

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

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April 16, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr; Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie; Governor Appointee David H. Kenton; DCF Community Development Administrator Dawn Liberta; School Superintendent Robert W. Runcie; Governor Appointee Tom Powers; Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Council Members Absent:

School Board Member Robin Bartleman; Governor Appointee Maria Schneider; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO; Monti Larsen, COO; Sandra Bernard-Bastien; Maria Juarez; Sue Gallagher; Marlando Christie; Andrew Leone; Laura Ganci; Dion Smith; Nancy Cohn; Michelle Hamilton; Kathleen Campbell; Amy Jacques; Judy Jones; Anne Alexandra Lemoine; Silke Angelo; Diego Alvarez; Travis Johnson; Maddy Jones; Cynthia Reynoso; Marissa Aquino; Jeffery Glover; Gloria Putiak; Jennifer Wennberg; Odeth O'Meally; Kyle Jones; Clarice Horton; Shawanda Spencer; Megan Turetsky; Brooke Sherman; Marissa Greif-Hackett; Andria Dewson; Camila Romero; Adamma DuCille; Latora Steel; Trisha Dowell; Carl Dasse; Meg Wallace; Piper Weber; Liza Khan; Yolanda Meadows; Lorenzo Benaine; Michelle Hagues; Alicia Williams; Johannie Stanley; Tabitha Bush; Lynn Kalmes; Erin Byrne; Josh Caraballo; Pooja Yajnik; Karen Franceschini; Jennifer Fletcher; Fern Phillip; Ileana Blanco; Kimberlee Reid; Trina Welch; Angie Buchter; Keisha Grey; Keyonia Lawson; Akil Edwards; Melissa Soza; Seantee Campbell; Nelson Giraldo; Colleen Carpenter; John Jeyasingh; Parry Silcox; Jocelin Eubanks; Jill Denis-Lay; Alexia Bridges

Guests in Attendance:

See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order:

Ms. Donnelly called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M.

II. Roll Call:

The roll was called and a quorum was established with eight Members present.

III. Chair's Comments:

a) Moment to Arrive:

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

Ms. Donnelly read an email from a CSC-funded provider who stated appreciation for CSC staff and CSC's flexibility during these unprecedented times. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer applauded all providers for their efforts during these trying times.

b) March 19, 2020, Council Minutes:

ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to approve the Council Meeting minutes from March 19, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

c) New Date/Time for 1st TRIM Hearing:

Ms. Donnelly explained that the Council's scheduled first T.R.I.M. Hearing conflicts with the School Board's TRIM Hearing on September 9th, and that staff is proposing the new date/time of September 8, at 5:30pm.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve rescheduling the first TRIM Hearing from September 9th at 5:01pm to September 8th at 5:30pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.

IV. President's Report:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer asked for a moment of silence in honor of Representative Kristin Jacobs, noting that she was a fierce child advocate and the only Broward County Commissioner at the time to support the original CSC ballot initiative.

a) COVID-19 Update:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer asked Members to ratify the use of \$10,000 from the Council's Corona Virus Response Fund for "grab-n-go" food distribution sites for Broward students during the Spring Break period when other options were not available.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to ratify emergency funding to FLIPANY in response to COVID-19 hunger relief needs, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer informed the Council that food has been a top priority, with the CSC involved in multiple efforts to connect different organizations to food and private donations, and that Mr. Andrew Leone, CSC's Director of Communications & Community Engagement, has been very visible in the community to ensure these efforts advance smoothly. She shared that CSC is also the current host of the food distribution location website, www.Together4Broward. She further explained that staff are currently working with the County to improve this website so it is more user friendly for the public, and that when those improvements are completed, the County will then host the website.

ACTION: Consensus was reached for Ms. Arenberg Seltzer to continue to consider emergency food requests, with Mr. Powers emphasizing that CSC food assistance should be directed to those families with children.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted other efforts of CSC staff and CSC-funded providers to support children and families during the Pandemic, noting that providers are being creative with how they remotely connect with youth and families, and some are still going out into the community. As some of the feedback and concerns centered around the difficulties of securing personal protective supplies for both provider staff and the families they serve, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer sought Council guidance on using monies from the Council's Corona Virus Response Fund to purchase hand sanitizer, gloves, and masks to distribute to CSC-funded providers, who in turn could distribute any extras to families in need.

ACTION: Consensus was reached for CSC to purchase 5,000 each of gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer also shared some concerns raised by a provider around laptops and internet service for some students in need, especially those in a specific mobile home park. Superintendent Runcie highlighted multiple efforts and partnerships of the Broward County Public School System to ensure that all students have the resources needed to connect to distant learning, including distributing laptops to hard-to-reach and homeless families, and partnerships with Comcast, AT&T, Sprint, Hotwire, and others to provide discounted Internet access and free hotspots to homeless families and those residing in specific economically-depressed areas. He added that the School District is absorbing the costs for those hotspots, and that the goal is to make sure no student is left behind when it comes to digital access. He promised to connect Ms. Arenberg Seltzer with Mr. Phillip Dunn, Broward County Public School's Chief Information Officer, who is leading the District in those efforts.

b) Intergovernmental Update RE COVID-19:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that while she had originally planned on delivering a legislative wrap-up this morning, this was not possible at this point, as it is unknown which legislation the Governor plans to sign into law. She assured the Council that staff are continuing to keep the legislative delegation and cities up to speed on CSC efforts during these times and are monitoring briefings and activities of elected officials in order to share important information. She also shared that staff continue to promote the Census.

c) CSC May Meeting & Budget Retreat:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that it has not been determined yet how the May Budget Retreat will unfold, whether in-person, virtually, or a combination thereof. She explained that a decision will be made in the near future, in consultation with Chairwoman Donnelly. She added that while staff have continued to work on the FY 20/21 budget since January, analyzing all programs, activities and trend lines, the senior management team will look at it again next week with the current situation in mind. She raised the prospect of a possible millage rate reduction in the coming year, allowing more room

under the cap the following year when revenue will possibly decrease due to lower property values. Though we also know demand will be high so these will be important policy decisions for the Council to consider.

V. Chief Programs Officer (CPO) Report:

a) Provider Services Update RE COVID-19:

Ms. Maria Juarez, CSC's Chief Programs Officer, updated Members on efforts and activities in the service provider arena. She noted that providers were engaging in creative ways with those they serve to address any challenges through existing community resources, the County's Family Success Centers, and the utilization of flex funds.

b) Funders Forum Update:

Ms. Juarez highlighted the recent meeting of the Funders Forum, which includes private foundations, Broward County, School Board, United Way, Humana, etc. She explained that the group meets every other month to discuss and solve issues that affect all of them. She noted that CSC has chaired the Forum for many years, and that Council Member Liberta also attends.

VI. Chief Innovation Officer Report:

a) Program Evaluation Update RE COVID-19:

Dr. Laura Ganci, CSC's Director of Research & Evaluation, updated Members on efforts to examine and modify the manner in which program evaluation will be conducted this fiscal year as programs restructure and respond to COVID-19. She explained that any changes in evaluation methods will be reported in January's Annual Performance Report, along with explanations for any data that could not be collected.

b) Research/Planning Update RE COVID-19:

Dr. Sue Gallagher, CSC's Chief Innovation Officer, updated Members on key Research & Planning initiatives, including the Integrated Data System, the Broward Children's Strategic Plan, Racial Equity, and the Special Needs Advisory Coalition. She shared that staff have been successful in converting collaborations into virtual environments.

VII. Chief Communications Officer Report:

a) Trauma Report:

Ms. Sandra Bernard-Bastien, CSC's Chief Communications Officer, drew Members' attention to the Trauma Report included in their meeting information packet, noting that Dr. West recommended expansion of some current programs, as well as some new initiatives. She added that staff met internally to discuss the report and that conversations will continue next week. She further explained that Members were only accepting the report today, not any recommendations, and that staff will come back to the Council with recommendations after further conversations are held.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to accept the final report of six resiliency conversations as submitted by Dr. Cirecie West-Olatunji. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kenton and passed with no opposing votes.

Ms. Bernard-Bastien shared the proposed design for CSC's 20th anniversary logo, which would go into effect at the beginning of FY 20/21.

ACTION: Mr. Powers approved the CSC 20th anniversary logo, as presented. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Runcie and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Hunger Update RE COVID-19:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien drew Members' attention to the information in the meeting packet.

c) Training/Capacity Update RE COVID-19:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien shared that CSC is conducting its first virtual training today, and that staff continue to share important information and coordinate with partners and volunteers through its various channels.

d) Broward Reads Coalition Update RE COVID-19:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien highlighted efforts of the Coalition, including the continuation of the newsletter and the sharing of literacy resources via the CSC website and social media. She also shared that volunteers have been taping themselves reading books aloud and sharing them on social media.

VIII. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report:

a) Financial Statements:

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the budget amendments and interim financial statements for period ending March 31, 2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Invoices, P.O.s & Contracts:

ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to approve the CSC monthly/annual purchases, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Liberta and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Billing Guidelines:

Ms. Monti Larsen, CSC's Chief Operating Officer, updated Members on the Coronavirus Invoicing Guidelines that were released to providers on March 27th, noting that they have been well received and that staff are answering detailed questions as they are posed.

IX. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

X. Council Members' Discussion:

Ms. Donnelly recapped the Council's current role in the community as it relates to COVID-19, including stable leadership, the utilization of flex funds to meet families' needs, the provision of supplies, and the coordination and collaboration of food distribution to children and families. She then opened the floor for further discussion on how the CSC might be of further assistance to children and families in Broward County.

Ms. Liberta announced that the State gave approval for food stamps to be used online through Amazon and Walmart, with the pilot program starting today in Leon County, and going statewide on May 21st. She did note that they were working to resolve the issue of delivery fees being charged, as the EBT card does not currently accept those charges.

Commissioner Furr announced that the County is exploring a partnership with NOVA Southeastern University and the Florida Health Department to conduct a community survey of the virus's location in Broward County, similar to the survey done in Miami.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer thanked the non-profit community for their response to the Pandemic.

XI. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 A.M.



Kenneth L. Gillespie, Secretary

MEETING ATTENDEES

*denotes speaker

Name	Organization
Edwina W.	
Monica Pena	Family Central
LilCrystal Dernier	YMCA of South Florida
Caroline Bush-Lindsey	Family Central
Rosemary Dunn	Men2Boys
Rosemary Murrain	The Center for Mind Body Medicine (CMBM)
Shakka Bethel	Simply Healthcare
Neolita Maharaj	Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County
RaShani Boynton	H.O.M.E.S., Inc (Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance, & Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc.)
Jasmine Bethell	Kids in Distress (KID)
Tonya Ricker	Arc Broward
Terri Shermett	Ann Storck Center
Shawn Preston	Arc Broward
Michelle Kenney	GAPS Legal, PLLC
Magaly Prezeau	Community Access Center (CAC)
Amanda Hernandez	Ann Storck Center
Michael Farver	South Florida Hunger Coalition
Frankie Coleman	Family Central
Trudy-Ann Reed	Simply Healthcare
Josie Maymi	Nova Southeastern University
Olivia Angeli	Center for Hearing and Communication
Gisselle Williams	HOPE South Florida
Idelma Quintana	Broward County
Michele Clarke	Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County

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Michael Anderson	
Donna Lavallo	Smith Community Mental Health
Mark Dhooge	Kids In Distress (KID)
Howard Bakalar	Early Learning Coalition of Broward County
Marilyn Camerota	Memorial Healthcare System
Verenda Brown	
Brian Quail	Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County
Jackie Rosen	Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention (FISP)
Gonzalo Cadima	United Way of Broward County
Samantha Spann	Smith Community Mental Health
Mark Reyes	Urban League of Broward County
Ana Valladares	Child Advocate
Sybil Cherian	Florida Department of Health in Broward County
Blanca Gamez	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Yonela Carusi	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Maritzabel Rivera James	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Elizabeth Dorante	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Lisa Clements	YMCA South Florida
Regine Kanzki	Crockett Foundation
Miya Sumpter	
Henri Crockett	Crockett Foundation
Luz Deroseney	City of Deerfield Beach
Robert Landers	
Nyam Smith	Children's Home Society of Florida
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Christine Klima	Early Learning Coalition of Broward County
April Bailey	Hilson Management
Melodie Wolter-Harvill	Active Community Health Center

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Dr. Harleen Hutchinson	The Journey Institute
Kathy Wint	HandsOn Broward
Dale Mandell	HandsOn Broward
Courtne Copeland	Women in Distress of Broward County
Robin Ullman	Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options (JAFCO)
Jessica Rincon	Ann Storck Center
Jacqui Lashbrook	Broward Sheriff's Office
Mary Molina Macfie	
Diana Gomez	Centene Corporation
Michelle Collins	Epilepsy Florida
Michelle Rogers	Family Central
Elisha Hendricks	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Felipe Pinzon	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Andy Derilus	Memorial Healthcare System
Debra Gotlib	Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County
Nathan Earl	Ark of Freedom Alliance
Jeannine Schloss	Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE)
Arnold Jean-Baptiste	Langworld Inc.
John Moreno-Escobar	YV Foundation
Alison Rodriguez	YMCA South Florida
Alice-Lydia Bird	YMCA South Florida