

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

April 18, 2024

9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Council Members in Physical Attendance:

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

Council Members Virtual Attendance:

Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Council Members Absent:

School Superintendent Howard Hepburn (*appointed two days prior*)

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer; Monti Larsen; Sue Gallagher; Maria Juarez; Sharetta Remikie;
Dion Smith; Lisa Bayne; 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 "Shae" Williams;
Trisha Dowell; Michelle Hagues; Jessica Rincon; Karen Franceschini; Ivy Pierre;
Madeline Jones; Nicolette Picardi; Kim Reid; Camila Romero; Mina Razavi; Shira
Fowlkes; Kyle Jones; Latora Steel; Zinajen De Oliveira; Liza Khan; Roxanne Smith;
Valencia McConnico-Bell; Marlando Christie; Akil Edwards; Diane Choi; Betty
Dominguez; Florence Ukpai; Natalie Gomes; Brooke Sherman; S. Lorenzo Benaine;
Jennifer Wennberg; Jennifer Fletcher; Cecil Arbiza-Rivera; Erika Ansley; Ashley Brooks;
Carlos Campos; Nancy Adjohan; Andria Dewson; Amber Gross; Shaquoia Wilson;
Clarice Horton; Kandyss Torrence; Gaby Carbonell; Meg Wallace

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

a) 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 announced Dr. Howard Hepburn as the newest CSC member, replacing Dr. Peter Licata as the Superintendent representative to the Council. As he was appointed only two days prior, the Council will welcome Dr. Hepburn at its next meeting. Members will also be able to say farewell to Dr. Licata and thank him for his service at a future meeting.

b) March 21, 2024, Council Minutes

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes from March 21, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Reminder – May Budget Retreat

Dr. Kenton reminded Members of the Budget Retreat on May 16, 9:30am-4pm. He asked Members to plan on attending the entire day, as the important votes on the draft budget and contract renewals are at the end of the Retreat. Consensus was gained to break for a 30-minute lunch that day, with Members either bringing their own lunch or placing an advance order with staff for a lunchbox.

IV. President's Report

a) Good of the Order

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer pointed out that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and accepted a proclamation from Ms. Hixon on behalf of the School Board of Broward County. She highlighted a few activities of the Broward AWARE! Campaign, including city proclamations, the Hardrock Guitar Hotel and various Town Halls being lit blue, and the

culminating event, the Broward AWARE Family Fun and Resource Fair. The Resource Fair was a successful event with over 30 vendors and more than 700 adults and children in attendance. Dr. Kenton and Ms. Hixon received a proclamation from the Broward County Commission, youth presented on topics concerning children's safety, school groups performed, and the Mobile School Pantry provided fresh produce for families to take home.

She also noted that April 11-17 was Black Maternal Health Week. Related to that, Dr. Sharetta Remikie, CSC's Chief Equity and Community Engagement Officer, authored a chapter in *The Practical Playbook III: Working Together to Improve Maternal Health*. It is a first-of-its-kind guide for practitioners, researchers, community activists, and advocates of maternal health, offering a collection of practical tools and strategies from across the country to improve inequities in maternal health. The chapter is entitled, "The Broward Healthy Start Program: Cross-Sector Collaboration: Improving Pregnancy Outcomes and Birth Equity Using a Collective Impact Framework." She collaborated on it with Dr. Marci Ronik, Ms. Monica Figueroa King, and Dr. Roneè Wilson. Dr. Remikie was also awarded the Distinct Voice Award from the Broward Healthy Start Coalition at the 2024 Maternal & Child Health Conference. This award recognized Dr. Remikie's persistent, persuasive, and powerful advocacy for maternal child health.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer acknowledged April as a month of awareness for other areas, too, noting that it was also National Minority Health Month, National Public Health Week (April 1-7), Autism Acceptance Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month/Denim Day (April 24), National Volunteer Month, School Library Month, and Month of the Military Child. She shared that Dr. Kenton, on behalf of the CSC, will accept the County's proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month on Denim Day (April 24) at the Nancy J. Cotterman Center. Members also viewed an informative video featuring Ms. Hixon on the Month of the Military Child.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that the CSC Family Support Team represented CSC at the Broward County School Social Work Association (BCSSWA) event on March 21st, where several of CSC's funded providers shared their resources. She noted that CSC was also awarded the 2024 Non-Profit of the Year Award at the BCSSWA Annual Gala.

CSC sponsored the March 19th Florida's Children First Advocates for Children Awards. This event celebrated the work of community leaders who are doing their part to help our most vulnerable children, especially

those with critical needs in Florida's child dependency system. It also showcased key reforms Florida's Children First has achieved.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that at the recommendation of Vice Mayor Furr, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization reached out to CSC regarding the donation of IT equipment. The CSC team sprang into action and connected them to CSC-funded agencies that were in need of the 70 monitors and 39 docking stations.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared some photos and highlights from the Justice Journey, a Civil Rights tour she recently participated in through the Jewish Federation and its Alcee L. Hastings Broward Black-Jewish Alliance. She described it as a powerful and profound experience that took her through Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham.

Dr. Gallagher and Dr. Remikie recently participated in a podcast with Nerissa Street, in which they discussed serving children and families in a rapidly changing world. Ms. Street is the creator of Juneteenth for Joy events in Broward County. They shared information on CSC's Agency Capacity Building and Asset Based Community Development initiatives.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that on behalf of the Broward Children's Strategic Plan's Inclusion and Health Task Force Committee, Shantigra "Shae" Williams, CSC's Strategy Manager – Special Needs, spoke to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department about fostering inclusivity, addressing disparities, and promoting healing within the community. Their presentation discussed trends related to LGBTQ young people today and touched upon topics of social, educational, and behavioral patterns of youth.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer recently served as a panelist at the Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) 2024 Broward Youth Policy Summit.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that Eagles' Haven staff recently presented on mass grief alongside City of Uvalde representatives at the Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference. The Eagles' Haven Director thanked CSC for allowing them to do this work in Parkland and to share it around the country.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that she recently taped a Future First: Focus on Broward's Children episode about Kindergarten Readiness, which is now airing on BECON Television.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer and the CSC were recently honored at SunServe's 2024 SHINE Gala with the Dr. James Lopresti Visionary Award.

Ms. Kathleen Campbell, CSC's Director of Finance, has been asked to serve a second term as President of the South Florida Government Finance Officer Association Chapter. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer commended Ms. Campbell for her work with the award-winning Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). She pointed out that the newly published ACFR and PAFR were at the dais for each Member.

b) Legislative Update

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the status of 2024 legislation and budget items impacting children and families.

V. Chief Program Officer Report

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the items under the CPO Report.

a) Ann Storck Center's Special Needs MOST Contract

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the Ann Storck Center Special Needs MOST Contract Adjustment, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.

b) ELC Vulnerable Population Childcare Contract Adjustment Starting in FY 23/24

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve increased funding for the ELC, as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Viamontes and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Positive Youth Development Rating Committee Recommendations for FY 23/24 & 24/25

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the Youth FORCE, LEAP High, STEP, and Inclusion Supports Rating Committee Recommendations, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and passed with no opposing votes.

d) Increased Funding for LEAP High and STEP School Fees and LEAP High Transportation Costs for FY 23/24

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve an increase in contract amounts to pay school year 2023-2024 BCPS Before and After School Childcare (BASCC) fees for school-based STEP and LEAP High providers, and approve an increase in contract amounts

to fund the Summer 2024 field trip transportation cost for LEAP High providers, as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Viamontes and passed with no opposing votes.

VI. Chief Innovation Officer Report

Dr. Gallagher briefly highlighted the items under the CIO Report.

- a) BEF Contract to Support Bridge2Life Summer Outreach for FY 23/24

ACTION: Ms. Donnelly made a motion to approve a one-time funding increase for the Broward Education Foundation (BEF) to support Bridge2Life (B2L) summer outreach, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.

- b) Broward County Commission's Racial Equity Task Force Interim Report

Dr. Gallagher drew Members' attention to the Broward County Commission's Racial Equity Task Force's Interim Report in the meeting information packet. The Task Force was established by the Board of County Commissioners on December 8, 2020, and Dr. Gallagher served in CSC's designated seat on the Task Force.

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

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

- a) Broward Read for the Record Books
b) Source Experts for the Communications and Public Affairs RFQ
c) FLIPANY Contract Adjustment to Provide School-Based Summer Meals for Summer 2024

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve purchasing books from JumpStart for Broward: Read for the Record 2024, approve the Communications and Public Affairs RFQ source experts, and approve adjustments to the FLIPANY Contract for school-based summer meals, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.

- d) Biannual Media, Communication and Community Engagement Report

Dr. Remikie briefly highlighted the Biannual Media, Communication, and Community Engagement Report contained within the meeting information packet. Those activities cover outreach between October 2023 and March 2024. Mr. Ken King, Director of Public Affairs and Organizational

Development, highlighted the accompanying info graphic and noted that future info graphics will be more comprehensive to include analytics around website and social media use, as well as community engagement by other CSC departments outside of the Public Affairs Department.

VIII. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

Ms. Larsen briefly highlighted the items under the COO Report.

- a) Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements
- b) Monthly Statements for the Managed Fund
- c) Monthly Purchases

ACTION: Ms. Donnelly made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for the Period Ending March 31, 2024; approve the monthly statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for March 2024; and approve the CSC Monthly Purchases, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.

IX. Broward Reads Coalition Meeting Report

Vice Mayor Furr highlighted the recent Broward Reads Coalition meeting and referred Members to the meeting minutes in the information packet.

X. Funders Forum Report

Ms. Juarez referred Members to the recent meeting minutes in the information packet.

XI. Public Comment

Ms. Alice Lydia-Bird, YMCA of South Florida, thanked the Council and staff for their continued partnership and support of the YMCA in building the foundations of community.

Ms. Julie Price, Arc Broward, thanked the Council, staff, and Rating Committee for supporting Arc Broward and all of the STEP Programs. She stated that the opportunity for CSC to provide funding to prop up these young adults and their families to give them the intensive support they need is admirable. She applauded Autism Acceptance Month, noting that they have moved from awareness to a desire for acceptance, inclusion, and celebration. She also thanked the Council for their leadership this year in allowing for wage enhancements and additional funding for value-added flex funds.

Ms. Pat Murphy, CEO, Ann Storck Center, submitted the following written comments: “Good morning! On behalf of myself and the Ann Storck Center Board of Directors, we extend our sincere gratitude for CSC’s STEP recommendation. The Ann Storck Center together with CSC look forward to making a difference in the lives of those with developmental/Intellectual disabilities in need of support, training, and employment in our community! Thank you.”

XII. Council Members’ Roundtable

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer led a roundtable on the basic foundations and community conditions that shape the CSC Draft FY 24/25 Budget of roughly \$150 million. She shared the history and journey of the CSC, from its creation 23 years ago to today. It began with key community conditions in 1999/2000, which included:

- Crisis in the Child Welfare System;
- High rates of youth referrals for crime;
- Lower educational achievements;
- High rates of risky youth behavior (substance use/delinquency);
- High teen pregnancy and repeat teen birth rates; and
- High infant mortality.

She outlined the Council’s fundamental values and commitments, which include:

- A focus on our children -- what is in the best interest of children and families and how do we reduce barriers;
- Transparency, accountability, integrity, and collaboration (avoid duplication);
- A belief that we don’t succeed unless the providers succeed and they doing succeed unless the children and families succeed.
- Listening and responding to community and service system needs; and
- Lead, follow, or get out of the way.

She highlighted the frameworks & tools that are used, which are all based upon prevention, collaboration, and data. The frameworks include Communities that Care, Results Based Accountability, and Return on Investment. The operational tools include evidence-based practices, relational contracting, program fidelity, fiscal integrity, and the Broward Children’s Strategic Plan.

She gave a brief overview of the growth of program funding over the years, pointing out that the foundation is the family strengthening program area. She also identified emerging frontiers, which include:

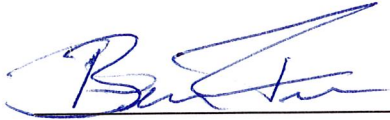
- Community Participatory Action Research;
- Placed Based Work/Asset Based Community Development;
- CAPS (Contract Administration Procurement System);
- Strength/Asset Based Narrative/Advocacy;
- Trauma healing, mental health & youth violence prevention;
- Homelessness prevention; and
- Enhancing community knowledge of services.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer showed the shifting demographics in Broward County, from 1.5 million people in 2000 (predominantly White) to 2 million in 2023 (fairly evenly split between White, Black, and Latino), as well as the changing community indicators from 1999/2000 to 2020/2023. The community indicators that have shown great improvement include the graduation rate, dropout rate, teen birth rate, teen repeat births rate, marijuana use, alcohol use, cigarette use, and youth arrests. The community indicators that have worsened include the immunization of two-year-olds, the number of uninsured children, the percentage of children living below the poverty level, and the number of elementary children needing free/reduced lunch. She also highlighted the indicators showing the increasing economic stress, decreasing physical health, and increasing mental health concerns of Broward County residents.

She then outlined the Budget Book that Members will receive in May and the budget process that begins with staff visioning meetings in January-April to review community conditions and indicators, program performance/fiscal monitoring/performance measures, legislation, Broward Children's Strategic Plan Committees' input, and CSC staff perspectives/experience. She explained that there will be a summary sheet at the end of the Budget Book that will include community conditions, CSC-funded programs in that goal area, and the Return On Investment (ROI). For each Goal Tab, there will be a front page with community conditions and what we are doing, along with historical trends and utilization, followed by pages for each program contract with information from the prior fiscal year, current fiscal year, and recommendations for the next Fiscal Year.

XIII. Adjournment

ACTION: The meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M. with a motion from Vice Mayor Furr and a second from Ms. Hixon.



Beam Furr, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

MEETING ATTENDEES (*denotes speaker)

Name	Organization
Shaymonica Jones	YMCA of South Florida
Susan Feldman	YMCA of South Florida
Arelis Dilone	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Tim Dwyer	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
Alice-Lydia Bird	YMCA of South Florida
Jody Ellis	National Disability Institute
Angel Profit	Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County
Matt Organ	Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County
Norma Samba	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Lace Gillis	Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County
Rosema Joseph	OIC of South Florida
Alison Bregman-Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Gitara King	Our Children Our Future
Janick Hickman	Center for Hearing and Communication
Carol Aubrun	City of West Park
Hudleaine Deus	City of West Park
Denissa Facey	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Stacey Martin	YMCA of South Florida
Meta Honorat	YMCA LEAP High
Ashley Foreman	Urban League of Broward
Sharmanik Blake	YMCA – Youth Development Broward
Rebekah Rice	Memorial Healthcare System
Nikki Andrick	Planned Parenthood of South, East, and North Florida (PPSENFL)
Tara Montenaro	YMCA of South Florida
Alissa Bosworth	FLIPANY
Pat Murphy	Ann Storck Center

Name	Organization
Andy Fernandez	Firewall Centers
Donna Lavalle	Smith Community Mental Health
Rose Desmornes	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Henry Estrada	Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County
Cathea Comiskey	Harmony Development Center
Anthony King	The Urban League of Broward County
Cynthia Moreno	Harmony Development Center
Maria Catalina Jaramillo	HRS
Courtney Kambobe	Crockett Foundation, Inc.
Olivia Angeli Garcia	Center for Hearing and Communication
Chafeeza Bain	HBPD
Shannon Atwell	OIC
Traci Schweitzer	Department of Children & Families
Nathalie Filossaint	Mental Health America
Aaliya Hankerson	Mental Health America
Shaywin Taylor	Mental Health America
Shawn Preston	Arc Broward
Felipe Pinzon	Hispanic Unity of Florida