

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

June 16, 2022

9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Members in Physical Attendance:

Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr; Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie; Governor Appointee David H. Kenton; School Board Member Donna P. Korn; DCF Community Development Administrator Dawn Liberta (*Chair*); Health Department Director Paula Thaqi; Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood

Council Members Virtual:

Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly

Council Members Absent:

School Superintendent Vickie L. Cartwright; Governor Appointee Tom Powers

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; Dion Smith; Andrew Leone; Kathleen Campbell; Lisa Bayne; Adamma DuCille; Marissa Aquino; Kyle Jones; Margaret Wallace; Erin Byrne; Angie Buchter; Keyonia Lawson; Danielle Bachelder; Clarice Horton; Michelle E. Hagues; Jessica Rincon; Camila Romero; Trisha Dowell; Brooke Sherman; Shaquoia Wilson; Megan Turetsky; Lynn Kalms; Travis Johnson; Diego Alvarez; Tabitha Bush; Tracy Graham; Pooja Yajnik; Shira Fowlkes; Natalie Gomes; Marissa Greif-Hackett; Colleen Carpenter; Cynthia Reynoso; Ileana Blanco; Piper Weber; Melissa Soza; Fern Phillip; Cristina Castellanos; Latora Steel; Karen Franceschini; Florence Ukpai; Johnsingh Jeyasingh; Carl Dasse; Michelle Hamilton; Kimberlee Reid; Ivy Pierre; Shantigra "Shae" Williams; Kandyss Torrence; Roxanne Smith; Alexia Bridges; Shawanda Spencer

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.

b) Moment of Silence for Uvalde, TX

Ms. Liberta requested a moment of silence for the Uvalde community and the mass shooting victims.

Ms. Liberta reminded Members of the Council's 2019 gun safety statement and inquired if Members wanted to issue a new statement on gun violence, given the recent tragedies and the high number of gun violence casualties already in 2022. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer distributed copies of the 2019 statement to Members.

Ms. Korn arrived.

Discussion ensued as to whether to issue an updated statement in response to recent events. Some Members expressed a desire for at least some type of acknowledgement, and some felt that actions spoke louder than words. Consensus was reached for the Council to stay in its lane of focusing on children and family prevention efforts and support services, seeking opportunities to support and identify efforts that make a difference, as well as hearing from the community as to what further resources may be needed. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer also suggested that she could look for opportunities to share what has been effective in addressing the community's trauma following the MSD shooting. Members agreed that concrete actions within the Council's area of children and families and acknowledgement of what we've learned in the areas of trauma and mental health would be the best path to take.

- c) May 2022 Council Minutes

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes from May 19, 2022, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Korn and passed with no opposing votes.

- d) Cancellation of July Meeting

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the cancellation of the July 21, 2022, monthly Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Judge Gillespie and passed with no opposing votes.

- e) Farewell to Maria Schneider

Ms. Schneider was unable to attend, so the Council will schedule a farewell at a later date.

IV. President's Report

- a) Good of the Order

It was announced that Broward County is a finalist for the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading's Pacesetter Awards. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that Broward was one of 22 communities nationwide chosen as a finalist for exemplifying extraordinary vision and best practices in Fiscal Year 21/22. She noted that 132 peer reviewers completed 604 reviews of 72 stories from 35 communities in 12 states. Winners will be announced in July.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer congratulated Dr. Sharetta Remikie, CSC's Chief Equity and Community Engagement Officer, for being named a 2022 Diversity & Inclusion Award Winner by the South Florida Business & Wealth Magazine.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the Broward County Public Schools' HEART (Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team) Senior Send-Off event, where dorm essentials were distributed to Broward County public high school graduating seniors who have experience housing instability or extreme adversity. The event received CSC funding and was attended by Dr. Remikie and Council Members Liberta and Korn. Both Members thanked and praised The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation for funding 25 four-year scholarships. The receiving students were surprised at the event with those scholarships.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that the Infant Mental Health Committee, which is the sub-committee under the Maternal Child Health initiatives of the Broward Children's Strategic Plan, received proclamations for Celebrate Diverse Babies Month (June), including proclamations from the City of West Park and Broward County. Ms. Michelle Hagues (CSC's Senior Programs Manager) accepted the City of West Park's proclamation on June 1st.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the ADAM Challenge, which was the last Broward AWARE event this year. Held at Mitchell Moore Park in Pompano Beach, this CSC-sponsored event was an interactive experience bringing the family together to celebrate fathers and positive male role models. It featured games, food, music, and a resource fair.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer spoke highly of the grand opening of the L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center. She pointed out that this beautiful new facility honors the sacred ground it's built on, as it sits on the site of the first black hospital in Broward County. The community was influential in the design of the Center, ensuring the needs of the community were considered and that the community's history and art was honored. The facility includes a Black Box theatre and pays homage to the pioneering families.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the Elevate Event that was held on June 12th at the "Loop" park on Fort Lauderdale Beach. This physical and behavioral wellbeing fair, in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale's Park and Recreation and FLIPANY (Florida Introduces Physical Activity and Nutrition to Youth), brought together children, families, and a lot of healthy lifestyle activities and resources. CSC sponsored the resource fair that included SWIM Central, Healthy Start, 2-1-1, Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center, KidCare, Broward County Family Success Center, and HandsOn Broward.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared how CSC and SWIM Central came together to work around a glitch with the Water Smart Broward website in order to ensure that the community had access to the CSC-funded swim coupons while the Water Smart Broward website was unexpectedly down. The issue has since been resolved and the website (watersmartbroward.org) is operating as normal.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer reminded Members that the CSC Office will be closed on Monday for the important Juneteenth Holiday. Commissioner Furr shared that the Broward County Libraries have lots of programs planned and resources available in honor of the Holiday.

b) Legislative Report

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer recognized Ms. Megan Turetsky, CSC's Government Affairs Manager, for a legislative wrap-up report on the Budget and legislation signed by the Governor. Ms. Turetsky noted that he has until July 1st to take action on any of the remaining pieces of legislation. The regular legislative session ended March 14th with 3,800 bills filed and 285 passed, as well as the largest budget in history at \$112.1 Billion. She noted that the Governor vetoed more than \$3.1 Billion. Two special sessions were convened to focus on Congressional maps, special districts, property insurance, and condo safety inspections. She further highlighted key pieces of legislation of interest to the Council, noting that the full report was included in their meeting information packet.

V. Joint Finance/PPC Report

Ms. Donnelly highlighted the June 6th joint meeting of the Finance and Program Planning Committees.

a) HOPE South Florida's Family Outreach Team

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the leverage for the HOPE South Florida Family Outreach Team, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Korn and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Managed Fund Monthly Statements

Dr. Thaqi referred Members to the monthly Managed Fund statements that were included in the meeting information packet. She noted that in the future, a monthly summary would be brought to the Council, with the full statement being made available upon request.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to accept the monthly statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Korn and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Revenue Update

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer drew Members' attention to information in the meeting packet. She announced that the preliminary property values came in closer to a 9% increase, compared to the estimated 4% staff used at the May Budget Retreat. But even so, she indicated the philosophy laid out in May to meet budgetary needs with the rollback millage rate and Fund

Balance still applies. And based upon Commissioner Furr's suggestion to follow new best practices for the required Fund Balance minimum, staff did consider in the Fund Balance Analysis increasing the minimum fund balance to 17%. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer stated that the proposed budget is quite responsible in addressing the needs in a way that the community can absorb, and that it can be done with the rollback tentative millage rate of 0.4343. She did note that the final property value numbers would be released in July.

Commissioner Furr suggested that the Council approve a flat millage rate now, with the ability to reduce it to the rollback rate in September. He noted that this would give the Council flexibility over the upcoming months since the millage rate can be lowered between July when the TRIM notices go out to the public and the TRIM Hearings in September, but it cannot be raised without going through an arduous and costly process.

d) Fund Balance

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted utilization history and the use of Fund Balance in the proposed budget. She noted that as Commissioner Furr pointed out last month, new best practices identified by the Government Finance Officers Association require the minimum Fund Balance to be 17%, which means an additional \$9 million should be added to the minimum Fund Balance.

Dr. Thaqi highlighted the Fund Balance Policy change to increase the minimum Fund Balance threshold from 10% to 17%.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Fund Balance Policy revision as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Korn and passed with no opposing votes.

e) Budget Retreat Follow-Up

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted follow-up information for the items raised at the May Budget Retreat, noting that most items can be handled within the budget already approved. She pointed out that the Council will start the Fiscal Year with a couple million dollars in unallocated and a few buckets of unallocated budget lines within goals that could be used along the way. She referred Members to the information in the meeting packet.

f) Draft Tentative FY 22/23 Budget and Tentative Millage Rate

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that the tentative budget and millage rate presume a rollback millage rate.

Ms. Donnelly raised the opportunity to partner in a Soles4Souls initiative to provide shoes to homeless children in Broward County and requested that it be considered by the Program Planning Committee. Council Members also discussed the need for new underclothing and feminine hygiene products for homeless children. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer pointed out that flex funds in the family strengthening program area could be used to provide those items, but she promised to look into how best to meet that need.

Ms. Korn shared additional information on the homeless youth transitioning program she raised at the Budget Retreat, noting that it is actually under the umbrella of the HEART program and the Broward Education Foundation. While they are currently supporting 50 youth in that specific initiative, they would like to expand to 100. However, she stated that they are currently looking for leverage funds before they bring that request to CSC.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the draft Tentative FY 22/23 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Korn and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to direct the CSC President/CEO to further explore how to best provide underclothing and feminine hygiene products to those youth in need and to authorize her to purchase those items. The motion was seconded by Ms. Korn and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve leaving the tentative millage rate flat, giving the Council the flexibility to lower it in September, and authorizing staff to adjust the budget based on the Property Appraiser's final report and submit the necessary forms to the appropriate officials. The motion was seconded by Ms. Korn and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Judge Gillespie who is statutorily prohibited from voting on the millage rate.

VI. Chief Innovation Officer Report

- a) Raters for Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) RFP

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the source experts for the ABCD RFP, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Liberta and passed with no opposing votes.

- b) Prosperity Broward Participatory Action Research Update

Dr. Gallagher updated the Council on how its leadership around community participatory action research (CPAR) has been “seeding” other sectors, especially the business community. She shared that the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, the sponsor of the Prosperity Partnership, will be bringing on a consultant to facilitate and support an equitable co-designing/co-researching process with women from Lauderdale Lakes and workforce development system professionals.

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

Back-To-School Extravaganza Reallocation

ACTION: Ms. Korn made a motion to approve the budget reallocation for the Back-to-School Extravaganza, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

VIII. Chief Operating Officer Report

- a) Auditor RFP Award

ACTION: Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the Audit Rating Committee selection of Keefe McCullough LLP to provide external auditing services, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Korn and passed with no opposing votes.

- b) Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for May 2022

- c) Monthly/Annual Purchases

Ms. Larsen announced that she is pulling the Human Trafficking training from Purchases.

ACTION: Ms. Korn made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements as presented, as well as the CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases for Period Ending May 31, 2022, as presented and minus the Broward Human Trafficking

Coalition training. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

IX. Broward Reads Coalition Report

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

X. Agency Capacity Building Committee Report

Dr. Kenton highlighted the recent meeting of the Agency Capacity Building Committee (ACB), which featured a presentation by the Mind-Body Resiliency Coalition on resilience, mindfulness, self-care and tips to reduce stress. He highlighted upcoming trainings and announced that the next ACB Committee meeting will be held August 24th, from 2:00-4:00pm.

XI. Funders Forum Report

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

XII. Public Comment

There were none.

XIII. Council Members' Roundtable

Dr. Sue Gallagher (CSC's Chief Information Officer) and Dr. Carl Dasse (CSC's Senior Data Systems & Research Manager) led a Roundtable on the upcoming Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Consulting Services RFP. Joining them was Ms. Tiffany Lockhart, from the Fort Lauderdale Civic Design Team, and Ms. Jenean Way, from the Lauderhill Civic Design Team.

Dr. Dasse explained that the ABCD procurement was under System Goal 2.1: Use collective impact strategies to improve child and family well-being across service systems and Broward communities. The desired outcome is that residents will create an asset-based, locally-focused, and relationship-driven process that leverages the capacities of local people to build more resilient and powerful communities. Dr. Dasse highlighted CSC's history and funding of ABCD, noting that we are currently in the first year of the pilot project in Fort Lauderdale and Lauderhill. For FY 22/23, he noted that the Council budgeted to expand the project to additional two or three sites in the North and South parts of the County, for a total of four or five sites in the next Fiscal Year.

Dr. Gallagher outlined the research and the purpose behind the initiative, pointing out that ABCD allows CSC to co-create structures and narratives that build longer-term equitable relationships with community members living in neighborhoods with substantial CSC-funded services by providing a vehicle for ongoing trust-building, innovation, and care.

Ms. Way, a member of the Lauderhill Civic Design Team, highlighted the ABCD implementation phases and shared her experience and community feedback. Ms. Lockhart, a member of the Fort Lauderdale Civic Design Team, outlined the Civic Design Team's work and responsibilities, which falls under the categories of a listening campaign, asset mapping, identifying resources and needs, and organizing. They then proceeded to share detailed findings and the status of their respective community projects.

Dr. Dasse highlighted the goals of the ABCD Consulting Services RFP, which are to develop resident and partners' ABCD knowledge and skills via training and coaching, provide residents with the support and resources to build upon their community assets and aspirations to implement ABCD strategies, and create connections across the funded ABCD sites to ensure shared learning and community development, including addressing racial equity across the various human service systems operating in Broward.

XIV. Adjournment

ACTION: The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M. with a motion from Dr. Thaqi.



Dr. David H. Kenton, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

MEETING ATTENDEES (*denotes speaker)

Name	Organization
Tiffany Lockhart*	Fort Lauderdale Civic Design Team
Jenean Way*	Lauderhill Civic Design Team
Shawn Loftis	Nova Southeastern University
William Benson	Keefe McCullough & Co. LLP
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Israel Gomez	Keefe McCullough
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
Alison Bregman-Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Ray Fernandez	Firewall Center
Mark Reyes	Urban League of Broward County
Jeanette Gordon	McArthur's Own