process/Deadline

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer reminded Members of the July 1 deadline to submit the required financial disclosure forms. She pointed out that there was a grace period until September 1, after which substantial daily fines would be imposed.

c) Legislative Update

Senator Ellyn Bogdanoff, a Shareholder at Becker, and Mr. Nicholas Hessing, a Senior Government Relations Consultant at Becker, updated Members on legislative matters and the special sessions, noting the passage of a $114.5 billion State Budget that still needs to be signed by the Governor.

Mr. Hessing highlighted CSC-funded provider appropriations in the budget, including the Crockett Foundation ($500,000), FLIPANY ($150,000), Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF) ($500,000), and JAFCO/Eagles' Haven ($595,000). He also noted other appropriations of interest to CSC, such as the Broward Juvenile Detention Center renovations ($20 million), the youth psychiatric ambulance pilot ($300,000), and the Early Learning Coalition (just under $96 million).

He touched on SB 428, which adjusts the age range for a new state swim voucher program from 0-4 to 1-7 to cover the age group at highest risk of drowning. Income eligibility for State vouchers is below 200% of the Federal poverty level. This state program also includes an educational component requiring that drowning prevention materials developed by the Department of Health be placed in early learning centers, birthing centers, and hospitals.

He also highlighted SB 1690, which has been signed by the Governor and prevents homeowners from being denied insurance or having their policies not renewed solely because their home is used as a licensed early care center. It also establishes the Florida Endowment for Early Learning, which allows private or public entities to appropriate funds for a specific purpose, and an educational clearinghouse.

d) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) to Apply for a New Promise Neighborhood (PN) Grant

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer drew Members' attention to the Agenda Addendum sent yesterday that includes a new PN Grant MOU with FAU. She explained that CSC was informed yesterday that FAU plans to apply for another round of the PN Grant, and they would like CSC to partner with them again. The deadline to submit a letter of intent is June 22, and the deadline to submit the related MOU outlining CSC's commitments is August 6. She noted that the current Grant expires on December 31, 2026, and that time is needed to think through the new application and determine the best use of the Grant funds. Since the Council does not meet until August 20, she requested that the Council delegate sign-off on the MOU to the Program Planning Committee (PPC), subject to legal review. The PPC is scheduled to meet early August before the application deadline.

ACTION: Judge Alperstein made a motion to delegate to the PPC to sign off on a PN MOU with FAU for the 2026 PN Grant application, as presented and subject to legal review and full Council ratification. The motion was seconded by Senator Rich and passed with no opposing votes.

V. Joint Finance/PPC Meeting Report

a) Budget Retreat Follow-Up

b) FY 26-27 Proposed Budget & Millage Rate

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted legislation that would impact CSC's budget and millage rate. HJR 1F, a proposed constitutional amendment related to Florida property taxes, would increase the homestead exemption for non-school levies to $150,000 in 2027 and $250,000 in 2028, with future inflation adjustments. It would also reduce the annual assessment cap for non-homestead property from 10% to 5%. If placed on the ballot and approved by 60% of the voters, it would take effect January 1, 2027, and would reduce CSC's revenues by roughly $15 million in 2027 and $25 million in 2028.

SB 4-F would change the maximum millage levy calculation by tying it directly to the rollback rate and introducing tiered approval thresholds. It sets thresholds for voting requirements on millage rates that exceed the rollback rate. If the millage rate is at or near the rollback rate, standard approval is sufficient. However, setting a millage rate above the rollback rate triggers enhanced voting thresholds, and going significantly above the rollback rate (greater than 110%) requires a supermajority or a unanimous vote. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that anything above the rollback rate, which is the millage rate that generates the same amount of revenue as the year before, is considered a tax increase.

HB 7031E, the tax bill that is pending the Governor's approval, includes a provision that explicitly exempts CSCs from paying the CRA TIF. If signed by the Governor, CSC Broward would save $3.45 million.

Taking all of that into account, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer proposed using the savings from the CRA TIF exemption, if the legislation is signed into law, to reduce the millage rate. She pointed out that because the savings were not enough to reach the rollback rate, it would still be advertised as a tax increase, although it would appear on the property tax forms sent to taxpayers as a reduction. As such, she proposed a revised motion: Approve the tentative millage rate of 0.4500 and authorize staff to reduce the budget and millage rate based on the Property Appraiser's final report and enactment of HB 7031 E, in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee Chair, and submit the necessary forms to the appropriate officials.

Senator Rich stated that she was opposed to reducing the millage rate, as she felt that while CSC Broward has been a responsible and solid steward of taxpayers' funds, it also has an obligation to be responsive to community needs. Given the uncertainties surrounding the property tax ballot initiative, she was not in favor of reducing the millage rate, which could put CSC in a position where it couldn't meet increased community needs.

Chair Wood agreed with Ms. Arenberg's strategy, believing it set the right tone and that there were resources to cover it.

ACTION: Ms. Foganholi made a motion to approve the Draft FY 26-27 Budget, as presented. The motion was seconded by Senator Rich and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Dr. Thompson made a motion to approve the tentative Millage Rate of 0.4500 and authorize staff to reduce the budget and millage rate based on the Property Appraiser's final report and enactment of HB 7031 E (CRA exemption), in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee Chair, and submit the necessary forms to the appropriate officials, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Foganholi and passed with an opposing vote from Senator Rich and an abstention from Judge Alperstein, who is prohibited from voting on the millage rate, per statute.

c) Reading & Math Leverage Funding Request for FY 26-27

d) Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Inc., Leverage Funding Request for FY 26-27

e) Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC) Trauma Finding Request

ACTION: Dr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Reading & Math, Inc., leverage funding for FY 26-27; the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., leverage funding request for FY 26-27; and the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition's Funding request for FY 25-26, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Foganholi and passed with no opposing votes.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer informed the Council that staff have been flooded with additional leverage requests, which are currently being vetted. She expressed concern about having to consider so many unsolicited funding requests in the current climate of uncertainty.

Members agreed that there was too much uncertainty now and that it would be best to wait until late fall, when things would become clearer. While agreeing with

that, Senator Rich also suggested prioritizing current providers and vital services when vetting requests.

VI. Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Report

a) Promise Neighborhood Survey Results

Dr. Gallagher highlighted the results of the first FAU PN survey, as presented in the information packet. She explained that, despite its relatively small sample size, it produced some interesting results that are being integrated into the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) civic design teams' governing work.

b) Community Foundation Broward's ABCD Report

Dr. Gallagher highlighted the final report, as presented in the information packet, on the pass-through funding that CSC received from the Community Foundation of Broward to provide ABCD facilitation and coaching. She explained that the ABCD Pompano Blanche Ely/Sanders Park Civic Design Team successfully onboarded five Community Connectors, conducted a listening campaign with their neighbors, completed asset mapping, and procured twelve community projects. She noted that the asset mapping contributed to youth-focused initiatives.

VII. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

a) Fiscal Sponsor Fees to Various Agencies for FY 26-27

b) Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements

c) Managed Fund Monthly Statements

d) CSC Purchases

ACTION: Ms. Foganholi made a motion to approve fiscal sponsor fees to various agencies for FY 26-27; approve the Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for the period ending May 31, 2026; accept the monthly statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for May 31, 2026; and approve the CSC monthly/annual Purchases, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

VIII. Broward Reads Coalition Meeting Report

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the recent Broward Reads Coalition meeting and referred to Members the minutes in the information packet.

IX. Funders Forum Meeting Report

Ms. Juarez highlighted the recent Funders Forum meeting and referred Members to the minutes in the information packet. She summarized collaboration amongst CSC, the United Way, Broward County, and The Jim Moran Foundation to develop uniform performance measures for 2-1-1. She also noted that the new CEO of 2-1-1 will attend the August Funders Forum meeting.

X. Public Comment

XI. Council Members' Roundtable

CSC staff presented on the upcoming ABCD Request for Proposals (RFP).

Dr. Maya Berryhill-Porter, Assistant Director of Community Building, highlighted the ABCD principles and practices of trust building, partnership, community engagement, and leadership. She explained that ABCD includes resident-led listening campaigns, asset mapping, community grant making, cross-site learning, and resident leadership development.

Shira Fowlkes, Sr. Planning Manager, highlighted CSC's ABCD place-based locations, using the Childhood Opportunity Index (COI). She shared that the current neighborhoods with ABCD civic design teams have very low childhood opportunity index scores. She explained that the COI evaluates neighborhoods to determine if children have a fair chance to thrive, regardless of their background or where they live. Lower scores indicate the lowest opportunity and the highest need.

Dr. Berryhill-Porter noted that Promise Neighborhood funding tripled the number of grants and projects, exponentially expanding the reach and impact of ABCD. She highlighted a grant project, noting that all projects require clear funding guidelines, deliverables, and timely payments to be provided by the ABCD Administrative Support Organization.

Maryanne Rodriguez, Community Building Manager, pointed out that the longer-term relationship sustained by ABCD among community members, service providers, and CSC staff generates information, insights, and co-designed solutions to close gaps in social services and enhance community-led change. They highlighted the ABCD roadmap for a quality continuum of care, which features access, knowledge, trust, utilization, and outcomes.

Dr. Berryhill-Porter highlighted the ABCD Administrative Support Organization RFP, noting that it will utilize ABCD principles and practices to partner with Community Connectors and support the required administrative and funding processes. She noted that the procured organization will provide four service components: build

participatory relationships, fund processes for stipends and grants, coordinate the Civic Design Team (CDT), and collect data for performance measurement.

Ms. Fowlkes shared that the desired organization to be procured must have the capacity to provide consistent, collaborative, high-quality support that results in efficient, standardized, and accountable fiscal and administrative processes. In addition, the organization will need to demonstrate knowledge of ABCD principles sufficient to conduct the administrative functions and relationship-building required for ABCD implementation.

Maryanne highlighted the requirements of the procured organization centered around the four service components. The procured organization will be required to build participatory relationships with the Connectors and Project Champions in line with ABCD principles. They noted that the organization will establish and implement systems to recruit, select, and onboard community connectors and will execute consulting agreements with the Connectors. Additionally, the procured organization will provide a billing system for paying Community Connector stipends and monitor its effectiveness. Also, the procured organization will develop and implement a participatory community grantmaking process responsive to community feedback.

For funding processes, the procured organization, with sufficient cash flow, is required to pay monthly stipends for Community Connectors and CDT Coaches, who are Senior Connectors. They pointed out that payments must be accurate and timely. Also, the procured organization will establish and implement effective processes for advertising, applying, rating, selecting, and implementing community grants, as well as completing and submitting CSC-designated deliverables to receive funding from CSC.

For the CDT coordination service component, the procured organization will provide administrative support for ABCD meetings, establish and maintain communications processes within and among teams, and align CDT branding and coordinate with CSC branding efforts.

Dr. Berry-Hill Porter briefly highlighted the FY 24-25 performance measures, noting that 77% of Community Connectors attended monthly CDT meetings, 90% of CDT Members were satisfied with the ABCD process, and 95% of funds were awarded for min-grant funds/participatory budgeting in Lauderhill and Fort Lauderdale. She shared that attendance, satisfaction, and grant utilization will continue to be measured in the new procurement, along with additional measures, such as completed action steps from the governance process and co-designed social services solutions that improve the community with CSC and the provider agencies.

The ABCD Administrative Support Organization RFP will provide support to six CDTs. The funding for nine months is $358,500, while the funding for 12 months is

$468,000. The RFP will be released on August 13, 2026, and will close on September 16, 2026. The contract's start date will be January 1, 2027.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

Signed by:
Senator Nan Rich
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Nan Rich, Secretary

MEETING ATTENDEES (* Denotes Speaker)

Name	Organization
Yolanda Nails	ABCD/Lauderhill Civic Design Team
Donna Lavalle	Christina G. Smith Community Health Foundation, Inc.
Daniel Foganholi	Department of Education
Andy Fernandez	Firewall Centers
Carolyn Brown James	Florida Atlantic University
Wanda Eugene	KidzHack
Chanelle Pough	Reading & Math, Inc.
Deontré Clayton	Reading & Math, Inc.
Ire Diaz*	Advocacy Network on Disabilities
Harrison Grandwilliams	Broward County Commission
Traci Schweitzer	Department of Children & Families
Nicholas Hessing*	Becker
Tim Dwyer	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Lindsay Dolce	Ampact/Florida Early Learning Corps
Ellyn Bogdanoff*	Becker
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Thom Mozloom	The M Network
Tresa Palmer	Goodwill Industries