

Children's Services Council of Broward County Program Planning Committee Meeting

March 6, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

Loc: Children's Services Council of Broward County

6600 West Commercial Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33319 -- Training Room 1

(Zoom: <https://cscbroward.zoom.us/j/81684572116?pwd=lujhUtMhj0TKlkloys6UseQxWfYHED.1>)

Agenda

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| I. | Call Meeting to Order | | Christine Thompson
<i>Committee Chair</i> |
| II. | Roll Call | | Amy Jacques,
<i>Special Assistant to the
President/CEO</i> |
| III. | Approve PPC Minutes from September 16, 2024 | (Tab 1) | Christine Thompson,
<i>Committee Chair</i> |
| IV. | Recommend to the Full Council Approval of the David Posnack JCC Leverage Funding Request for Summer Camp for Children with Cancer and Their Siblings | (Tab 2) | |
| V. | Recommend to the Full Council Approval of a 2-1-1 Broward Contract Adjustment to Allow for the Hiring of Five 9-8-8 Crisis Helpline Counselors; and Approval of an Update to System Goal 1.1, Objective 912, to add Language to Incorporate the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Line as a Fundamental Element of this Goal | (Tab 3) | |
| VI. | Public Comment/Council General Comments | | |
| VII. | Adjourn | | |

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY
Program Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting

Location: Children's Services Council of Broward County (with Zoom access)
6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderdale, FL 33319

September 16, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.
Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance:

Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr, Governor Appointee Jeffrey Wood, Governor Appointee Julia Musella, Governor Appointee Christine Thompson

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (*President/CEO*), Monti Larsen, Maria Juarez, Sharetta Remikie, Carl Dasse, Ken King, Alicia Williams, Amy Jacques, Lisa Bayne, Radoika Pilarte, Dion Smith, Jill Denis-Lay

Staff Attending Virtually:

Sue Gallagher, Kathleen Campbell, Madeline Jones, Jessica Rincon, Michelle Hagues

Guests in Attendance:

Newton Sanon (*OIC*)

Guests Attending Virtually:

Traci Schweitzer (*Florida Department of Children & Families*), Melida Akiti (*Broward Health*), William Green (*Broward Health*)

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Council Chair Jeffrey Wood called the meeting to order at 11:06 A.M.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted and a quorum was established with all Committee members present.

III. Select a Committee Chair

It was explained that Ms. Cathy Donnelly had previously served as the Chair of the PPC. As she did not reapply to be appointed by the Governor for a new term, the

Committee selected Christine Thompson as Chair of the PPC. Dr. Thompson assumed Chair duties for the remainder of the meeting.

IV. Finance & PPC Minutes

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the Joint Finance & PPC meeting minutes from June 10, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

V. Additional Positive Youth Development (PYD) Youth FORCE Allocations

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the proposed allocations, as presented in the meeting information packet, and corrected a Scribner's error in the budget impact section.

Mr. Newton Santon, OIC, thanked staff for their patience through the process and thanked the Council for its partnership.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to recommend to the full Council approval of additional PYD Youth FORCE allocations for Hispanic Unity and the Crockett Foundation at two Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) sites beginning in October 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

VI. Deferred Contract Dispositions

i. CareerSource Broward's Summer Youth Employment Contract Renewal.

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the contract renewal for CareerSource Broward's Summer Youth Employment, as presented in the meeting information packet.

ii. Junior Achievement's Biz Town and Finance Park Contract Renewal.

Dr. Remikie briefly highlighted the contract renewal for Junior Achievement's Biz Town and Finance Park, as presented in the meeting information packet.

iii. Children's Home Society of Florida's Supervised Visitation Contract Extension.

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the contract extension for the Children's Home Society of Florida's Supervised Visitation Program, as presented in the meeting information packet.

iv. Non-Renewal of Jewish Community Centers of South Broward, Inc., DBA David Posnack Jewish Community Center, Contract.

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the non-renewal of the contract with Jewish Community Centers of South Broward, as presented in the meeting information packet.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to recommend to the full Council approval of the deferred contract dispositions, which included 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, and non-renewal of the Jewish Community Centers of South Broward, Inc., d/b/a David Posnack Jewish Community Center Contract, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

VII. Broward Health’s Community Collaborative Funding Request for the Nurse Family Partnership Program.

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the action items related to the Nurse-Family Partnership Program, as presented in the meeting information packet.

Ms. Melida Akiti, Broward Health, spoke about the need to fund the community collaborative for the Nurse-Family Partnership program.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to recommend to the full Council updating Service Goal 9, Objective 091 in Goals with Words and remove words “using the Healthy Families America model,” and approve Broward Health’s Community Collaborative funding request to support the Nurse-Family Partnership Program, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

VIII. Additional Funding for the Hanley Foundation’s Leverage (Match) Request for the Department of Children & Families (DCF) Prevention Partnership Grant (PPG) Award.

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the additional funding for the Hanley Foundation’s leverage request, as presented in the meeting information packet.

Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to recommend to the Full Council approval of additional funding for the Hanley Foundation’s leverage (match) request for the DCF Prevention Partnership Grant Award, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

IX. Center for Hearing & Communications' Family Strengthening Program Reallocation.

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the budget reallocation for the Center for Hearing & Communications' Family Strengthening Program, as presented in the meeting information packet.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to recommend to the Full Council approval to reallocate the budget for the Center for Hearing and Communication's Family Strengthening Program and Fiscal Sponsor Fees to unallocated, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

X. Broward Promise Neighborhood Grant Funding & Related Expenditures

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer updated the Committee on the possible transfer of the United States Department of Education's Promise Neighborhood Grant from Broward College to Florida Atlantic University, with CSC as a partner. She explained that Broward College would pay the subcontractors through December 31st. If the funds are accepted, CSC will start to hire and plan the current staff's workload. New program contracts would start January 1st. She shared that staff are confident they can enhance this project so it will work better. If the full Council approves it, staff will keep moving down this path.

Mr. Newton Santon, OIC, shared that he is elated with the changes as a grantee and sees this as a great opportunity to connect the youth who are served and market job training opportunities to the participants.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to recommend to the full Council approval of the receipt of 2024 and 2025 Broward Promise Neighborhood Grant funding and related expenditures and approval of the contract(s) with Florida Atlantic University (FAU), as presented and pending final legal approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

XI. Public & Members' Comments

There were no additional comments.

XII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM with a motion from Vice Mayor Furr and a second from Mr. Wood.

TAB 2

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Service Goal	10 Strengthen the continuum of support services for children with special physical, developmental and behavioral health needs.
Objective:	101 Provide quality out-of-school programs to maximize development for children and youth with special needs.
Issue:	Jewish Community Centers of South Broward, Inc. d/b/a David Posnack Jewish Community Center (JCC) Leverage Funding Request.
Action:	Approve Leverage Funding for David Posnack JCC to Provide a Summer Camp for Children with Cancer and Their Siblings.
Budget Impact:	\$261,780 of \$4,717,182 Available in Unallocated for FY 24/25.

Background: In November 2023, the Council approved funding for a winter and spring day camp at the David Posnack JCC campus and weekly enrichment activities at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital starting in December 2023. During its first year, the provider was not able to provide the winter and spring day camps due to various operational challenges, including a lack of children enrolling in the camps. As a result of the services provided not aligning with the scope of the leverage proposal, the program was not renewed for FY24/25, with the program sunseting on September 30, 2024.

Current Status: The David Posnack JCC submitted a new leverage proposal to provide a summer camp beginning in the summer of 2025. The Sunrise Summer Day Camp model offers pre-kindergarten and school-age children diagnosed with cancer and their siblings the opportunity to participate in enriching, camp-like experiences outside the hospital during the day and return home at night. Activities include swimming, sports, music, arts and crafts, and singing, all adapted to meet the needs of chronically ill children. Medical personnel are present throughout the camp day to provide expert care as needed.

The David Posnack JCC proposes to operate the Sunrise Summer Day Camp for six weeks (June 9–July 18) on the David Posnack JCC campus and recruit children from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Broward Health. During the initial 23/24 leverage year, the in-hospital enrichment program expanded to include both Joe DiMaggio



Children's Hospital and Broward Health. The David Posnack JCC has built relationships with Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Broward Health's children, families, and hospital staff, to support recruitment for the summer program. The operational challenges that impacted the implementation of the FY 23/24 winter and spring camps have been addressed, and the program currently has twelve participants registered for summer 2025. The summer program proposes to serve 40 children in its first year. The David Posnack JCC has leveraged \$87,500 from the Department of Health and is requesting \$261,780 from CSC to operate the Sunrise Summer Day Camp.

As discussed during the February Council meeting roundtable, there is an uncertain outlook for local, state, and federal funding. Thus, while this leverage request meets the CSC leverage policy requirements which would make it eligible for five years of CSC funding subject to performance, utilization and ongoing leverage, at this time staff is recommending a one-year commitment. This can be extended if conditions change.

Recommended Action: Approve Leverage Funding for David Posnack JCC to Provide a Summer Camp for Children with Cancer and Their Siblings.

TAB 3

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System Goal	SYS 1.1 Improve the coordination of provision of children's services.
Objective:	912 Collaborate with community partners to provide a single point of entry for the public through support of 211 Information & Referral and the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
Issue:	There has been a substantial increase in call volume to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline which provides immediate, life-saving intervention for those in crisis. There is an urgent need for additional funding to address the growing demand.
Action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve a contract adjustment for 211 Broward to allow for the hiring of Five 988 Crisis Helpline Counselors.2. Approve to update System Goal 1.1, Objective 912 in Goals with words to add the words "and the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline", as it is becoming a fundamental element of this goal.
Budget Impact:	\$ 155,800 Of \$4,455,402 Available in Unallocated for FY 24/25 \$ 373,920 additional to be budgeted in SYS 1.1 in FY 25/26

Background The Children's Services Council has funded 2-1-1 Broward's General Information and Referral Helpline since 2002. The Helpline is a nationally accredited information and referral and crisis center that connects callers to general and specialized services and provides crisis intervention services.

Since the inception of the Helpline, CSC has collaborated closely with 2-1-1 Broward to address system needs. In 2013, 2-1-1 Broward joined the Lifeline Network, a national suicide and crisis helpline initiative aimed at improving crisis services and advancing suicide prevention. This partnership evolved as a critical development when 2-1-1 Broward became a Lifeline affiliate for the newly launched 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in 2022. The 988 number provides immediate intervention for individuals in crisis by directly connecting them to helpline centers like 2-1-1 Broward, offering 24/7 availability by phone, text, or chat. In Broward County, dialing 988 connects individuals directly to 2-1-1 Broward, where trained counselors provide crucial support during some of their darkest moments. 2-1-1 Broward's role is crucial in offering immediate

assistance, providing hope, and connecting individuals with the resources they need to navigate their crisis and begin a path toward recovery.

Current Status: Suicide remains one of the leading causes of death both nationally (CDC website: www.cdc.gov/suicide) and within our community (211 Broward data report), highlighting the urgent need for strengthened crisis response services, including for individuals aged 10 to 34. 2-1-1 Broward provides a 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline that is an indispensable resource for individuals in crisis, with a growing call volume reflecting the increasing demand for mental health and crisis services.

Over the past year, calls rose from 1,083 in October 2023 to 1,723 in October 2024, reflecting a 59% increase, as reported from 2-1-1's Vibrant System's Center Voice Metrics report. Furthermore, the answer rate of calls has improved to 80% as of November 2024, yet it still falls short of the national benchmark of an answer rate of 90%, which is established by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Vibrant Emotional Health.

By offering immediate intervention, de-escalation, and connection to resources, the service not only saves lives but also reduces long-term costs associated with emergency services, hospitalizations, and untreated mental health issues.

Staff recommends a five-month contract adjustment to begin on May 1, 2025, to increase funding for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by \$155,800 for FY 24/25. This increase will fund five additional 988 Helpline Counselors and related expenses. If the Council approves the FY 24/25 funding increase, it will be included and annualized in the FY 25/26 Budget Book recommendation.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve a contract adjustment for 211 Broward to allow for the hiring of Five 988 Crisis Helpline Counselors.

2) Approve to update System Goal 1.1, Objective 912 in Goals with words to add the words "and the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline", as it is becoming a fundamental element of this goal.