

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

February 17, 2022

9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Members in Physical Attendance:

Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr; Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie; Governor Appointee David H. Kenton; DCF Community Development Administrator Dawn Liberta (Chair); Governor Appointee Tom Powers; Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood

Members in Virtual Attendance:

None

Council Members Absent:

School Superintendent Vickie L. Cartwright; School Board Member Donna P. Korn; Governor Appointee Maria Schneider; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO; Monti Larsen, COO; Maria Juarez, CPO; Sue Gallagher, CIO; Sharetta Remikie, CECEO; Marlando Christie; Amy Jacques; Laura Ganci; Dion Smith; Michelle Hamilton; Andrew Leone; Kathleen Campbell; Lisa Bayne; Adamma DuCille; Marissa Aquino; Jennifer Wennberg; Kyle Jones; Margaret Wallace; Erin Byrne; Angie Buchter; Keyonia Lawson; Danielle Bachelder; Clarice Horton; Latora Steel; Michelle E. Hagues; Jessica Rincon; Liza Khan; Camila Romero; Jennifer Fletcher; Jill Denis-Lay; Trisha Dowell; Brooke Sherman; Shaquoia Wilson; Megan Turetsky; Lynn Kalmes; Travis Johnson; Diego Alvarez; Tabitha Bush; Tracy Graham; Andria Dewson; Pooja Yajnik; Carl Dasse; Jocelin Eubanks; Florence Ukpai; Katrina Welch; Keisha Grey; Shira Fowlkes; Natalie Gomes; Marissa Greif-Hackett; S. Benaine; Yolanda Meadows; Jimmy Jean; Colleen Carpenter; Xeniamaria Rodriguez-Saltzman; Johannie Stanley; Betty Dominguez

Guests in Attendance:

See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Ms. Liberta called the meeting to order at 9:32 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.

Ms. Liberta congratulated Dr. Cartwright on being named the Superintendent for the Broward County Public Schools and noted that as the Superintendent, she will continue to serve as a CSC Member.

b) January 2022 Council Minutes

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes from January 20, 2022, as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Gillespie and passed with no opposing votes.

IV. President's Report

a) Good of the Order

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer congratulated Ms. Maria Juarez on her 20-year anniversary at CSC. She noted that Ms. Juarez started as a Programs Manager and had been promoted over the years to Assistant Director, Director, and her current position as Chief Program Officer.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that for the 20th consecutive year, CSC was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020. She congratulated Ms. Monti Larsen, Chief Operating Officer, and her incredible team.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared the news of two CSC staff being recognized and included in excellent leadership development opportunities. Mr. Dion Smith, Director of Program Services, was competitively selected for the Black Administrators in Child Welfare's National Inaugural Class: Sankofa Institute for African American Leaders. This is a national program to build a collective voice and an ongoing network of alumni that is informed and empathetic toward the families served in the child welfare system. She also congratulated Ms. Kathleen Campbell, CSC's Director of Finance, who was named to the 2022 Florida Government Finance Officers Association's Leadership Class V. This leadership program supports and enhances the capabilities of Florida Government Finance Officers. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer pointed out that this was a competitive process with a high number of applications for this year's class.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted CSC's Agency Capacity Building Newsletter, which recently received positive feedback from The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that she recently spoke to the City of Coral Springs' Customer-Involved Government Committee, highlighting CSC's programs and resources.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that she and Chair Liberta participated in the Non-Profit Awards VIP announcements on February 10th in anticipation of the upcoming Non-Profit Awards Luncheon on March 3rd.

It was announced that the next event in the Youth Summit Series will be "Honoring Our Abilities Together." Co-developed by the Special Needs Advisory Coalition, it will be held at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on March 5th, from 9:15am-12:30pm. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer gave a special thanks to Alison Bregman-Rodriguez (Executive Director, YMCA of South Florida), Shantigra "Shae" Williams (Autism Multicultural Initiative and Collective Project Leader from UM-NSU Card), and Ire Diaz (President & Chief Executive and Programs Officer, The Advocacy Network).

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer reflected upon this year's commemoration of the tragic events at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018, with events both during the day at Eagles' Haven and in the evening at Pine Trails Park.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the City of Fort Lauderdale's unveiling ceremony to rename a portion of Davie Boulevard "Rubin Stacy Memorial

Boulevard.” She shared the moving backstory and tributes that were part of the special activities she attended with Dr. Gallagher and Dr. Remikie.

b) Legislative Report

Ms. Megan Turetsky, Government Affairs Manager, gave an update on the state legislative session, noting that the House passed their budget last night and the Senate is expected to do so later today. She explained that conferencing of the two bills will then proceed with the result being a final budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The State’s budget is expected to be more than \$100 billion. She noted that while the Chambers are relatively close in their spending proposals, there are significant differences in how the money will be spent, which will be sorted out in Conference. She added that funding to JAFCO for Eagles’ Haven, with CSC as match, is currently in one of the Chamber’s budgets. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer further explained that the current federal funds for Eagles’ Haven is soon expiring and JAFCO is continuing to fundraise and look for opportunities to sustain it, as this resource will be needed for years.

Ms. Turetsky then updated the Council on key pieces of legislation that would be of interest to them, noting that the background screenings overhaul bill is on the agenda today in the House Health and Human Services Committee and will be moving to the Senate, that the Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction Bill has passed all of its committees and is on the floor in both Chambers, and that the bill addressing the mechanism of funding school readiness is in its last committee stop in the House and second stop in the Senate. She added that for the expunction bill that the Governor had vetoed last session, his concerns have been addressed in the bill this session. She concluded that the last day of session this year will be March 11th.

V. Chief Program Officer Report

Ms. Juarez highlighted the items under her Report.

a) MOST Summer-Only Renewals

ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to approve the MOST Summer-Only General Population and Special Needs Summer-Only Contract renewals, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

b) New DAY RFP Raters

Ms. Juarez asked if any Members would like to be a rater or designate someone. There were none. Mr. Powers inquired as to any recidivism data and any updates on civil citation referrals from city police (non-BSO). He pointed out that while the Chiefs of Police have made a commitment to civil citation, it's important to share the benefits with the officers on the ground to encourage them to issue the citations when appropriate. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that the recidivism data was available in the recently released Annual Performance Report, as well as the power point from the past Roundtable on the New DAY RFP. She promised to follow-up and send the information to all Members. Commissioner Furr asked that information on which cities are issuing civil citations also be distributed.

ACTION: Ms. Donnelly made a motion to approve the source experts for the New DAY 2022 RFP Rating Committees, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

c) United Way Choose Peace/Stop Violence Contract Adjustment

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the contract adjustment for United Way, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kenton and passed with no opposing votes and one abstention from Ms. Donnelly, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

d) CareerSource SYEP Contract Adjustment

Ms. Juarez corrected the background information in the meeting packet where it indicated that this was the first year CareerSource did not exceed their contracted number to be served. She noted that it was their second year.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve a reduction in the numbers to be served in CareerSource Broward's SYEP Contract to implement youth and staff hourly wage increases for summer 2022, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and passed with no opposing votes.

e) Help the Helpers Feedback

Ms. Juarez highlighted the feedback from the Broward non-profits and their staff related to the Help the Helpers initiative, noting that it was really appreciated and that many organizations were able to leverage additional funding to benefit their staff.

f) Report on Out of School Time Program Participants

At the January meeting, staff was asked to provide an update regarding the Out of School Time programs enrollment and attendance. Ms. Juarez explained the level of participation required for a child to be counted as “served,” and directed Members to the report in the meeting information packet. She pointed out a correction to Firewall Center’s percentage on the next to last page, which is due to Coconut Creek High School being added to the Contract with the expansion of CSC’s Positive Youth Development programming. The correct contracted number to be served for the year should be 105 (not 35) and they are 85% on track (not 163%).

VI. Chief Innovation Officer Report

Dr. Gallagher updated Members on the item they approved in January to participate in a care coordination pilot with Amazon Web Service (AWS), Velatura, and the Broward Data Collaborative (BDC). She announced that Velatura has been awarded the Amazon Health Equity Grant, which provides the AWS promotional grants to do the deep dive on the data platform and technology, as well as the legal agreements. She added that the grant runs through June 30th and will move us forward.

Dr. Gallagher also announced that CSC Broward has been invited to participate as a Mentor Site in Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy’s (AISP) Equity in Practice Learning Community and that she was selected to serve as one of four national Equity in Practice Fellows.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the AISP MOU as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and passed with no opposing votes.

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

Dr. Remikie highlighted the items under her Report.

- a) Back-to-School Extravaganza (BTSE) Vendors and Additional Budget

Ms. Liberta noted that the motion should also include approval of additional budget as presented in the information packet.

ACTION: Ms. Donnelly made a motion to approve the vendors and additional budget for the 2022 BTSE, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

- b) Niche Media Vendors for Marketing & Recruitment Elements for Childcare Worker Recruitment Campaign

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the niche media vendors as part of the marketing and recruitment elements for the Childcare Worker Recruitment Campaign, as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Gillespie and passed with no opposing votes.

- c) VITA/EITC Contract Extension

ACTION: Ms. Donnelly made a motion to approve the contract amendment and extension of the VITA/EITC Contract term through FY 22/23, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

VIII. Chief Operating Officer Report

Ms. Larsen highlighted the items under her report.

- a) Data Breach Response Policy
- b) Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for January 2022
- c) Purchases

ACTION: Judge Gillespie made a motion to approve the Data Breach Response Policy, approve the Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for the Period Ending January 31, 2022, and approve the CSC monthly/annual purchases, all as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

IX. Broward Reads Coalition Report

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

X. Funders Forum Report

Ms. Juarez highlighted the recent Funders Forum meeting and referred Members to the meeting minutes and presentations in the information packet.

XI. Public Comment

There was none.

XII. Council Members' Roundtable

The Roundtable highlighted the Youth System Organizers of Broward (YSO), which is the result of the CSC-funded Community Participatory Action Research Project. As a member of the YSO Broward, Ms. Liberta explained that it is comprised of five young adults who have aged out of the foster care system and four supportive system professionals who serve as mentors to the five young adults. The mission is to improve Broward County's child welfare system for transitioning youth by building equitable relationships that incorporate youth voice, create policy and system change, and promote shared accountability. She introduced the youth participants as Selenia Bahamundi, Yasmin Bahamundi, Tiffany Csonka, Acoya Johnson, and Jamall Striggles. She introduced the other system professionals as Walter Honaman, Brittany Burnette, and Cara Malave.

The youth participants briefly shared the history of YSO and their current and future activities, as well as their current research findings and recommendations for improving the child welfare system. Ms. Yasmin Bahamundi and Ms. Acoya Johnson outlined the YSO research and training processes and shared lived experiences from the youth with whom they met.

Ms. Selenia Bahamundi joined by video to highlight the YSO social media campaign, including collaborating with the FLITE Center on a podcast.

Ms. Yasmin Bahamundi and Ms. Johnson talked about the continued outreach effort to youth to gain feedback and how YSO uses that feedback and research to shape their recommendations to the child welfare system professionals. They noted that due to similar experiences, the youth are more likely to share their

concerns about the system with them than with the child welfare system professionals. They then touched upon some of their research findings, including the value and use of trauma-informed therapeutic services instead of prescribed medications to treat mental and behavioral issues, as well as the requirement of a second clinical opinion before medication is prescribed.

Ms. Tiffany Csonka shared YSO's research findings in the area of support services, including the importance of repeated communication to ensure youth understand the services and treatments for which they are eligible, even when they return after temporarily leaving care. Findings also showed the importance of life coaches and the need for life coaches and child advocates to be on the same page, as well as asking youth what services they need or are seeking. Other findings pointed to the need of communication skills for the youth, especially when it comes to communicating with therapists.

Reflecting upon the importance of life coaches, Council members discussed the possibility of connecting life coaches and youth earlier in the process. Currently for CSC-funded programs, youth 15 years of age and older have access to a life coach. Staff were asked to explore the possibility of connecting youth 13 years of age and older with a life coach.

XIII. Adjournment

Ms. Liberta reminded Members of the next monthly meeting on March 17th.

ACTION: The meeting adjourned at 11:32 A.M. with a motion from Commissioner Furr.



Dr. David H. Kenton, Secretary

MEETING ATTENDEES (*denotes speaker)

Name	Organization
Brittany Burnette*	Youth System Organizers of Broward
Cara Malave*	Youth System Organizers of Broward
Acoya Johnson*	Youth System Organizers of Broward
Tiffany Csonka*	Youth System Organizers of Broward
Yasmin Bahamundi*	Youth System Organizers of Broward
Andy Fernandez	Firewall Centers
Alice-Lydia Bird	YMCA of South Florida
Alison Bregman-Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Elisha Hendricks	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Carolina Bosco	HandsOn Broward
Idelma Quintana	Broward County
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
Walter Honaman*	Legal Aid Service of Broward County
Shawn Preston	Arc Broward

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

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Donnelly - Cathy	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Children's Services Council of Broward County
MAILING ADDRESS 12270 SW 3rd St., Suite 200	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 Plantation	COUNTY Broward
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED 2/17/22	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: 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, Cathy Donnelly, hereby disclose that on February 17, 20 22 :

(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, United Way of Broward County ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, 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 Agenda Item V.c. "Approve Contract Adjustment for United Way's Choose Peace/Stop Violence, " as I serve on the Board of the United Way of Broward County.

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.

2/17/22

Date Filed

Cathy Donnelly
Signature

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