

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

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

September 26, 2024

4:00 P.M.

### Minutes

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

Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi, Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr, School Superintendent Howard Hepburn, Governor Appointee Julia Musella, Health Department Director Paula Thaqi, Judge Francis Viamontes, Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood (*Chair*)

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

DCF Child Protection Director Robert Shea, School Board Member Debra Hixon, Governor Appointee Christine Thompson

#### **Counsel Present:**

Garry Johnson, Esq.

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

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (President/CEO), Sharetta Remikie, Maria Juarez, Michelle Hamilton, Sue Gallagher, Dion Smith, Lisa Bayne, Kathleen Campbell, Kenneth King, Marissa Greif-Hackett, Marlando Christie, Amy Jacques, Marissa Aquino, Tracy Graham, Andria Dewson, Johnsingh Jeyasingh, Diego Alvarez, Jessica Rincon, Jennifer Wennberg, Meg Wallace, Nelson Giraldo, Akil Edwards, Jill Denis-Lay, Liza Khan, Jennifer Fletcher, Julie Toscano, Shawanda Spencer, Camila Mathieson, Keyonia Lawson, Latora Steel, Radoika Pilarte, Zinajen De Oliveira, Maxine Goldson, Michelle Hagues, Melissa Soza, Travis Johnson, Tabitha Bush, Jonathan Corado, Trisha Hines, Trisha Dowell, Ileana Blanco, Carlos Campos, Erin Byrne, Kandyss Torrence, Erica Ansley, Jocelin Eubanks, Nancy Adjohan, Yolanda Meadows, Lynn Kalmes, Brooke Sherman, Florence Ukpai, Zoe Lewis, Fern Phillip, Cristina Castellanos, S. Lorenzo Benaine, Roxanne Smith, Ivy Pierre, Amber Gross, Natalie Gomes, Madeline Jones, Pooja Yajnik, Alexia Bridges, Gaby Carbonell, Cynthia Reynoso, Maya Berryhill-Porter, Shaquoia Wilson, Priscilla Cole, Valencia McConnico-Bell, Nicolette Picardi, Ashley Brooks

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

See Attachment 1

## **Agenda:**

### I. Call to Order

Mr. Wood called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.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.

Mr. Wood made it known that the regular business meeting should end by 5:00pm in order to start the TRIM Hearing at 5:01pm, as advertised. He explained that if the regular meeting is not adjourned by 5:00pm, then it will be recessed to allow the TRIM Hearing to start promptly at 5:01pm. The regular meeting would then be reconvened immediately following the TRIM Hearing. He added that to facilitate that process, all action items have been placed on a Consent Agenda.

#### b) National Kinship Care Awareness Month/Acceptance of Broward County Proclamation

Mr. Wood announced that September is National Kinship Care Awareness Month, a time to recognize the importance of kinship caregiving. He explained that kinship care is when a relative or other family member provides a home for a child who needs support and protection, often when the child's parents are unable to care for them. Kinship care can help children maintain their cultural and familial connections, and promote their well-being. It can also reduce traumatic experiences for children and improve their mental health outcomes.

He also shared that CSC is a sponsor of the Kinship Family Conference 2024, on September 28, 2024, from 9:00am-3:00pm, at the Mt. Hermon A.M.E. Church. The conference will feature workshops, resources, and fun activities for children. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Vice Mayor Furr read a proclamation from Broward County in honor of National Kinship Care Awareness Month. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer paid tribute to the late Carole Andrews for her efforts to establish the kinship programs in 2004, noting that her legacy lives on.

#### IV. President's Report

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Ms. Arenberg Seltzer read a thank you note from a parent in appreciation for JAFCO's CSC-funded summer camp.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that CSC previously received a proclamation from Mayor Rich and the Broward County Commission in recognition of National Diaper Need Awareness Week. This proclamation was shared with the Miami and Broward Diaper Banks, Healthy Mothers-Healthy Babies, and the Broward Healthy Start Coalition.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the activities surrounding the recent visit of this year's author of the Broward: Read for the Record book, Piper Chen Sings, which included a visit and reading at Walker Elementary School and the Broward County Library Conference on Children's Literature. She added that she participated in a Conference panel discussion on the Broward Reads Campaign and its impact on children and families in Broward.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted another great partnership, a celebration of Black Philanthropy Month with the Urban League. CSC staff presented on CSC's Capacity Building efforts and resources. Past recipients of CSC Capacity Building Grants shared their organizational success. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer commended Ms. Kandyss Torrence, CSC's Training Manager, for her efforts in this partnership.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that Mr. Ken King, CSC's Director of Public Affairs and Organizational Development, and Ms. Kim Reid, CSC's Programs Manager, represented CSC at Feeding South Florida's Broward Hunger Summit. It was a critical initiative during Hunger Action Month to address and strategize solutions for hunger and food insecurity. Mr. King served as a panelist highlighting CSC's work in the hunger mitigation area.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted Dr. Remikie's presentation on CSC's leadership, resources, and advocacy at the recent City of Lauderdale Lakes "Conversation with your Commissioners," where the topic was Awareness of Available Support Network for Our Students. She explained it was an evening focused on educating the community on resources for students to assist them throughout the 2024/2025 school year, with a special emphasis on mental health awareness and resources. Other notable presenters included Dr. Hepburn and Florida State Representative Daryl Campbell.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the recent Countering Anti-Semitism Training that was sponsored by the CSC. She noted that it was presented by the American Jewish Committee, with the support of the Broward County

Commission, and was very well done. She explained that the Broward County Commission provides these trainings throughout the County for non-profit employees, parents, and students.

The annual Lights On Afterschool celebration will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at Franklin Park to celebrate the importance of out-of-school time programs for children, youth, and their families. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that unlike previous years, this year's event will feature two sessions, an elementary session and a middle/high school session. The elementary session will take place from 10:30am-12:30pm and the middle/high school session will take place from 1:30pm-3:30pm. Each session will showcase presentations, including drumming, dance, and step, which are typically found in out-of-school time programs.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer, at the upcoming For the Public Good Gala, will receive The Tony Karrat Excellence in Community Service Award, which was created to honor those who have demonstrated a lifelong commitment to serving the community and making the Broward County area a better and more just place to live for all.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that the application deadline for the CSC Gubernatorial appointee vacancy has been extended to October 4, 2024.

#### V. General Consent Agenda

Mr. Wood pointed out that about half of the agenda items had previously been reviewed and recommended by the Program Planning Committee (PPC), and that an Addendum Agenda had been distributed yesterday that includes the renewal of property insurance and workers compensation, as well as approval of the LIP Letter of Agreement (LOA) on behalf of Henderson Behavioral Health.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that the addendum items had an October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and detailed information was just received this week. She highlighted the items, as presented in the addendum mini packet. She noted that the LIP item has no additional cost, as it uses contracts that are already in place with Henderson Behavioral Health. She added that it will be really helpful to them.

- a) August 2024 Council Minutes
- b) September 11, 2024, TRIM Minutes
- c) President/CEO Eval Time Frame and COLA
- d) Investment Quarterly Report
- e) Additional Positive Youth Development (PYD) Youth FORCE Allocations for Hispanic Unity and Crockett Foundation at Two BCPS Sites Beginning October 2024

- f) CareerSource Broward's Summer Youth Employment Contract for FY 24/25
- g) Junior Achievement's Biz Town and Finance Park FY 24/25 Contract Renewal
- h) Children's Home Society of Florida's Family Supervised Visitation Contract Extension Through January 31, 2025
- i) Non-renewal of the Jewish Community Centers of South Broward, Inc., d/b/a David Posnack Jewish Community Center, Contract
- j) Broward Health's Community Collaborative Funding Request to Support the Nurse-Family Partnership Program
- k) Hanley Foundation's Leverage (Match) Request for the DCF Prevention Partnership Grant Award
- l) Reallocation of the Budget for the Center for Hearing & Communication's Family Strengthening Program and Fiscal Sponsor Fees to Unallocated
- m) Receipt of the Promise Neighborhood Grant Funding & Related Expenditures and Contract(s) with Florida Atlantic University (FAU)
- n) Junior Achievement's Summer Youth Employment Leverage Contract
- o) Contract Adjustment to the Tri-Party Agreement with the Center for Hearing & Communication and KID to Include Fiscal Sponsor Fees for FY 23/24
- p) Reallocation of the Budget for Our Children, Our Future, Inc., PYD 2024 RFP Youth FORCE Program to Unallocated
- q) M Network as the Communication and Public Affairs Consultant for FY 24/25
- r) FY 24/25 Public Awareness Media Plan
- s) Funds and Related Expenditures from the Jim Moran Foundation for Broward: Read for the Record FY 23/24
- t) Write-off of Title IV-E Receivables FY 21/22
- u) Budget Amendments & Interim Financial Statements for August 2024
- v) Investment Statements for August 2024
- w) Monthly/Annual Purchases for September 2024 and FY 24/25

- x) Insurance Renewals for Property Insurance and Worker's Comp
- y) Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on Behalf of Henderson Behavioral Health

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the Addendum Agenda, which included approval of the August 15, 2024, Council meeting minutes; approval of the September 11, 2024, TRIM Hearing minutes; adjustment of the President/CEO evaluation time frame from October/November to January/February; approval of a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for the President/CEO effective October 1, 2024; acceptance of the Investment Quarterly Report for the Quarter ended June 30, 2024; approval of additional PYD Youth FORCE allocations for Hispanic Unity and Crockett Foundation at two BCPS sites beginning in October 2024; approval of the renewal of the CareerSource Broward deferred Summer Youth Employment Contract for FY 24/25; approval of Junior Achievement's Biz Town and Finance Park FY 24/25 Contract renewal; approval of Children's Home Society of Florida's Supervised Visitation Contract extension through January 31, 2025; non-renewal of the Jewish Community Centers of South Broward, Inc., d/b/a David Posnack Jewish Community Center, Contract; approval to update Service Goal 9, Objective 091 in Goals with Words and remove words "using the Healthy Families America model;" approval of Broward Health's Community Collaborative funding request to support the Nurse-Family Partnership Program; approval of additional funding for the Hanley Foundation's leverage (match) request for the DCF Prevention Partnership Grant (PPG) award; approval of the reallocation of the budget for the Center for Hearing and Communication's Family Strengthening Program and Fiscal Sponsor fees to Unallocated; approval of the receipt of 2024 and 2025 Broward Promise Neighborhood (PN) Grant funding and related expenditures; approval of contract(s) with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) pending final legal approval; approval of the leverage funding renewal for Junior Achievement to provide summer youth employment opportunities to economically-disadvantaged youth for FY 24/25, contingent on leverage confirmation; approval of the contract adjustment to the tri-party agreement with the Center for Hearing & Communication and KID to include Fiscal Sponsor fees for FY 23/24; approval of the reallocation of the budget for Our Children, Our Future, Inc., Positive Youth Development 2024 RFP Youth FORCE Program to Unallocated; approval of M Network as the Communication and Public Affairs Consultant FY 24/25; approval of the Public Awareness Media Plan FY 24/25; acceptance of funds and related expenditures from the Jim Moran Foundation for Broward:

**Read for the Record for FY 23/24; approval of the write-off of Title IV-E receivables for FY 21/22; approval of Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2024; acceptance of monthly statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for August 31, 2024; approval of the CSC monthly/annual purchases for September 2024 and FY 2024/2025; approval of insurance renewals for Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company and MEMIC Indemnity Company for property insurance and worker's compensation, respectively, for FY 24/25; approval of the Letter of Agreement with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on behalf of Henderson Behavioral Health, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.**

- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Council Members' Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm with a motion from Vice Mayor Furr and a second from Dr. Thaqi.



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Dr. Christine Thompson, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

### MEETING ATTENDEES (\*denotes speaker)

Name	Organization
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Thom Mozloom	The M Network
Elizabeth Dorante	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Alison Bregman-Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Jarvis Brunson	Change Me Foundation Inc.
Traci Schweitzer	Department of Children and Families
Cyndi Barry	Harmony Development Center
Kimberly Adams	N/A
Alice-Lydia Bird	YMCA of South Florida
Donna Lavalle	Smith Community Mental Health