

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

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

May 16, 2024

9:30 A.M.

### Minutes

#### **Council Members in Physical Attendance:**

Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr; School Board Member Debra Hixon; Governor Appointee David H. Kenton (*Chair*); DCF Child Protection Director Robert Shea; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi; Judge Francis Viamontes; Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood

#### **Council Members Absent:**

Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; School Superintendent Howard Hepburn

#### **Counsel Present:**

Garry Johnson, Esq.

#### **Staff in Attendance:**

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer; Monti Larsen; Sue Gallagher; Maria Juarez; Sharetta Remikie; Dion Smith; Lisa Bayne; Marlando Christie; Kathleen Campbell; Marissa Greif-Hackett; Carl Dasse; Amy Jacques; Angie Buchter; Tracy Graham; Jimmy Jean; Johnsingh Jeyasingh; Diego Alvarez; Fern Phillip; Nelson Giraldo; Jill Denis-Lay; Priscilla Cole; Cristina Castellanos; Jocelin Eubanks; Keyonia Lawson; Radoika Pilarte; Alexia Bridges; Ashley Cole; Erin Byrne; Ileana Blanco; Jonathan Corado; Lynn Kalmes; Shantigra Williams; Trisha Dowell; Michelle Hagues; Jessica Rincon; Karen Franceschini; Ivy Pierre; Madeline Jones; Nicolette Picardi; Kimberlee Reid; Camila Romero; Mina Razavi; Shira Fowlkes; Kyle Jones; Latora Steel; Zinajen De Oliveira; Liza Khan; Roxanne Smith; Valencia McConnico-Bell; Akil Edwards; Diane Choi; Betty Dominguez; Florence Ukpai; Natalie Gomes; S. Lorenzo Benaine; Jennifer Wennberg; Jennifer Fletcher; Cecil Arbiza-Rivera; Erika Ansley; A. Brooks; Carlos Campos; Nancy Adjohan; Andria Dewson; Amber Gross; Shaquoia Wilson; Clarice Horton; Kandyss Torrence; Gaby Carbonell; Meg Wallace; Julie Toscano; Cynthia Reynoso; Melissa Soza; Silke Angulo; Alexandra Lemoine; Gabi Tabib; Tabitha Bush; Astrid Cantos; Jeff Glover; Zoe Lewis; Travis Johnson; Yolanda Meadows

#### **Guests in Attendance:**

See Attachment 1

## Agenda:

### I. Call to Order

Dr. Kenton called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

### II. Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was established.

### III. Chair's Report

#### Moment to Arrive

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

Dr. Kenton led the Council members in saying farewell to Dr. Licata and thanking him for his service on the Council.

### IV. President's Report

#### a) Good of the Order

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that Broward County is seeking nominations for appointments to the CSC. She directed those who were interested to the Broward County website and noted that the deadline is May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer acknowledged awareness items for the month of May: Jewish American Heritage Month, Haitian Heritage Month, Asian American/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, National Foster Care Month, National Water Safety Month, Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10), and Period Poverty Awareness Week (May 20-28).

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the two recent Summer Resource Fairs, which were spearheaded by Mr. Nicholas Hessing, CSC's Government Affairs Manager, to help parents prepare for the summer. The first one was held at Hollywood Hills High School, where more than 200 individuals engaged with providers to obtain essential resources for summer activities. The second one was held at the Lauderhill Mall, where providers had a "Mall takeover." Families could engage throughout the day, walking away with information about summer services and programming. More than 350 families walked away with a bag of groceries from LifeNet4Families.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted CSC's third semester working with students from NSU's Bachelor of Science in Public Health on their Senior Capstone Projects. This semester, students partnered with CSC's Public Affairs & Organizational team to increase community awareness for next year's Broward AWARE! Campaign through enhanced social media efforts.

HANDY was recently awarded a Federal YouthBuild Grant, \$920,000 over three years, to educate and train young people, ages 16-24, who are not enrolled in school or in the labor market, for jobs in construction and other high-demand industries.

Denim Day was recognized the last Wednesday of April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This day of action and awareness encourages people to wear denim to combat victim blaming and educates others about sexual violence. CSC staff commemorated the day by wearing blue and Dr. Kenton accepted a proclamation on CSC's behalf from the Broward County Commission. Dr. Kenton stated how impressed he was with the Nancy J. Cotterman Center and encouraged Members to visit that resource space.

Real Men Read took place on April 26<sup>th</sup>, with 175 men reading in eight Broward County schools. Students received books to add to their home library collection.

Countdown to Kindergarten was held on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ken King, CSC's Director of Public Affairs and Organizational Development, and Vice Mayor Furr represented CSC at the event. The incoming class of 2038 and their families had a fun day of literacy that included a stage show of the Three Healthy Pigs, a show with Miss Penny, and lots of vendors.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted her presentation to the Weston Rotary Club. There were about 40 Rotarians in attendance.

Ms. Maria Juarez, CSC's Chief Program Officer, was a panelist on May 9<sup>th</sup> at ArtServe for Mental Health Awareness Day. The theme was Supporting Fathers' Emotional Wellness to Promote Early Relational Health in Young Children.

Multiple CSC staff presented at the recent Broward Behavioral Health Conference, of which CSC was a sponsor. Dr. Carl Dasse, CSC's Director of Community Research & Partnering, presented with two community partners on "Transforming Florida's Baker Act – A Community

Participatory Action Research Effort.” Ms. Tabitha Bush, CSC Programs Manager, Ms. Brooke Sherman, CSC Sr. Programs Manager, Ms. Florence Ukpai, CSC Research & Evaluation Manager, and Mr. Travis Johnson, CSC’s Assistant Director of Research and Planning, presented on “Partnering in New Ways to Improve Mental Wellbeing: Broward Community Mental Health Workers in Underserved Neighborhoods.” Dr. Sue Gallagher, CSC’s Chief Innovation Officer, presented on “Transforming Broward’s Behavioral Health System of Care Through Embodied Awareness.”

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that CSC was named a Sun-Sentinel Top Workplace, placing 12<sup>th</sup> this year, a gain of seven from last year’s 19<sup>th</sup> spot. She explained it was based on anonymous staff surveys conducted by a third party. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer was also honored with the Leadership Award in the Small Business Category.

b) Legislative Update

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer referred Members to the update in the meeting information packet.

V. Consent Agenda

- a) April 2024 Council Minutes
- b) Return of the Summer 2024 Field Trip Transportation Funds for LEAP High Providers to Unallocated
- c) Hanley Foundation’s Leverage (Match) Request for DCF Prevention Partnership Grant (PPG) Award
- d) Source Experts for Capacity Building Grant for Nonprofit Organizations Request for Applications (RFA) for FY 24/25
- e) Budget Amendments & Interim Financial Statements for April 2024
- f) April 2024 Statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank
- g) Monthly/Annual Purchases

Dr. Kenton inquired about any items that needed to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion or abstention. There were none.

**ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion contained approval of the April 18, 2024, Council meeting minutes; approval of the return of the Summer**

**2024 field trip transportation funds for LEAP High providers to Unallocated; approval of the Hanley Foundation's leverage (match) request; approval of source experts for the Capacity Building Grant for Nonprofit Organizations RFA for FY 24/25; approval of budget amendments and interim financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2024; acceptance of monthly statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for April 2024; and approval of CSC monthly purchases, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.**

VI. Chief Program Officer Report

Overview of Healthy Youth Transitions Request for Proposals (RFP) Recommendations

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the RFP and the recommendations. A vote on approval was held until after the budget discussion.

VII. Public General/Non-Budget Comments

There were none.

VIII. Council Members' General/Non-Budget Comments

There were none.

IX. For Your Information

- a) SNAC Minutes
- b) Funders Forum Minutes
- c) CSB Minutes
- d) CSC Community Impact
- e) Attendance Report

X. FY 24/25 Program Budget Discussion

- a) Setting the Stage

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the planning process and framework for the proposed FY 24/25 Budget, noting that it is always a balancing act of community needs versus available resources. She pointed out that staff budget recommendations are based upon alignment with the Council's core mission, previous Council discussions, program performance,

Results Based Accountability, integration with other funders, emerging community issues, community input from the Children's Strategic Plan Committee, and impact of Federal funding.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer pointed out that staff always look at community needs, the capacity of the community to meet those needs, and then see what that means for the millage rate. For FY 24/25, the total roughly estimated proposed CSC budget is \$149,618,238, which is based on an estimated 5.5% increase in property values. She explained that would allow the millage rate to remain flat at the current rate of .4500. She pointed out that the growth in property values is just a guess at this point, since preliminary rates won't be released until June 1<sup>st</sup> and the final rates on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The total projected revenue for FY 24/25 is estimated to be \$126,025,107, and \$23,593,131 is expected to be used from Fund Balance. She stated that she felt comfortable drawing that from Fund Balance, since we started out the Fiscal Year with \$79,280,041 in Fund Balance and the required minimum to maintain in the Fund is \$23,594,565.

Council Members reviewed revenue projections for FY 24/25, different millage rate scenarios, millage rate impact on homeowners, Broward County poverty data, and ongoing Broward youth risk concerns.

- b) Overview/Public Comment/Council Discussion, Per Tab

### **Tab 1 Maternal & Child Health**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Maternal & Child Health program area (MOMS and Safe Sleep), noting that there has been a decrease in the number of verified abuse reports for children under 1 year of age. She stated that while there is not a direct correlation between maternal depression/anxiety and abuse, these conditions can impact maternal/child bonding and lead to abuse. She pointed out that in previous years, CSC has increased the number of programs working with mothers, infants, and toddlers through this area and through Family Supports found behind Tab 2.

### **Tab 2 Family Supports**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Family Supports program area (family strengthening, kinship, healthy families, trauma services), noting that child maltreatment is going down and there are fewer calls to the hotline and fewer removals of children from their homes. She reminded Members of the big system change last July when Child Protective Investigative Services (CPIS) moved from the Broward Sheriff's Office

(BSO) to the Department of Children & Families (DCF). She explained that staff are looking to add a billing unit of community outreach to these contracts to allow providers to bill for activities in the community designed to raise awareness of their services.

Dr. Thaqi expressed her support for the outreach component. She also suggested a collaboration with the Health Department to share each other's educational material when out in the community, such as the Health Department leaving CSC material when they visit physician offices.

In addition, several Members expressed a desire for a paradigm shift around community outreach and engagement that crosses all of CSC's work with families, not just Family Supports. Many creative ideas were suggested for staff to explore.

Dr. Thaqi also asked staff to research potential interventions to address the negative impact of screen time and social media on youth mental health. She suggested involving and mobilizing parents, and Ms. Hixon suggested also looking at programs to assist youth in deflecting social media instead of absorbing it.

Dr. Thaqi raised the issue of family referrals. As interventions become more specialized and the targeted population becomes more nuanced, she expressed a desire to ensure families are directed to the best programs and services for their needs. She noted that it would take a very specialized level of expertise.

Judge Viamontes inquired as to resources for free Narcan to combat the Opioid crisis that is negatively impacting families. Staff brought in a brochure for the South Florida Wellness Network which is distributing Narcan at events.

Mr. Mikelange Olbel, Community Based Connections, shared that they are celebrating 15 years in the community, which he cited as a testament to their partnership with CSC. He thanked the Council for its trust in them and for laboring with them for the past 15 years.

### **Tab 3 Child Welfare Supports**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Child Welfare Supports program area (adoption campaigns and legal supports for youth in child welfare), noting that the median number of days to finalize an adoption and the number of days to reunification was lower in Broward compared to the State average.

Mr. Walter Honaman, Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc., thanked the Council for being financially and programmatically responsible and was appreciative of the additional funding for Kinship legal and home studies. He noted that while they hired an attorney last week, it was still a struggle and they were working to utilize resources to recruit and maintain high quality attorneys.

#### **Tab 4 Economic Self-Sufficiency**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Economic Self-Sufficiency program area, noting that a higher percentage of Broward County residents are receiving cash assistance or food stamps than the average rate for the State.

#### **Tab 5 Water Safety**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Water Safety program area, pointing out the proposed increase in the value of the swim coupons due to an increase in the cost of water safety lessons. She noted that the eligible age had been extended to 8 years old during Covid to catch those elementary students who didn't get to participate in Swim Central when they were in First Grade during the Pandemic.

Council Members discussed how best to increase the effectiveness of community outreach around drowning and prevention resources and tools, including distributing information a graphic of the coupons to be included in elected officials' newsletters, ensuring the training of CPIS staff with a checklist of water safety items to review when in homes is still going on now that the responsibility has shifted to DCF, and making sure family law judges and in-house mediators have the educational material and checklists to promote water safety resources with families they encounter.

Ms. Traci Schweitzer, DCF, briefly outlined the efforts of the Drowning Prevention Task Force.

#### **Tab 6 Literacy & Early Education**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Literacy & Early Education program area, noting that the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds had allowed ELC to increase enrollment and proved the need for subsidized care and the capacity to meet the need in Broward far exceeds the funding that Broward has traditionally received. It also allowed for several initiatives to be piloted to improve the quality of services in this area. It also provided an increased amount of provider training, resulting in more certifications being earned.



Ms. Hixon requested outreach assistance to emphasize the importance of school attendance, suggesting that the CSC and BCPS' marketing teams partner together.

### **Tab 7 School Health**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the School Health program area, pointing out the top five health conditions (allergies, asthma, ADD/ADHD, epilepsy, and psychological conditions) that bring students to the school health center. She noted that the school health professionals funded through this goal support students in returning to class.

### **Tab 8 Elementary School Initiatives**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Elementary School Initiatives program area and proposed adjustments, noting that the percentage of BCPS elementary school students with chronic absenteeism decreased for the first time since the Pandemic. However, she pointed out that rates remain higher than the year before the Pandemic.

Judge Viamontes and Dr. Thaqi asked staff to explore a paradigm shift in afterschool programming, such as creating partnerships with local arts/sports/dance studios that might have transportation that would allow students in a MOST program to attend classes in their studios. They suggested this could allow the students to gain access to resources they otherwise wouldn't have and may help attract students to the MOST programs.

### **Tab 9 Out-of-School Time (Special Needs) & Respite Initiatives**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Out-of-School Time (Special Needs) & Respite initiatives, noting that music therapy had been incorporated a couple of years ago and is going very well.

Ms. Sean Preston, Arc Broward, briefly highlighted Arc Broward's history and the needs in the community at the beginning for support for their very specialized programming for children with special needs and behavioral challenges requiring very small ratios. She noted that 20 years later, CSC is still funding the only program in Broward that has an eligibility requirement for children who had been unenrolled or not accepted into other afterschool and summer camp programs due to the severity of their behavior. They were functioning at full capacity pre-Covid. However, during the Pandemic, their staff drastically decreased. But now, with the most recent partnership and teamwork, they have had over 300 applicants screened and have hired and onboarded skilled and qualified staff to serve 105 children this summer at full capacity.

### **Tab 10 Middle School Initiatives**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Middle School initiatives, noting that the RFP recommendations were approved last month with a very large increase due to the new requirements.

### **Tab 11 High School Initiatives**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the High School initiatives, pointing out the performance disparity, where Black high school students have a higher rate of failing two courses than their White and Hispanic counterparts for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade, while Hispanics had higher rates in 12<sup>th</sup> grade. She noted that the staff is trying to address neighborhood conditions to address that disparity. She also pointed out that the Council had approved modest growth in this area last month when approving the RFP recommendations.

Dr. Thaqi asked staff to ensure there were enough resources to assist families with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form amidst confusion over the rollout of the new form. She directed staff to look at how many students are currently being assisted with the financial aid application and how many more students and families could be helped.

### **Tab 12 Special Needs (STEP)**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Special Needs Supportive Training and Employment Program (STEP) area, noting that graduation rates for BCPS students with disabilities increased in School Year (SY) 22/23, from 83.5% to 85.5%. She pointed out that the gap is starting to close between the graduation rates of students without disabilities and those with disabilities. She shared that this program has been very successful and allows these young adults to have more self-determination. This funding was also approved last month when approving the RFP recommendations.

Ms. Alice-Lydia Bird, YMCA of South Florida, thanked CSC for its unwavering support.

### **Tab 13 Independent Living**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Independent Living program area, where Broward County is known as a trailblazer.

Mr. Kirk Brown, HANDY, thanked the Council for the proposed 5% COLA. He described this area as a homegrown system that tells foster kids they

matter. He applauded the community for coming together and noted that 50% of their case managers have lived experience.

These are the programs that Ms. Juarez discussed earlier in the meeting.

#### **Tab 14 Delinquency Diversion**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Delinquency Diversion program area, pointing out that it was the second RFP released in CSC's history. She shared that it's making a difference.

Mr. Walter Honaman, Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc, shared that the delinquency diversion programs work. He thanked CSC and the Broward community for making that possible.

#### **Tab 15 Children's Health Insurance**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the Children's Health Insurance program area, noting that Medicaid enrollment has steadily decreased for children due to the Public Health Emergency Declaration ending in April 2023. The Declaration had extended coverage to children who would not ordinarily be eligible. She noted that the bill expanding eligibility for subsidies for KidCare is still mired in a battle between the State and the Federal government over the Federal requirement that children cannot be disenrolled due to failure to pay premiums. Staff continue to work with DOH on outreach to inform and help families enroll in KidCare.

#### **Tab 16 Simplified Point of Entry**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Simplified Point of Entry program area, pointing out that 2-1-1 has not been adequately funded in the community to meet the needs of Broward's two million residents. She noted that CSC is a major funder of First Call for Help.

Council members expressed the desire for a strong entry point to CSC programs and resources. Vice Mayor Furr wanted to be sure 2-1-1 staff were being adequately trained on CSC programs and community resources. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that she would give 2-1-1 the opportunity to present to the Council at a future Roundtable and that staff would look for ways to strengthen and improve the network.

#### **Tab 17 Public & Community Awareness & Advocacy**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Public & Community Awareness & Advocacy program area. Members reiterated their desire for a paradigm shift around community outreach and engagement, as discussed during Tab 2.

### **Tab 18 Capacity Building**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Capacity Building program area, noting that CSC doesn't succeed unless our providers succeed in delivering services. Mr. Wood expressed appreciation for what CSC is doing in this area but asked staff to consider continued growth in this area to capture new deserving organizations that would be funded if there were additional resources available.

### **Tab 19 Collective Impact**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the Collective Impact program area, noting that staff are proposing to expand CSC's Community Participatory Action Research (CPAR) work.

Ms. Shanika Ramos, Youth System Organizers of Broward (YSO), thanked CSC for recognizing the value of lived experiences in child welfare and supporting them through their journey of collaboration with system professionals.

c) Council Consensus on Program Budget & Wish List

Consensus was gained for the proposed FY 24/25 Draft Budget and wish list/follow-up items. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that staff will bring follow-up and wish list items to the Joint Finance/PPC meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> for recommendations to the full Council at its monthly meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

d) Tentative FY 24/25 Program Budget

**ACTION: Judge Viamontes made a motion to approve the Tentative FY 24/25 Budget, as presented on the FY 24/25 Budget Summary Worksheet. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.**

e) Healthy Youth Transitions (HYT) Rating Committee Recommendations

**ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the Healthy Youth Transitions (HYT) Rating Committee recommendations, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.**

f) FY 24/25 Program Renewals

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that if specific programs within the goal/tab areas were identified as being deferred on the summary sheet and in the budget book, they were not being approved at this time and the following

votes would not include them. Those being deferred will be considered by the Council in the ensuing months before the new Fiscal Year starts on October 1, 2024.

**ACTION:** Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewals for Maternal & Child Health (Tab 1), Child Welfare Supports (Tab 3), Economic Self-Sufficiency (Tab 4), Literacy & Early Education (Tab 6), Out-of-School Time Special Needs & Respite Initiatives (Tab 9), Middle School Initiatives (Tab 10), Independent Living (Tab 13), Delinquency Diversion (Tab 14), Simplified Point of Entry (Tab 16), and Capacity Building (Tab 18), all as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

**ACTION:** Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewals for Family Supports, as presented in Tab 2 and minus the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition renewal. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

**ACTION:** Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewal for the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition as presented in Tab 2 – Family Supports. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Furr and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Ms. Hixon, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

**ACTION:** Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 Broward County SWIM Central program renewal as presented in Tab 5 – Water Safety. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

**ACTION:** Judge Viamontes made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 Florida Department of Health Drowning Prevention Task Force program renewal as presented in Tab 5 – Water Safety. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Dr. Thaqi, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

**ACTION:** Ms. Hixon made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewal for the Department of Health, as presented in Tab 7 – School Health. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shea and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Dr. Thaqi, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

**ACTION:** Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewal for the Miami Lighthouse, as presented in Tab 7 – School Health. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

**ACTION:** Ms. Hixon made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewals for Elementary School Initiatives Out-of-School Time (General Pop), as presented in Tab 8 and minus the FIU Reading Explorers renewal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

**ACTION:** Judge Viamontes made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewal for the FIU Reading Explorers program, as presented in Tab 8 – Elementary School Initiatives Out-of-School Time (General Pop). The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Dr. Kenton, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

**ACTION:** Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewals for High School Initiatives, as presented in Tab 11 and minus the Museum of Discovery & Science (MODS) renewals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shea and passed with no opposing votes.

**ACTION:** Mr. Shea made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewals for the Museum of Discovery & Science (MODS), as presented in Tab 11 – High School Initiatives. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Furr and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Ms. Hixon, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

**ACTION:** Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 Florida Department of Health KidCare Outreach renewal as presented in Tab 15 – Children’s Health Insurance. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Furr and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Dr. Thaqi, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewals for Public & Community Awareness & Advocacy, as presented in Tab 17 and minus the BECON renewal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shea and passed with no opposing votes.

**ACTION:** Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewal for BECON, as presented in Tab 17 – Public &


**Community Awareness & Advocacy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Ms. Hixon, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.**

**ACTION: Ms. Hixon made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewals for Collective Impact, as presented in Tab 19 and minus the Coordinating Council of Broward (CCB) renewal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shea and passed with no opposing votes.**

**ACTION: Ms. Hixon made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 program renewal for the Coordinating Council of Broward (CCB), as presented in Tab 19 – Collective Impact. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Furr and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Dr. Thaqi, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.**

XI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.



Beam Furr, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

### MEETING ATTENDEES (\*denotes speaker)

Name	Organization
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
Alice-Lydia Bird*	YMCA of South Florida
Alison Bregman-Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Rebekah Rice	Memorial Healthcare System
Andy Fernandez	Firewall Centers
Donna Lavalle	Smith Community Mental Health
Cynthia Moreno	Harmony Development Center
Olivia Angeli Garcia	Center for Hearing and Communication
Traci Schweitzer*	Department of Children & Families
Shawn Preston*	Arc Broward
Christine Heft	Memorial Healthcare
Milena Brunet	Pace Center for Girls
Tania Hamilton	Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services
Shari Thomas	Henderson Behavioral Health
Juliana Gerena	Gerena & Associates
Casiopia Daly	Camelot Community Care
Regine Kanzki	Broward Healthy Start Coalition
Julnyca Cadet	Broward Children's Center, Inc.
Walter Honaman*	Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc.
Shanika Ramos*	Youth System Organizers
Cara Malave	FLITE Center
Christine Frederick	FLITE Center
Dr. Raquel Campbell	HANDY
Leslie Serena	Camelot Community Care
Monica King	Broward Healthy Start Coalition
Stephanie Louis-Pierre	Henderson Behavioral Health
Neiko Shea	ChildNet
Jesse Estall	Broward Children's Center, Inc.



Name	Organization
Latonya Delaughter	Florida Department of Health
Tracy Perez	Center for Hearing & Communication
Renee Podolsky	Florida Department of Health in Broward County
Hue Williams	Public
Maribel Canino	Broward County
Luciangeli Flores	Henderson Behavioral Health
Mikelange Olbel*	Community Based Connections, Inc.
Jelissa Pratt	Broward Resident
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Christine Klima	Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.
Kirk Brown*	HANDY
Andree Garnier	HANDY
Jennifer Saint Louis	Arc Broward
Alex Spriggs	SunServe
Mario DePedro	SunServe
Tony Lima	SunServe
Ronni Isenberg	Broward Resident

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

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Hixon - Debra		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Children's Services Council of Broward County	
MAILING ADDRESS 6600 SE Third Ave.		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
CITY Fort Lauderdale	COUNTY Broward	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED May 16, 2024		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:	
		MY POSITION IS:	
		<input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTEE	

## WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

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Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

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For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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### ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

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IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

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**APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)**

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**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, Debra Hixon, hereby disclose that on May 16, 20 24 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_ , which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

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

I abstained from voting on the FY24/25 renewal of the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition - Mental Health Partnership Contract in the program area of Family Supports-Trauma (Tab 2), as I serve on the Board of the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition.

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5/16/2024

Date Filed



Signature

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

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Thaqi - Paula		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Children's Services Council of Broward County
MAILING ADDRESS 780 SW 24th St.		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
CITY Fort Lauderdale	COUNTY Broward	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED May 16, 2024		MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE

## WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

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### ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

- PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*
- WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

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IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

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**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, Paula Thaqi, hereby disclose that on May 16, 20 24 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of Florida Department of Health in Broward County, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

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

I abstained from voting on all FY24/25 program contract renewals (Agenda Item X.f.) that involved the Florida Department of Health in Broward County, as I am Director of the Florida Department of Health in Broward County. These renewals included the Drowning Prevention Contract in the program area of Water Safety (Tab 5), the School Health Contract in the program area of School Health (Tab 7), and the KidCare Outreach contract in the program area of Children's Health Insurance Outreach (Tab 15).

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5/16/24

Date Filed



Signature

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

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME <b>Kenton - David</b>		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE <b>Children's Services Council of Broward County</b>	
MAILING ADDRESS <b>3501 Davie Road</b>		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
CITY <b>Davie</b>	COUNTY <b>Broward</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED <b>May 16, 2024</b>		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:	
		MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE	

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### ELECTED OFFICERS:

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WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

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**APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)**

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**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, David Kenton, hereby disclose that on May 16, 20 24 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of Florida International University, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

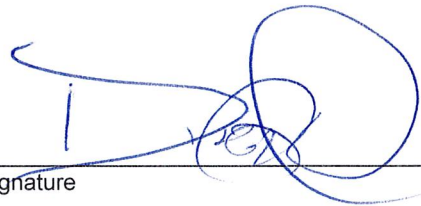
(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

I abstained from voting on the FY 24/25 renewal of the Florida International University (FIU) - Reading Explorers Contract in the program area of Elementary School Initiatives (Tab 8), as I am an Adjunct Professor at FIU.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

May 16, 2024

Date Filed



Signature

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

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Hixon - Debra	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Children's Services Council of Broward County
MAILING ADDRESS 6600 SE Third Ave.	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
CITY Fort Lauderdale	COUNTY Broward
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED May 16, 2024	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:  MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE

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### ELECTED OFFICERS:

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**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, Debra Hixon, hereby disclose that on May 16, 20 24 :

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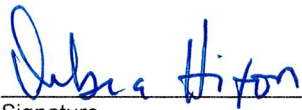
- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of the Museum of Discovery & Science \_\_\_\_\_ , by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_ , which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

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

I abstained from voting on the FY 24/25 renewal of the two Museum of Discovery & Science Contracts in the program area of High School Initiatives -- Summer Youth Employment Program (Tab 11), as I serve on the Board of the Museum of Discovery & Science.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

5/16/2024  
Date Filed

  
Signature

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MAILING ADDRESS 6600 SE Third Ave.		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
CITY Fort Lauderdale	COUNTY Broward	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED May 16, 2024		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:	
		MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE	

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**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

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- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of the School Board of Broward County, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

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

I abstained from voting on the FY24/25 renewal of the BECON Contract in the program area of Public & Community Awareness & Advocacy (Tab 17), as BECON is a licensed television station owned by the School Board of Broward County and I am a Broward County School Board Member.

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5/16/2024  
Date Filed

Debra Hixon  
Signature

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LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Thaqi - Paula		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Children's Services Council of Broward County	
MAILING ADDRESS 780 SW 24th St.		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
CITY Fort Lauderdale	COUNTY Broward	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED May 16, 2024		MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE	

## WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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### ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

**APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)**

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, Paula Thaqi, hereby disclose that on May 16, 20 24 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of Coordinating Council of Broward (CCB) \_\_\_\_\_ , by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_ , which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

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

I abstained from voting on the FY24/25 renewal of the CCB Contract in the program area of Collective Impact (Tab 19), as I serve on the Board of the CCB.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

5/16/24

Date Filed

Signature

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