

# CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

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Lauderhill, FL 33319

## MINUTES

January 17, 2019

9:30 A.M.

**Members in Attendance:** School Board Member Robin Bartleman; Governor Appointee Emilio Benitez; Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Broward County Mayor Beam Furr; Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie; Governor Appointee Tom Powers; Governor Appointee Ana Valladares

**Counsel Present:** Garry Johnson, Esq.

**Council Members Absent:** DCF Regional Managing Director Dennis Miles; School Superintendent Robert W. Runcie; Governor Appointee Maria Schneider; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi, M.D.

**Staff in Attendance:** Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO; Monti Larsen; Sandra Bernard-Bastien; Sue Gallagher; Maria Juarez Stouffer; Marlando Christie; Andrew Leone; Adamma DuCille; Akil Edwards; Amy Jacques; Andria Dewson; Angie Buchter; Brooke Sherman; Camila Romero Gil; Carl Dasse; Deborah Forshaw; Easton Harrison; Erin Byrne; John Jeyasingh; Jumorrow Johnson; Karen Franceschini; Kathleen Campbell; Keisha Grey; Keyonia Lawson; Lindsay Segawa; Marissa Greif-Hackett; Maxine Goldson; Melissa Soza; Michelle Hagues; Monique Finlay; Parry Silcox; Piper Weber; Pooja Kothari; Seanteé Campbell; Silke Angulo; Tameeka Grant; Trisha Dowell

**Guests in Attendance:** Attached

### **Agenda:**

#### **I. Call to Order:**

Chair Beam Furr called the meeting to order at 9:39 A.M.

#### **II. Roll Call:**

The roll was called and a quorum was established.

#### **III. Chair's Comments:**

a) Welcome Back Dennis Miles as CSC Member:

Commissioner Furr announced that Mr. Melvin had retired from the Department of Children and Families, and that Mr. Dennis Miles was once again named Regional Managing Director for the Southeast Region at the Florida Department of Children and Families. Mr. Miles was unable to attend today, but will be present for the February Council meeting.

b) State of the CSC / Annual Report for FY 17/18:

Commissioner Furr briefly highlighted the past year of work at CSC. The year began with a focus on ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences). That focus became even more important in light of the tragedy at MSD. In the aftermath, CSC embraced our role and worked hard to be an honest broker and contribute to building community capacity to provide trauma-treatment training and community collaboration to promote the healing and well-being of Broward's children.

c) Council Meeting Minutes:

**ACTION: Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve the November 15, 2018, Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.**

d) Gubernatorial Appointees' Process Update:

Commissioner Furr noted that the application window had closed with 19 applicants. The next step will be for the County Commissioners to review those applications and approve the submission of at least 15 names to the Governor for his consideration.

**IV. Executive Committee Report:**

a) JAFCO as Service Provider for MSD Community Wellness Center & Related Expenditures:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer updated the Council on the status of the MSD community Wellness Center, highlighting the strong collaboration with the United Way, City of Parkland, and JAFCO. She explained that United Way will lease the space, while CSC will provide for the resource navigation/case management component through JAFCO.

b) Additional Evidence-Based Emotional Freedom Technique (EB EFT) Trainings:

**ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to ratify Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options, Inc., (JAFCO) as the service provider to manage services at the MSD Community Wellness Center and related expenditures as approved by the Executive Committee on December 20, 2018; and ratify funding for additional EB EFT Training as approved by the Executive Committee on December 20, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and passed with no opposing votes.**

**V. President's Report:**

a) Good of the Order:

Mrs. Arenberg Seltzer drew Members' attention to the photo collages in the meeting information packet: the Harvest Drive, the Castle Cares/Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Annual Turkey Distribution, and the Citrix Toy Drive.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer alerted Members to the upcoming Broward AWARE! Events detailed in the meeting information packet.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that CSC has been named as a finalist in South Florida Business Journal's Best Places to Work. Ms. Donnelly volunteered to purchase a table at the event on behalf of CSC to allow line staff to attend at no cost.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that Mr. Robby Holroyd, CSC's Government Affairs Manager for the past three years, has left CSC for another opportunity. She and Commissioner Furr thanked him for the great work he had accomplished during that time.

b) Special Recognition of Dr. Barbara Weinstein:

Commissioner Nan Rich paid tribute to her dear friend and colleague, Dr. Barbara Weinstein. She recounted several stories depicting Dr. Weinstein as a leader, mentor, tireless activist, and true champion of children. She thanked her for her service to children and families, and wished her well in her retirement.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that CSC would not be here without Dr. Weinstein and Commissioner Rich's efforts. She thanked Dr. Weinstein for everything she has done for Broward's children and families.

Commissioner Furr thanked Dr. Weinstein for educating the community on what was important and bringing children's issues to the forefront.

Mr. Benitez shared what he has learned from Dr. Weinstein over the years: how to work a room, how to be a voice for those who have no voice, to be accountable, and to do your best at all times. He wished her well and stated that she will always be close to his heart.

Mr. Powers thanked Dr. Weinstein for being a passionate activist who worked tirelessly to achieve the best for Broward's families.

Judge Gillespie stated Chief Judge Tutor requested that he offer the appreciation of the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. He then quoted Winston Churchill in thanking Dr. Weinstein for giving her blood, sweat, and tears in service to the community.

Ms. Bartleman thanked Dr. Weinstein for her advocacy over the years and for teaching her how to use her role as a school board member to make a difference. She expressed her admiration for how Dr. Weinstein empowered parents to be the greatest advocate for their children, and empowered CSC to be the voice for children. She thanked Dr. Weinstein for making people's lives better.

Ms. Valladares thanked Dr. Weinstein for being a mentor and role model, and for always being there for Broward's children.

The Council presented Dr. Weinstein with a keepsake picture frame which contains a photo celebrating her commitment to the CSC.

Dr. Weinstein thanked the Council for the recognition and shared stories and philosophies that have guided her and her work in the community.

c) Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) Follow-Up:

In response to concerns raised by Ms. Bartleman at the November Council meeting, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer reassured the Council that human trafficking screening and services will continue to be provided at the Juvenile Assessment Center. A memo from BSO's Dave Scharf affirming that was included in the packet.

d) Government Affairs Consultant for Upcoming Legislative Session:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer outlined the CSC purchasing guidelines requiring two bids/quotes for a consulting contract not to exceed \$15,000 for services through the end of the legislative session. She stated that while both firms bidding had excellent credentials, staff recommended TSE Consulting due to its approach to the work and the knowledge they demonstrated on each of the issues included in the bid.

**ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to approve TSE Consulting to aid with government affairs for this upcoming legislative session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.**

e) Annual Programmatic and Administrative Performance Report for FY 17-18:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that CSC-funded programs are performing very well, and that technical assistance was successfully provided when there were items that needed to be addressed.

Ms. Donnelly provided feedback, stating that the Report read clearly and was very helpful.

Mr. Benitez stated that it was one of the best tools and the best and easiest way to have Members understand the complexity of the work, adding that it is a must when you are a tax-dollar funded agency. He thanked staff for their efforts.

Due to a shortage of time for this meeting, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer indicated she would save the review of selected data stories for next month when the agenda is expected to be lighter.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer did note that in looking at the emerging data stories from the Performance Report, some philosophical and policy questions arose where Council direction and guidance will be critical. As such, she laid the ground work for the March Roundtable, which will explore certain data stories and give Members the opportunity to make policy decisions going forward as to whether deeper intervention is the right place for CSC to be, which would mean more expensive program models, or if the Council desires to invest instead in more primary prevention.

For the March discussion, Ms. Bartleman requested that staff include a list of any other entity that may be funding those program areas and systems in the community.

Commissioner Furr requested copies of the Performance Report be shared with the County Commission, as well as the School Board, suggesting a possible presentation. Ms. Bartleman indicated she will reach out to Superintendent Runcie to have it added to a future School Board meeting agenda.

**VI. Chief Programs Officer (CPO) Report:**

- a) Contract Adjustments Related to Florida Minimum Wage Increase:
- b) Johns-Harris Consulting, LLC, to facilitate Project Based Learning Training:
- c) River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding to facilitate Restorative Justice Training:

**ACTION:** Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve SYEP, MODS EMPYRE, and STEP Contract adjustments related to the minimum wage increase; approve Johns-Harris Consulting, LLC, to facilitate Project Based Learning Training; and approve the River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding to facilitate Restorative Justice Training, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and passed with no opposing votes.

**VII. Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Report:**

P3 Final Report:

Dr. Gallagher shared that the P3 Final Report had been submitted, and noted that staff will bring possible next steps to the Council at its next meeting for consideration and direction.

**VIII. Chief Communications Officer (CCO) Report:**

- a) KMack to Provide Community Leadership Trainings:
- b) Broward League of Women Voters' *Lock It Up!* Campaign:

**ACTION:** Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve KMack to provide two community Leadership trainings: (1) Frequency Matters Leadership Power, and (2) Frequency Matters Executive Intensive; and support *Lock it Up!* as a participating partner, both as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and passed with no opposing votes.

- c) FYI – Quarterly Community Engagement Report:
- d) FYI – Funded Program Directory:

**IX. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report:**

- a) Financial Statements for First Quarter and Budget Amendments for FY 18/19:
- b) Invoices, P.O.s & Contracts:

**ACTION:** Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve budget amendments and interim financial statements for Quarter Ending December 31, 2018; and approve the CSC monthly/annual purchases, both as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.

**X. Broward Reads Coalition Report:**

Commissioner Furr announced that under a program known as Museums for All, the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) will provide families receiving food stamps entrance to MODS for a minimal fee.

**XI. Agency Capacity Building Committee Report:**

Ms. Valladares highlighted the recent meeting of the Agency Capacity Building Committee.

**XII. Election of Officers:**

CSC Legal Counsel, Garry Johnson, pointed out that the terms of the current gubernatorial appointees end on January 31<sup>st</sup> and there is no guarantee of when the new appointments would be made. As such, he outlined options for the elections of officers, including holding a vote today that would allow gubernatorial appointees to be elected as officers, deferring the vote, or only nominating those Members who are not gubernatorial appointees. He explained that if the Council proceeded with the elections today and the elected officers were not reappointed, another vote could be held at that time.

**ACTION: Mr. Powers made a motion to follow the normal process of electing officers at the January Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and passed with no opposing votes.**

**ACTION: Mr. Powers nominated Ms. Donnelly to serve as Chair. There were no objections and no other nominations. Ms. Donnelly was unanimously elected as Chair.**

**ACTION: Ms. Donnelly nominated Mr. Powers to serve as Vice Chair. There were no objections and no other nominations. Mr. Powers was unanimously elected as Vice Chair.**

**ACTION: Mr. Powers nominated Judge Gillespie to serve as Secretary. There were no objections and no other nominations. Judge Gillespie was unanimously elected as Secretary.**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that the Executive Committee is comprised of the three officers and the Past Immediate Chair. So the 2019 Executive Committee members are Ms. Donnelly, Mr. Powers, Mr. Gillespie, and Commissioner Furr.

Members agreed that the remaining Committees would keep their current Members until gubernatorial appointments are made.

Commissioner Furr passed the gavel to Ms. Donnelly.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer thanked Commissioner Furr for his service as Chair and presented him with a keepsake photo plaque. Council Members also thanked him for his service as Chair during the past two years.

**XIII. Public Comment:**

There were none.

**XIV. Council Members' Roundtable:**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer introduced Dr. Keisha Grey, CSC's Strategy Manager, to lead the Roundtable on the 2018 Report on the Status of Girls and Young Women in Broward County.

Ms. Aggie Pappas, Pace Center for Girls, outlined the new Girls Coordinating Council of Broward, which is a committee within the Children's Strategic Plan. She explained that the Girls Coordinating Council looked at the needs in the community and looked at the state of girls in Broward, producing the first-ever Girls Report.

Ms. April Brownlee, Pace Center for Girls, and Chair of the Girls Coordinating Council, highlighted Broward data from the Report, including a lower teen pregnancy rate; lower percentages of bullying in schools as compared with overall national numbers; higher arrest rates for Black girls than Hispanic and White girls; a doubling of high school girls reporting suicide attempts; a little over half of 4,931 students living in transition (homeless) are girls; and White girls reported being electronically bullied at higher rates than Black or Hispanic girls.

Dr. Grey highlighted recommendations to the community, including increasing use of gender responsive, trauma informed, strength-based and holistic programming tailored to meet the unique developmental needs of girls; creating funding opportunities with a gender focus that drives program development and service delivery; and enhancing the system of care to provide opportunities for community connectedness and experiences that foster the positive and holistic development of girls.

Miss Jayda Washington, 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, thanked the Council and discussed the impact and importance of the mentors, agencies, and families who assisted her. She expressed appreciation for the opportunities in STEM that will lead her to achieve her dream of becoming an engineer.

Miss Caroline St. Louis, Broward College student, shared her experience with homelessness and housing insecurity and discussed the impact and importance of the mentors and agencies in her life who assisted her during those challenging years.

Ms. Carole D. Mitchell, MSW, Broward Public Schools, Homeless Education District Liaison, addressed the importance of education in breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness. She thanked the CSC for the wonderful services provided to youth in need.

Ms. Brownlee highlighted the next steps for the Girls Coordinating Council of Broward.

**XV. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 A.M.

  
Kenneth L. Gillespie, Secretary

**MEETING ATTENDEES**

\*denotes speaker

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Joy Clark Newkirk	Urban League of Broward County
Michaelle Schutt	Urban League of Broward County
Lisa Bayne	Kids In Distress
Michelle Rogers	Family Central
Jayda Washington*	Student
Niki Donner	Colodny Fass
Jodi Davidson	Colodny Fass
Robby Holroyd	Tripp Scott Ericks
Jennifer Coleman	Family Central
Michelle Rosegreen	Family Central
Tangela Smith	Family Central
Courtnee Biscardi	Urban League of Broward County
Leona McAndrews	Broward County
Kenneth Moorer	The Faith Center
Annejeanette Washington	Parent
Deontré Clayton	Florida Reading Corps
Alice-Lydia Bird	YMCA of South Florida
Yanick Goutier	Citizen
Alison Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Lauren Jackson	Tripp Scott Ericks Consulting
Grace Ramos	The M Network
A. Thérèse Sullivan	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Carly Talbott	Family Central
Donna Lavallo	Smith CMH
Barbara Weinstein*	Family Central
Caroline St. Louis*	Heart
Carole Mitchell*	Broward County Public Schools – HEART
Aggie Pappas*	Pace Center for Girls
April Brownlee*	Pace Center for Girls