MEETING AGENDA

I. Call to Order  
  Commissioner Gunzburger, Chair

II. Roll Call  
  Amy Jacques, Executive Assistant

III. Chair's Comments  
  a. State of the CSC  
  Commissioner Gunzburger
  b. Approve Owner's Representative Agreement  
     (Tab 1)

IV. Election of Officers  
  Nominations from the Floor  
  John Milledge, Counsel

V. Committee Assignments  
  (Tab 2)  
  Chair

VI. President’s Report  
  a. Approve 2008 Council Meeting Schedule  
     (Tab 4)
  b. Good of the Order

VII. Consent Agenda  
  a. Approve November 29, 2007, Minutes  
     (Tab 5)
  b. Approve Youth Development Rating Committee  
     (Tab 6)
  c. Approve SWIM Central Contract Amendment  
     (Tab 7)
  d. Approve Hispanic Unity Food Stamp Leverage  
     (Tab 8)
  e. Approve OCP Contract Amendment  
     (Tab 9)
  f. Approve Interim Financial Statements and  
     Budget Amendments Through 12/31/07  
     (Tab 10)
  g. Approve Invoices, P.O.s & Contracts  
     (Tab 11)

VIII. CPO Report  
  Approve SAFE Visitation Contract Extension  
  (Tab 12)  
  Karen Swartzbaugh, CPO

IX. COO Report  
  a. CSC Investment Policy & Holdings Update  
     (Tab 13)  
  b. Audit Update

X. Public Affairs and Organizational Development  
  a. FYI – EITC Update  
     (Tab 14)  
  b. FYI – Hunger Update  
     (Tab 15)

XI. Public Comment  
  Chair

XII. Council Members Round Table  
  Budget Process & Overview  
  Chair  
  Cindy Arenberg Seltzer

XIII. For Your Information  
  a. CSB Minutes  
  b. CSC In The News  
  c. Correspondence  
  d. Attendance Report  

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 21, 2008, 9:00am
### Issue:
Owner’s Representative for the New Office Building

### Action:
1) Waiver of Procurement Policy; and  
2) Approve Owner’s Representative Agreement for the New Office Building

### Budget Impact:
$104,000 of $1,365,122 Available in Unallocated for FY 07/08

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**Background:**
In November 2007, the Council approved a contract to purchase land and construct a new office building. To effectively manage this complex project the Council agreed that the CSC should hire an Owner’s Representative who will act as liaison with the Developer and provide monthly reports to the Council. Legal counsel confirmed that CSC’s current advisor Manny Synalovski of Cubellis could be engage to perform this service.

**Current Status:**
Attached is the proposal from Cubellis outlining the proposed cost. Legal counsel, Cubellis and staff will confer throughout the project to provide letters of direction as necessary. Approval of this agreement requires a waiver of CSC’s procurement policy due to Mr. Synalovski’s present involvement, specific knowledge and experience with the project and the property at hand and the time constraints imposed by our purchase contract. There are no issues with the State purchasing guidelines.

**Recommended Action:**
Approve Owner’s Representative Agreement for the New Office Building

**Budget Impact:**
$104,000 of $1,365,122 Available in Unallocated for FY 07/08
Monti Larsen  
Chief Operations Officer  
Children's Services Council  
6301 NW 5 Street, Suite 3000  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

PROPOSAL: Owner's Representative Services  
PROPOSED DATE: 01/09/08  
PROJECT: Children's Services Council  
STARTING DATE: 03/01/08  
LOCATION: Broward County, FL  
COMPLETION DATE: see below

The undersigned proposes to provide professional services necessary to complete the following work: Owner's Representative services as required during the development of a proposed 31,500 sq. ft. facility and related site improvements for the Children's Services Council of Broward County. Services shall commence on March 1, 2008 and continue through thirty days post occupancy.

For a sum not to exceed:

One Hundred and Four Thousand dollars  
$ 104,000.00* 

Payments to be made as follows:

Monthly, based on services provided using the following rates:

Principal  
$200/hr.

Project Manager  
$150/hr.

Project Architect  
$100/hr.

Technical/Administrative Support  
$ 75/hr.

Any alteration or deviation from the aforementioned will be executed only upon written orders. Services not included in the above scope will be invoiced hourly as additional services and are not included in the above fees.

*Reimbursable expenses such as bidding, construction administration, copies, courier, enhanced system(s)/equipment design services, faxes, UPS, interior design services, long distance calls, mileage, permit expediting, permit fees, photography, postage, printing, processing fees, renderings, surveying, testing, Threshold/Special Inspections and traffic studies and any additional services provided by sub-consultants shall be invoiced at 1.10 times the cost and are not included in the above fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Manuel Synalovski, AIA  
Principal
You are hereby authorized to provide services required to complete the work described in the above proposal, for which the undersigned agrees in representation of Children's Services Council to pay the amount stated in said proposal and according to the terms thereof. All collection costs inclusive of attorney's fees shall be the responsibility of the undersigned.

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Approved               Date
BYLAWS OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY


Article II. Organization of the Council

A. Election of Officers

At the annual Council meeting in January (except for the first year), the Council shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary (all of whom shall be members of the Council) to serve for a period of one year, not to exceed two terms. Elections shall be open nomination and voice vote.

B. Vacancy of Officers

If a vacancy should occur in one of these offices, the Council shall proceed to elect a council member to fill such vacancy at a regular or special meeting as soon as reasonably possible.

C. Removal of Officers

An officer can be removed from office, without cause, by a majority of members then serving, as set forth in Article IV of these Bylaws. The Council shall proceed to fill the vacancy as provided by Article II of the Bylaws.

D. Duties of Officers

1. The Chair shall:
   (a) Preside at all meetings of the Council.
   (b) Be an ex officio member of all committees of the Council.
   (c) Appoint all ad hoc council committees, the terms of which may not exceed the term of the Chair.
   (d) Appoint the chairperson of each standing committee.
   (e) Perform all the duties usually pertaining to the office of Chair.
   (f) May sign checks on behalf of the Council in accordance with Article VII hereof.

2. The Vice-Chair shall:
   (a) Preside at all meetings of the Council in the absence of the Chair.
   (b) Perform all such duties usually pertaining to the office of Vice-Chair.
(c) Assume the office and duties of the Chair, in the event that office becomes vacant, until the Council fills such vacancy through an election as set forth in Article II hereof.

(d) May sign checks on behalf of the Council in accordance with Article VII hereof.

3. The Secretary shall:

(a) Ensure that minutes of meetings are accurately recorded.

(b) Perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office of Secretary.

(c) Assume the office and duties of the Vice-Chair, in the event that office becomes vacant, until the next meeting of the Council. In the event that the offices of both the Chair and the Vice-Chair should become vacant, the Secretary shall assume the office of the Chair until the Council fills such vacancy through an election as set forth in Article II hereof.

(d) May sign checks on behalf of the Council in accordance with Article VII hereof.

E. Committees

Standing committees may be established by motion of the Council. Ad hoc committees may be established either by motion of the Council or by the Chair provided that ad hoc committees established by the Chair shall be confirmed by the Council and shall not be established for a period of time exceeding the unexpired term of the Chair.

The Council may also designate persons not on the Council to serve on committees. The committees shall have such authority as the Council shall direct, subject to applicable Florida Laws.

The following standing committees shall have a quorum requirement of two (2) members to conduct business: Executive, Finance, Personnel, Bylaws, Office, and Program Planning. The quorum requirement for all other committees shall be a majority of the members appointed to the applicable committee.
CHILDREN’S SERVICES COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2007

FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

INTERNAL COMMITTEES:

Executive Committee
Sue Gunzburger, Chair
David Roach, Vice Chair
Jack Moss, Secretary

Finance
Terry Santini, Chair
Emilio Benitez
Sue Gunzburger

Program Planning
Ana Valladares, Chair
Mariza Cobb
Sue Gunzburger
Stephanie Arma Kraft
Jack Moss
David Roach

By-Laws
Stephanie Arma Kraft, Chair
Mariza Cobb
Christopher L. Smith

Office Space
David Roach, Chair
Emilio Benitez
Gregory Durden
Sue Gunzburger
Jack Moss
Ana Valladares

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES:

One Community Partnership (OCP)
Emilio Benitez
Mariza Cobb
Ana Valladares

Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC)
Mariza Cobb, Co-Chair

Agency Capacity Building Committee
Ana Valladares, Chair
Mariza Cobb
Christopher L. Smith
CHILDREN’S SERVICES COUNCIL
OF BROWARD COUNTY

2008 Council Meeting Calendar
Includes Program Planning Committee (PPC), Finance Committee, and T.R.I.M. Meetings

Council Meeting, Thursday, January 17, 2008, 9:00am

Finance Committee Meeting, February 6, 2008, Noon (Tentative Time)

Council Meeting, Thursday, February 21, 2008, 9:00am

Council Meeting, Thursday, March 20, 2008, 9:00am

Council Meeting, Thursday, April 17, 2008, 9:00am

Council Meeting/Budget Workshop, Thursday, May 15, 2008, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. [Location: TBD]

PPC Meeting, June 4th, 2008, Noon

Finance Committee Meeting, June 4th, 2008, (Immediately Following PPC Meeting)

Council Meeting, Thursday, June 19, 2008, 9:00am

(Tentative) Council Meeting, Thursday, July 17, 2008, 9:00am

Council Meeting, Thursday, August 21, 2008, 9:00am

T.R.I.M. Public Hearing, Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 5:01pm

PPC Meeting, September 10, 2008, Noon

Finance Committee Meeting, Sept. 10th, 2008, (Immediately Following PPC Meeting)

Council Meeting, Thursday, September 18, 2008, 4:00pm

T.R.I.M. Public Hearing, Thursday, September 18, 2008, 5:01pm

Council Meeting, Thursday, October 16, 2008, 9:00am

Council Meeting, Thursday, November 20, 2008, 9:00am

Council Meeting, Thursday, December 18, 2008, 9:00am

** Please Note:**

Meetings are subject to change. Please check our website calendar, www.cscbroward.org, for updated information.

Council meeting packet information will be posted on the website, www.cscbroward.org, a few days before each meeting. Only the agenda will be available at the meeting.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Amy Jacques at (954) 377-1675.

If you require any auxiliary aids for communication or other special accommodations, please contact Evan Goldman at (954) 377-1000 at least one week in advance so that proper arrangements can be made.

Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held at:

Place: 6301 NW 5th Way, Suite 3000, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
Contact Info: (954) 377-1000; www.cscbroward.org
CHILDREN’S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY
6301 NW 5th Way, #3000
Fort Lauderdale, FL  33309

Minutes
November 29, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance: Governor Appointee Emilio Benitez; Governor Appointee Mariza Cobb; County Commissioner Sue Gunzburger; School Board Member Stephanie Arma Kraft, Esq.; Health Department Administrator David Roach; Governor Appointee Christopher L. Smith; Governor Appointee Ana Valladares

Members Absent: DCF Regional Administrator Jack Moss; School Superintendent James Notter; Governor Appointee Terry Santini; Juvenile Judge Howard Zeidwig

Counsel Present: Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO; Monti Larsen; Karen Swartzabaugh; Sandra Bernard-Bastien; Audrey Stang; Fred Hicks; Sue Gallagher; Amy Jacques; Mikel McGee; Piper Weber; Monica King; Herm Fishbein; Nancy Cohn; Gloria Putiak; Silvia McShan; Anne Bateman; Colleen Stroetz; Nikki Main; Terry Brennan; Janice Strugano; Nicolette Picardi; Andrew Leone; Johnsingh Jeyasingh; Debra Baptiste; Madeline Jones; Dion Smith; Shannon Rhodes

Guests in Attendance: Attached

Agenda:

I. Call to Order: Chair Sue Gunzburger called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

II. Roll Call: The roll was called and a quorum was established (Benitez, Cobb, Gunzburger, Roach, Smith, and Valladares were present).

III. Chair’s Comments: Commissioner Gunzburger congratulated Mr. Benitez for being selected as the new Executive Director of ChildNet. She emphasized to Mr. Benitez that as long as he is a member of CSC, ChildNet will not be eligible for CSC funding. Mr. Benitez acknowledged that restriction.

Consideration of the building contract was moved to after consideration of all other action items in order to allow time for a more thorough discussion.

Commissioner Gunzburger summarized the latest meeting of the Florida Children’s Services Council (FCSC), where the main topic for discussion was the January 29th referendum vote. The Commissioner encouraged the Council’s partners to educate the public as to the potential loss of services for children and families and the impact that will have upon the community. Mrs. Arenberg Seltzer cautioned that even if the referendum is defeated, another legislative proposal will be considered on the November ballot. As such, she encouraged continuous education as to the services provided and their impact upon the community.
Election of officers will be held at the January meeting, with nominations accepted from the floor at that time. Commissioner Gunzburger noted that while she would welcome serving a second year, Mr. Roach and Mr. Moss, Vice Chair and Secretary respectively, had indicated they would not.

Commissioner Gunzburger raised the possibility of canceling the December 20th meeting if the Council would consider at this meeting an addendum to the consent agenda to approve the MOST/Summer RFP raters and an addendum to the Purchases.

ACTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the addendum to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roach and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Mrs. Valladares made a motion to cancel the December Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.

IV. Executive Committee Report:

Commissioner Gunzburger drew members’ attention to the excellent results of the President/CEO’s evaluation, the salary chart detailing the salaries of other CSC CEOs and the recommendation made by the Executive Committee for the proposed annual performance bonus and salary increase for the President/CEO. Mr. Smith inquired as to the budgets of the other CSCs in the State, and then noted that the proposed salary for the President/CEO was considerably lower than the CEOs of comparable CSCs. Mrs. Arenberg Seltzer thanked Mr. Smith for the question and explained that in this time of budget constraints she was only asking for the same 3 percent COLA staff received and her $10,000 performance bonus.

ACTION: Mrs. Valladares made a motion to approve the President/CEO’s annual performance bonus and salary increase as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cobb and passed with no opposing votes.

V. President’s Report:

Commissioner Gunzburger moved the non-action items under the President’s Report to after consideration of all action items.

Mrs. Arma Kraft arrived.

ACTION: Mrs. Valladares made a motion to approve the early childhood education leveraged funds opportunity with the A.D. Henderson Foundation and approve the hiring of an Early Childhood Education Project Manager. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.

VI. Consent Agenda:

ACTION: Mr. Benitez made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Roach. Items B, L, and M were pulled for questions. The remaining items were passed with no opposing votes: October 2007 Meeting Minutes, YMCA Special Needs Amendment, Moran Foundation Leveraged Funds, EITC Budget & Expenditures, Financial & Administrative Monitors, Disposal of Fixed Assets, Retirement Policy, Revised Leverage Policy, Carry Forward for FY
Mr. Smith commented on the YouthBuild program (Item B), describing it as a very good program and a pathway to reduce crime. He encouraged the Council to look further at other youth employment opportunities. The Chair pointed out that CSC currently funds $2 million in summer youth employment. Mr. Benitez echoed Mr. Smith’s sentiments, sharing his experience as a criminal defense lawyer for 20 years representing mostly juvenile delinquents.

**ACTION:** Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Urban League YouthBuild Broward contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.

Mr. Smith explained that he had a possible conflict with one of the items in the Purchases (Item L) and therefore must abstain from voting on the sponsorship request from ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics). Mr. Smith had previously served as the Honorary Co-Chair of their annual fundraiser. Ms. Cobb also explained that she had a conflict with the OneCommUnity training item, as she serves on their Board of Directors as Vice Chair.

**ACTION:** Mr. Roach made a motion to approve the Invoices, P.O.s & Contracts as presented, without the ACT-SO and OneCommUnity items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.

**ACTION:** Mr. Roach made a motion to approve the OneCommUnity training purchase item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes and one abstention from Ms. Cobb.

**ACTION:** Mr. Roach made a motion to approve the ACT-SO sponsorship request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes and one abstention from Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith inquired as to whether additional names for MOST/Summer raters (Item M) would be accepted during the month of December. Mrs. Swartzbaugh said additional names would be accepted through mid-December and that Council Members are also welcome to serve on the rating committees. Mrs. Arma Kraft, Mrs. Valladares, and Ms. Cobb requested to be added as raters. Council attorney Garry Johnson pointed out that the motion should include language giving the President/CEO authority to accept and add raters to the rating committee during the month of December. Mr. Smith also asked if any of the proposed raters are from organizations that are applying for this grant. Mrs. Swartzbaugh explained that it wouldn’t be known until proposals were submitted, but that the proposed list includes providers who do not historically apply for afterschool programs and that if they did, they would be removed as a rater.

**ACTION:** Mr. Roach made a motion to approve the source experts for the MOST/Summer RFP as presented, with the addition of Mrs. Arma Kraft, Mrs. Valladares, Ms. Cobb, and any additional name presented in December and approved by Mrs. Arenberg Seltzer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.
Commissioner Gunzburger led the Council through a line-by-line discussion of the proposed contract with NICO Development for land and construction on the Woodland Vista site. Mr. Richard Coker, attorney for NICO Development, answered Council members' questions surrounding ownership of the land, the architect, the payment performance bond, the termination period, and the commencement and delivery date. Mrs. Arma Kraft suggested the addition of a signature line for the attorney. Commissioner Gunzburger requested a list of buildings in Broward County designed by the architect, as well as a cost-benefit analysis on risk versus sales tax savings. The Members authorized the Chair and the President/CEO to work with the respective attorneys to finalize the contract.

**ACTION:** Mr. Roach made a motion to authorize the CSC Chair and CSC President/CEO to finalize the proposed contract with NICO Development. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.

An addendum to the Purchases was distributed to the Members.

**ACTION:** Mr. Roach made a motion to approve the addendum to the Purchases as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cobb and passed with no opposing votes.

**VIII. President's Report Continued:**

Mrs. Arenberg Seltzer displayed awards presented to the CSC: the Florida Special Arts Center Award, the Seflin Horizon Award in recognition of Outstanding Support for Libraries, and a certificate for sponsoring the Family Resource Fair & Fun Days.

A sealed letter from the auditor was distributed to Council Members requesting information concerning related parties. Council Members were asked to complete the forms and return them directly to the auditors.

CSC staff raised money for relief efforts in the Dominican Republic following Tropical Storm Noel.

Mrs. Arenberg Seltzer shared information on the Children’s Trust’s Champions for Children’s Awards Ceremony and asked Members if they wished to sponsor a similar awards ceremony in Broward County. While it was acknowledged as a good idea, Commissioner Gunzburger cautioned against overburdening staff and suggested instead honoring organizations and volunteers on a quarterly basis at CSC monthly meetings.

Council Members viewed a television news clip on cyber crime and the Internet Predator Project Pilot, which is funded by the CSC.

**IX. Public Affairs and Organizational Development:**

Council Members were referred to the informational material in their packets.

**X. Agency Capacity Building Committee Report:**

Mrs. Valladares noted that as a result of collaboration with the Sun-Sentinel Diversity Fund, eight capacity building grants were awarded to organizations that are a part of the
Agency Capacity Building Committee. The Vision Subcommittee recently met to work on the strategic plan and developed a branding campaign, which includes a survey.

XI. Special Needs Advisory Committee Report:

Ms. Cobb highlighted efforts in the community to assist youth with special needs in acquiring employment.

XII. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

XIII. Council Members Roundtable:

Council Members listened to the findings of the Pediatric Autopsy Project, presented by Dr. John R. Livengood. The Project was funded by the Children’s Services Council of Broward County, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, and the North Broward Hospital District/Broward Health. The Project explored the disparity in fetal and infant deaths among the races in an attempt to prevent deaths in the future. Preliminary findings include:

- Over 40% of the fetal and infant deaths reviews were preventable;
- Reduction of preventable deaths due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), infection, maternal medical causes, accidents and homicide would have the largest impact on overall perinatal mortality; and
- A need for a stronger focus on maternal health care and the reduction in prematurity in reducing overall perinatal mortality in Broward County, especially in the non-white population.

Further analysis will be done over the next few months. The results will be presented to the community early in 2008 at a Call-To-Action event to be co-convened by the Children’s Services Council of Broward County, Healthy Mothers – Healthy Babies, and the Healthy Start Coalition.

Mr. Smith presented staff with a proposed rating tool that measured an organization’s connection to the community they serve. He requested that staff look at how they could incorporate the tool into the upcoming Youth Force and future Request for Proposals (RFP). Mrs. Arenberg Seltzer explained that this would be done prior to the draft being distributed for comment so that all Council Members would have a chance to provide feedback if desired.

Mr. Benitez extended sympathy to Ms. Santini for the loss of her mother. The Council agreed to make an appropriate donation in her honor.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Jack L. Moss, Secretary
## MEETING ATTENDEES

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Service Goal 3.1.4, 8.2.2, 8.2.3, 10.1.1 and 10.1.2:

Issue: Source Experts for Consideration.

Action: Approve Source Experts or Designees to Participate in the Review and Evaluation of Proposals for the Youth FORCE 2008 RFP.

Budget Impact: None.

Background: An RFP for Youth Development programs serving teens was advertised on January 6, 2008. Proposals for this RFP titled, Youth FORCE (Friends, Opportunities, Resources, Counseling, and Education) are due February 22nd, with applicant interviews slated for March 17th through March 24th. It is anticipated that four (4) review committees will be needed: three (3) separate committees for organizations serving at-risk youth from the general population with inclusion programming to address youth with special physical and developmental needs; and one (1) committee for organizations specifically targeting youth with behavioral conditions.

In accordance with Council policy, Council members may serve as raters, appoint designee raters to serve on their behalf and approve community source experts to serve on evaluation committees. Committee members will review, rate and recommend awards to the full Council, to be presented at the April 17th Council meeting, with programs operational in Summer 2008. As always, the Council has full and final authority on all programs recommended for funding.

Current Status: In addition to any Council members who wish to serve on the Evaluation Committee, it is recommended that the individuals listed on the following chart be approved as Evaluation Committee source experts.

Action: Approve Source Experts or Designees to Participate in the Review and Evaluation of Proposals for the Youth FORCE 2008 RFP.

Budget Impact: None.
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Service Goal 8.1: Safeguard the Physical Health of Children.

Objective 3: Collaborate with Community Partners to Provide Water Safety/Drowning Prevention Programs.

Issue: SWIM Central Contract Amendment for Recommendation to include Summer 2008 Services.

Action: Approve SWIM Central Contract Amendment for FY 07/08.

Budget Impact: $253,100 of $5,801,785 Available in the Summer Allocation for FY 07/08.

Background: Since 2002, the Council has funded an annual appropriation of $400,000 for SWIM Central (administered by Broward County Parks and Recreation) as a $1:$1 match to the County's allocation of $400,000 and as a $2:$1 match for the School Board's allocation of $200,000. Due in large part to the County's successful 2000 bond referendum, the number of pools available for SWIM Central use has increased each year, from 54 in 2003 to 62 in 2007. In addition, the number of children served through SWIM Central has more than tripled since the inception of this successful tri-partnership. In FY 2003/04, over 18,000 children received SWIM Central lessons and, in FY 2006/07, SWIM Central served 63,317 children, truly a record-breaking year.

Current Status: All Council-funded Summer contracts have included a budget line item for SWIM Central, and summer providers have worked with SWIM Central to arrange, and pay for, swimming lessons. Unfortunately, by providing for services in this manner, SWIM Central has not included children served through Council-funded summer programs in their internal data system. This means that the 6,800 children served in Council-funded summer programs were not included SWIM Central's total number served for FY 2006/07.

To improve coordination with SWIM Central and consolidate all data reporting in one repository, it is recommended that funds historically added to each summer contract be amended into the current County contract. This will enable SWIM Central to arrange, provide and oversee all swimming lessons provided through Council-funded programs for Summer 2008.

A copy of the current SWIM Central contract and draft contract amendment are attached for reference.

Recommended Action: Approve Swim Central contract amendment for FY 07/08.

Budget Impact: $253,100 of $5,801,785 Available in the Summer Allocation for FY 07/08.
System Goal 2.1: Strengthen the Community’s Awareness of Available Resources.

Objective 2: Collaborate with Community Partners to Coordinate EITC, Hunger and Financial Literacy Awareness Campaigns.

Issue: Opportunity to Apply for Federal USDA Grant to Promote Food Stamp Awareness.

Action: Conceptually Approve “Leverage” Funds for Hispanic Unity USDA Grant.

Budget Impact: A Potential $25,000 Allocation in FY 08/09. The Leverage Procurement Exemption Applies to this Action.

Background: The Food Stamp Program, administered by USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), is the cornerstone of federal nutrition assistance programs and provides crucial support to needy households. Nationally, the program serves more than 26 million people each month and currently reaches about 65% of those who are eligible for benefits. Hispanics represent only 19% of total participants in the program. The USDA has announced a new initiative to increase outreach to the Hispanic population. “The Food Stamp Outreach Program” is designed to inform and educate potentially eligible low-income persons about the nutrition benefits of the program, the eligibility rules and how to apply.

Hunger and food insecurity in Broward County are at levels above the national average. 10.8% of the country reported being food insecure in 2006. A specific survey conducted for the Children’s Services Council and the Million Meals Committee by The Broward Regional Health Planning Council found that food insecurity was much higher in Broward County. It is particularly prevalent in households with a median household income of $35,000 or less. The results of the survey were shocking and disheartening.

Of families surveyed with children:
- 38.8% reported being food insecure without hunger;
- 32.3% reported being food insecure with moderate hunger; and
- 16.7% reported being food insecure with severe hunger.

Broward County’s Food Insecurity Survey also found that more than two thirds (69%) of families that are eligible for food stamps do not receive them. At the same time, Florida Impact, an advocacy agency for hunger prevention, reported that Florida has over $137 million in unused federal dollars related specifically to the food stamp program.

Current Status: A two-year USDA federal grant is available that could provide approximately $150,000 to support a targeted Food Stamp outreach program.
The proposed program is summarized as follows:

Hispanic Unity has recognized the need and the potential to help these families and created Comida = Fuerza (Food = Strength). The Comida = Fuerza Food Stamp Outreach Program will use a targeted strategy to engage Broward Hispanics who are likely to be eligible for food stamp benefits at Hispanic worship centers, supermarkets and other community locations where Hispanics congregate. In addition to informational sessions, Comida = Fuerza’s Outreach Specialist will be able to provide direct access to the State of Florida’s ACCESS website, which allows for food stamp applications to be submitted online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any internet accessible location. Satellite wireless internet access will allow for the Outreach Specialist to make immediate and expedited applications for benefits for those eligible Hispanics who are engaged through Comida = Fuerza.

In addition to the year-around awareness efforts, outreach activities will take place during the annual Earned Income Tax Credit Initiative. As a CSC-funded partner, Hispanic Unity helps coordinate the IRS’s VITA program which puts Hispanic Unity in contact with many low-income Hispanic families as they receive free EITC tax preparation assistance.

The goals of Comida=Fuerza are to 1) increase the awareness of Hispanic’s in Broward County of the Food Stamp Program, eligibility requirements and ways to apply; 2) increase the number of eligible Hispanics and families in Broward County applying for food stamp benefits; and 3) provide Hispanic families with information about shopping nutritiously and efficiently using food stamp benefits.

Hispanic Unity is also securing additional community partners to help facilitate these Food Stamp outreach activities. The Million Meals Committee will serve as an integral part of this initiative and has agreed to set up a referral network for Hispanic families seeking emergency food at food banks and shelters. In addition, Hispanic Unity is working with Meals on Wheels to ensure Hispanic seniors receive any and all resources available to them.

For purposes of this grant application, CSC is asked to provide $50,000 over two fiscal years ($25,000 in FY 08/09 and $25,000 in FY 09/10). A summary of the proposed grant and draft annual budget is attached for reference for the first fiscal year of the grant cycle. This potential two-year federal grant represents a leverage opportunity of $3:$1. In accordance with CSC’s “Leverage Policy” the Council is being asked to provide “conceptual” approval to allow Hispanic Unity to proceed with the application and use of leveraged Council funds. If the grant is awarded to Hispanic Unity, the project would come back to the Council for final contract approval.

**Action:** Conceptually Approve “Leverage” Funds for Hispanic Unity USDA Grant.

**Budget Impact:** A Potential $25,000 Allocation in FY 08/09. The Leverage Procurement Exemption Applies to this Action.

Issue: Accept an Additional $10,740 from Broward County/One Community Partnership (OCP) to Coordinate May 14th Conference.

Action: Approve OCP Contract Amendment.

Budget Impact: Increase OCP Revenue by $10,740 in Special Revenue Fund, Offset by $10,740 Expenditure in the Special Revenue Fund for FY 07/08.

Background: In 2001, Broward County Children’s Services Administration (CSAD) and the Council successfully applied for a federal SAMSHA grant to develop a “system of care” for Seriously Emotionally Disturbed children in Broward County. Founded as the ‘One Community Partnership’ (OCP), the grant is part of SAMHSA’s Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Families program. As lead applicant, the County contracts directly with the federal government and subcontracts with the Council for some grant components; the Council, in turn, executes subcontracts for some service components.

Since FY 07/08 is the last year of the grant, all partners have been working to ensure sustainability of the system of care when federal funding ends. A sustainability plan was developed to incorporate OCP initiatives with existing community resources such as the Broward Training Collaborative and the Children’s Strategic Plan. In addition, the Wraparound service philosophy of family engagement continues to be sustained through the Children Services Board (CSB) which allocates $100,000 to ensure the sustainability of System of Care Values and Principles.

Current Status: The County, as lead, currently has a contract with the Council for $307,055 in FY 07/08 to (1) subcontract with the University of South Florida to complete the National Evaluation; (2) contract needed administrative support through a Temp Agency to minimize administrative support costs; (3) and coordinate Wraparound, Cultural Competence and QI/QA Workgroup initiatives.

As the grant culminates in FY 07/08, continued efforts are needed to realize a seamless system for children in Broward County. To that end, a conference has been planned for May 14th at the Signature Grand to celebrate system accomplishments as well as to highlight the work that remains to be done to improve system integration. System partners and providers alike will make decisions as to the next steps necessary to successfully achieve this goal.
As a grant partner, the Council has been asked to coordinate the conference and travel arrangements for federal guests. Social marketing and publications will be provided by the County. Draft contracts and budgets, pending final negotiations, are attached for reference.

**Action:** Approve OCP Contract Amendment.

**Budget Impact:** Increase OCP Revenue by $10,740 in Special Revenue Fund, Offset by $10,740 Expenditure in the Special Revenue Fund for FY 07/08.
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Service Goal 4.2: Enhance Services Available for Children Impacted by the Child Welfare System.

Objective 1: Increase the Availability of Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchanges for Families in Collaboration with the Unified Family Court Initiative.

Issue: SAFE Contract Extension with Kids In Distress (KID)


Budget Impact: $136,500 of $1,396,622 Available in Unallocated Funds for a Total Contract Amount of $196,500 for FY 07/08.

Background: Prior to FY 03/04, “Our House,” funded by the County’s Children’s Services Administration Division and located in downtown Fort Lauderdale, was the only local resource for supervised visitation and safe custody exchange services. To expand the geographic capacity for visitation services, the Council released the SAFE RFP in Spring 2004. Kids in Distress (KID) was the sole proposer and was awarded an annual allocation of $200,000.

The goals of the SAFE program have been to ensure child safety, to foster relationships with non-custodial parents and to provide reports to the Courts and other parties regarding parent visitation interactions and compliance. Visitation components include:

- Supervised visitation which is monitored, but without clinical intervention.
- Therapeutic visitation which provides modeling of positive parenting approaches.
- Safe exchanges where custody is transferred between parents in a neutral location under supervision.

For the first two years, despite extensive marketing efforts with the Family and Domestic Violence Courts, the KID visitation contract was significantly underutilized. As a result, the program began serving increased numbers of Dependency Court referrals, which fall within the purview of ChildNet. Referrals from Family/Domestic Violence Court and Dependency Court over the past year are displayed below:
As part of an ongoing dialogue and enhanced relationship with ChildNet, there was consensus that visitation services funded by the Council are more appropriate for Family/Domestic Violence Court referrals; while court-ordered visitation services by Dependency Court for children in foster care were more appropriately funded by ChildNet. To allow time for that transition to occur, the Council’s current FY 07/08 contract with KID was (1) reduced to reflect historical utilization and (2) slated to end on February 29th to reflect the re-release of the SAFE RFP.

Current Status: Due to the Council’s busy RFP schedule and administrative changes at ChildNet, the release of RFPs for visitation services by the Council and ChildNet was first delayed until March. However, due to the pending property tax referendum, it is now recommended that the Council’s RFP process be deferred until after the May Budget Retreat, when funding priorities for FY 08/09 will be determined. In the interim, to ensure uninterrupted visitation services, it is also recommended that the Council’s current contract with KID be extended until September 30th. This extension will provide time for the release of ChildNet’s RFP, still planned for March with start date of July 1st to coincide with ChildNet’s fiscal year. The Council’s contract extension would cover both Family/Domestic Violence Court and Dependency Court services through June, and only Family Court services through September 2008; and the increased allocation accounts for current utilization and projected service levels for partial Dependency Court referrals and annual Family/Domestic Violence Court referrals.

Programmatic monitoring of the KID’s SAFE program confirms that both children and parents benefit from the provision of visitation services. Service delivery is flexible, family-focused and well-documented. Administrative monitoring, conducted by a cadre of outsourced auditing firms, has been conducted with no substantive findings. Due to the relatively short service duration of 8 – 12 weeks and differences in the levels of service intensity, program performance measures are more process-related than long-term outcomes-related, as displayed below:

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<th>Outcome Performance for SAFE Visitation Program</th>
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<td>Families who completed visitation service requirements.</td>
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<td>Case compliance reported to the referring Court within 5 days of completion.</td>
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<td>Positive feedback regarding quality of services as demonstrated by parent Satisfaction Survey</td>
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<td>Children served who do not witness hostile or abusive parental interactions during visitation.</td>
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Budget Impact: $136,500 of $1,396,622 Available in Unallocated Funds for a Total Contract Amount of $196,500 for FY 07/08.
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Issue: CSC Investments Status Update

Action: For Informational Only

Budget Impact: Interest Income may come in below budget for the year

Background: One of the first policies that the Council approved in 2001 was the Investment Policy (see attached). While the policy allows for some varied investments, it has always been the practice of CSC to invest excess cash with the State Board of Administration Investment Pool (SBA). An account was established in December of 2001. Historically, this is the Investment Pool that local governmental entities use to manage their public funds in an easy, safe, liquid account which offered competitive rates until the cash is needed.

To put the cash flow cycle in perspective, once taxes are levied in November usually about 70% of the annual cash is received in December for use for the rest of the fiscal year. Using a money market type fund that is highly liquid with short-term maturity dates allows for the best access in which to meet current obligations. Furthermore, by using SBA for this function, it allowed CSC to save administrative dollars by not having to hire a Treasury Analyst or a fund manager.

Current Status: As outlined in the December 7, 2007 email to all Council Members from Ms. Arenberg Seltzer, the SBA created Fund A (a highly rated money market type fund) and Fund B (which included the "stressed" investments). Other than the initial withdrawal, as of January 8, 2008 governments have not been able to withdraw funds from either account without incurring a penalty. Because new tax revenue has been received, this has not caused undue hardship to CSC. However, as of this date, we received no November interest payment from the SBA. This could represent a loss of close to $100,000. Many governments are challenging the SBA on this decision but it is unclear at this time what recourse we might have, if any.

After consultation with Chair Gunzburger and Finance Chair Santini, staff decided not to deposit new funds into SBA until things stabilized. We were able to open a new Treasury Money Market Fund account (Evergreen) through Wachovia, CSC’s current bank, in accordance with the Investment Policy. Accessing this fund is very similar to the SBA and new tax revenues have been deposited into this account. A summary of the investment accounts as of January 8, 2008 including December interest is as follows:

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On January 9, the SBA released an “Increase in Pool Liquidity Notification” which stated in part that they expect: 1) to increase the liquidity ceiling to from 15% to 40% of the account balance by the end of January; and 2) to transfer more than $650 million in maturities from Pool B to Pool A in the coming
months. Staff will continue to monitor the developments at SBA and will continue to put all new funds into the Evergreen account for the time being.

Given the current economic climate, the possible effects of property tax reform and the issues at the SBA, it seems that it is time to take another look at our investment strategy to see if it would be worthwhile to look for new ways to safely maximize the return on our funds. Thus, during the month of January staff would like to seek bids for a consultant to review our current strategy and determine if sufficient gains could be made to offset the additional costs of management. Any recommendation for a consultant would be brought to the February Council meeting.

**Recommended Action:** For Informational Only  
**Budget Impact:** Interest Income may come in below budget for the year
System Goal 2.1: Strengthen the Community’s Awareness of Available Resources.

Objective 2: Collaborate with Community Partners to Coordinate EITC, Hunger and Financial Literacy Awareness Campaigns.

Issue: 2008 Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Prosperity Campaign Update.

Action: None. For Information Only.

Budget Impact: None.

Background: The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable tax credit for people who work but earn low wages. In 2002, the CSC began promoting EITC through county-wide public awareness collaboration with many community partners. Since that time, EITC returns have increased by over $70 million. Many EITC recipients file returns at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites which provide free tax preparation for low income families. During the tax season, these sites are operated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and community partners such as Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUOF), ACORN, Minority Development & Empowerment Inc. (MDEI) and the Urban League of Broward County.

The Earned Income Tax Credit: A Tool For Prosperity

Ongoing Marketing and Outreach strategies

The 2008 marketing and outreach campaign will compliment and build on Prosperity Campaign efforts being held in other areas in Florida.

This year, in an effort to emphasize the broader concept of the EITC as a tool for enhancing prosperity for individuals, families and communities, the CSC is collaborating with similar regional efforts taking place in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties.

On Thursday, January 31, the CSC will help kick off the 2008 Prosperity Campaign with two events:

1. At 10 a.m., on a lot adjacent to I-95 and I-395, in Overtown, elected officials and the media will help unveil a billboard advertising the program. Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez has confirmed his participation. We hope his Broward County counterpart; Mayor Lois Wexler can also be present, together with CSC Chair, Commissioner Sue Gunzburger and other elected officials. Broadcast and print media are expected. EITC beneficiaries who have successfully invested their reimbursement will also speak.

   The event, co-sponsored by the Human Services Coalition of Miami-Dade, will also include a tour of the CSC-funded EITC Mobile Unit, a full size camper equipped with computers and manned by Volunteer Tax Assistance preparers from Hispanic Unity of Florida. The unit is deployed
throughout the tax season into towns and neighborhoods likely to include potential beneficiaries to supplement the 25 plus fixed locations countywide.

2. At 1 p.m., activities will shift to the Coral Springs Broward County Family Success Center, with a pep rally and informational fair. Participants will include the dozens of “foot soldiers” in the EITC efforts. Year after year, the success of the campaign is predicated on the dedication of partnering agencies’ volunteers, canvassers, and staff. This will be an opportunity to recognize and motivate them for the upcoming campaign. Partners include: Hispanic Unity of Florida, ACORN, Urban League of Broward, United Way of Broward, 2-1-1 First Call for Help, Volunteer Broward, Broward County, DCF and others.

Public officials we hope will be able to attend and speak include, Hallandale Beach Mayor Joy Cooper, President of the Broward League of Cities and CSC Chair, Broward County Commissioner Sue Gunzburger and Coral Springs Mayor Scott Brook. We would also ask executive officers from partnering agencies and a program beneficiary to speak. Finally, the event will include actual demonstrations of tax preparations in the Mobile Unit.

Collaborative regional efforts beyond the launch include shared information on Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites in the tri-county area and shared media outreach opportunities to maximize resources: All with the understanding that the Prosperity generated by EITC is shared region-wide.

**Current Status:**

This year, as an added component to Broward’s EITC project, CSC Staff and Hispanic Unity volunteers are currently working with Consolidated Credit Counseling staff members on getting Florida certification as financial credit counselors for ten EITC volunteers who would then provide financial educational services to the EITC qualified population and Broward’s Individual Distribution Account (IDA) program members.

The majority of this year’s EITC volunteer preparers have been trained and certified by the IRS and are ready to prepare taxes as of the last week of January 2008.

Broward County Administrative Services has arranged for five buses to display EITC information on Bus Wraps and all buses in Broward County will have internal posters advertising EITC. The Coral Springs Family Success Center is currently making hosting arrangements for the January 31st launch.

IRS, Hispanic Unity, Urban League, ACORN, Minority Development and other partners are starting to install the 2008 Taxwise preparation software on their computers, for their individual VITA site opening days.

CSC has already distributed collateral materials such as “Save the Date” Flyer, and door hangers. The 2008 Multi lingual brochures are being printed at this time and will be distributed as soon as they are received. The CSC’s Public Affairs and Organizational Development department has already begun conducting community presentations during the week and on weekends to promote the 2008 Broward Prosperity Campaign.

Even though the County is sponsoring the location and activities, other sponsors are being sought to provide food and drinks in support of the January 31st Launch. We hope to have a mini fair type venue at the event where other agencies can get the opportunity to promote other social services (KidCare, Food Stamps Access, First Call For help – 2-1-1, Volunteer Broward) that will enhance this year’s prosperity campaign. All Council members are encouraged to attend these exciting events.

**Recommended Action:** None, For Information Only

**Budget Impact:** None
Service Goal 8.1: Work with Major Funders to Ensure that the Full Continuum of Physical Health Services are Available and Accessible to Children & Families.

Objective 6: Provide Coordination for Countywide Initiative to Combat Hunger.

Issue: Hunger Update.

Action: None. For Information Only.

Budget Impact: None.

Background: In 2004, the CSC agreed to provide staff support to the Million Meals Committee (MMC), founded by the CCB in 2001 with the goals of eradicating hunger in our community, increasing hunger awareness through advocacy, sharing information about hunger issues, networking and year round supportive actions. Since that time, staff has helped create and implement public awareness campaigns and year round food drives; advocated for hunger awareness; publicized Florida’s food stamp program; promoted summer food service programs for children; worked with grass roots agencies to promote federal nutrition programs; identified new funding sources and grant opportunities; and created and maintained strong links between faith and community-based organizations.

1. Collaboration Efforts: In an effort to broaden the pool of resources and reach as many children and families as possible to more effectively fight against hunger, the CSC and the Million Meals Committee recently joined other local and statewide organizations and policy makers, as part of the Florida Partnership to End Childhood Hunger. They met in December with members of Florida Impact and Share our Strength to discuss and strategize community partnering efforts.

Share Our Strength, one of the nation’s leading organizations working to end childhood hunger in America, has selected Florida and Washington to be the first states to replicate a multi-year Ten Part Plan to End Childhood Hunger, which was first piloted in Washington, DC. Florida Impact was selected to oversee this project in Florida.

Since 1979, Florida Impact has been dedicated to reducing hunger and poverty in Florida. Their mission is to inspire and enlist the people of Florida to secure justice for and with those whose economic rights have not been realized. They also work to increase access to food programs by conducting aggressive outreach strategies and public policy advocacy.

The Partnership proposes to address childhood hunger by drawing down and applying more of the existing but underutilized federal dollar entitlement for Florida communities as well as by increasing awareness of the Earned Income Tax Credit for low wage, working families.

2. Funding opportunities: The MMC members, Meals on Wheels, and Hispanic Unity are currently responding to a US Department of Agriculture (USDA) RFP to separately conduct Marketing and outreach efforts to educate Broward’s Hispanic Population and seniors about the nation’s Food Stamp
Program. This RFP falls right in line with the MMC strategic plan and CSC’s ongoing objectives to promote food stamp in our county. There is another agenda item this month with its own Issue Paper requesting conceptual approval for CSC to provide the matching funds for HUF’s application.

MMC Steering Committee members are putting together a list of needs and weaknesses to be presented to the Coordinating Council of Broward’s Board members in an effort to gain their financial and in-kind support which will help the MMC committee achieve their strategic goals. A specific plan is being developed to increase the capabilities and agency capacity of Crossroad Food Bank who is the major community food supplier in Broward County. Once completed the Committee will help them apply for increase funding from various sources throughout the nation.

The MM Committee will also increase their fund raising efforts for 2008 and future years in order to increase their capacity and also be able to self sustain in case they become an independent not-for-profit agency.

3. Food Drives To Date: During 2007, the MMC has collected **2,042,250 lbs** of food. During the month of January, Holy Cross Hospital, Memorial Health Care Systems and North Broward Hospital District will conduct their annual food drive competition. MMC members will also take part in the annual nation wide Souper Bowl of Caring food drive in conjunction with the Super Bowl. CSC staff and the Girl Scouts of Broward County had their first 2008 food drive planning meeting on January 8, 2008. Their actual food drive will take place in March.

**Action:** None. For Information Only.

**Budget Impact:** None.