

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

6600 W. Commercial Blvd.

Lauderhill, FL 33319

MINUTES

February 21, 2019

9:30 A.M.

Members in Attendance: School Board Member Robin Bartleman; Governor Appointee Emilio Benitez; Broward County Mayor Beam Furr; Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie (*via phone*); Governor Appointee Tom Powers; School Superintendent Robert W. Runcie; Governor Appointee Maria Schneider; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi, M.D.; Governor Appointee Ana Valladares (*via phone*)

Counsel Present: Garry Johnson, Esq.

Council Members Absent: Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; DCF Regional Managing Director Dennis Miles

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; Alexia Bridges; Andria Dewson; Angie Buchter; Arnold "JB" Jean-Baptiste; Brooke Sherman; Camila Romero Gil; Carl Dasse; Cynthia Reynoso; Deborah Forshaw; Easton Harrison; Erin Byrne; Gloria Putiak; John Jeyasingh; Jumorrow Johnson; Karen Franceschini; Kathleen Campbell; Keyonia Lawson; Laura Ganci; Maddy Jones; Marissa Greif-Hackett; Melissa Soza; Michelle Hagues; Monique Finlay; Nancy Cohn; Parry Silcox; Piper Weber; Seanteé Campbell; Silke Angulo; Tameeka Grant

Guests in Attendance: Attached

Agenda:

I. Call to Order:

Vice Chair Tom Powers called the meeting to order at 9:37 A.M.

II. Roll Call:

The roll was called and a quorum was established.

III. Chair's Comments:

a) Moment of Silence for Edith Lederberg and Chuck Hood:

b) Council Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve the January 17, 2019, Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

c) **Gubernatorial Appointees' Update:**

It was announced that the County sent a list of 15 names to the Governor earlier this week. Per statute, the Governor has 45 days upon receipt of the names to make his five appointments to the Council.

IV. President's Report:

a) **Good of the Order:**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer will be recognized by A Child is Missing and HANDY at upcoming events. Members were directed to the related Information included in the meeting packet.

The annual Broward Reads Countdown to Kindergarten Family Day will be held on March 9th at the Parker Playhouse.

While the first Broward AWARE! Event -- the 33311 Walk -- was rained out, Members were made aware of other events scheduled in the upcoming months to bring awareness to child abuse and prevention resources. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer also highlighted a partnership with the Westside Gazette where youth are empowered to seek out and report on community trends, events, and activities that matter to them.

Mr. Benitez and Superintendent Runcie arrived.

Ms. Bernard-Bastien was recently nominated for the African-American Achiever awards in recognition of the impact she's made in the South Florida community. She was also recently recognized by the City of Tamarac for her community involvement.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted CSC-funded Memorial Youth FORCE program's successful MLK Day Peace Project.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted CSC-funded Hispanic Unity of Florida's Youth FORCE program at McNicol Middle School. Members viewed excerpts from a video the youth created for their 2018 summer project. The video encouraged unity and leadership within their community.

Members viewed Public Service Announcements encouraging family reading and literacy that were created through a partnership with the Florida Grade Level Reading Campaign and PNC.

b) **MSD Wellness Center Update:**

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer updated the Council on the MSD long-term recovery wellness center, now known as Eagles' Haven, a name chosen by the youth. While it is expected to open in April, she noted that family support services are currently being provided in home. They can be reached via email, phone, or Face Book.

She also noted that our experience and understanding of long-term trauma recovery, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and the federal Victims of Crime Act funding may allow the community some opportunities to address trauma and toxic stress stemming from violence in other areas of the County. She explained that while the

application deadline for those funding opportunities won't be until March 2020, conversations and planning are starting now.

c) Florida Children's Council (FCC) Update:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted the recent meeting of the FCC in Tallahassee, where she and Chair Donnelly were included in meetings with agency and government officials, including the new Secretary of the Department of Children & Families (DCF).

d) Program Performance Report Follow-Up:

Tabled until next month's meeting.

V. Finance Committee Report:

Auditor's Report & FY 18 Draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR):

Dr. Thaqi summarized the recent meeting of the Finance Committee and introduced the auditor, Mr. Andrew Fierman, of Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP, who provided a brief presentation on the audit findings. He declared an unmodified clean opinion on financial statements ending 9/30/18. He added that there were no significant deficiencies or non-compliance, and that there were no difficulties in completing the audit, nor adjustments made to the initial information.

Dr. Thaqi highlighted two additional discussions that occurred at the Committee meeting, with the first one centered around a potential increase in the provider administrative rate, which has not been adjusted since the Council's inception. The Finance Committee requested that staff explore different options to be brought to the full Council for discussion.

The other Committee discussion centered around a potential investment in advocacy at the federal level on children's issues. The Finance Committee requested that Ms. Arenberg Seltzer research further to see what investment amount would be required in order for the advocacy efforts to be effective. The issue would then be brought to the full Council for discussion. Mr. Benitez spoke in support of such efforts, especially in advocating for child welfare Title IV-E waivers.

ACTION: Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve the Auditor's Report for FY Ending September 30, 2018, and approve the draft CAFR for FY ending September 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.

VI. Chief Programs Officer (CPO) Report:

Ms. Juarez briefed Members on the items under the CPO Report.

a) JAFCO Contract Adjustment:

ACTION: Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve increasing the JFACO, Inc., Contract allocation to include the lease expense for Eagles' Haven, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schneider and passed with no opposing votes.

b) MOST Summer-Only Contracts:

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the MOST Summer-Only General Population (GP) and Special Needs (SN) summer contract renewals, as presented, minus the Urban League renewal; and to approve COLA and other adjustments, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bartleman and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Urban League MOST Summer-Only contract renewal, as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Gillespie and passed with no opposing votes and one abstention from Superintendent Runcie, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

c) Junior Achievement Leverage Request:

ACTION: Ms. Bartleman made a motion to approve the Junior Achievement of South Florida's leverage request, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

VII. Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Report:

CSC Application for March of Dimes Grant:

Dr. Gallagher briefed the Council on a grant application that had been submitted to develop a train the trainer curriculum for the local history of racism and implicit bias workshops that have been shared with over 2,500 Broward participants. The Council will be notified when an award decision has been made.

VIII. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report:

a) Financial Statements and Budget Amendments for January 2019:

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve budget amendments and interim financial statements for Period Ending January 31, 2019, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Invoices, P.O.s & Contracts:

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the CSC monthly/annual purchases as presented, minus the Urban League purchase and United Way sponsorship. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Urban League purchase and the United Way sponsorship, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes and one abstention from Superintendent Runcie, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

IX. Broward Reads Coalition Report:

Commissioner Furr foreshadowed an upcoming meeting of the League of Cities, where Ms. Renee Jaffe, CEO of the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, will present on the new Tiered Reimbursement for subsidized child care that will begin in July 2019 due to legislation which passed last year. As a result of that legislation, all centers must undergo a CLASS assessment by June 30, 2019.

He expressed concern that some centers may not be able to make the grade in July and will not continue to receive subsidies, leaving some neighborhoods without the child care centers they have currently. He asked Ms. Bartleman and Superintendent Runcie if the school board could possibly assist in covering any gaps. Superintendent Runcie responded that they may be able to look at options where they have excess capacity and utilize space in those schools to serve the community, or look at leasing space out to child care providers in a strategic way, or replicate the learning center at Gulf Stream. Ms. Bartleman expressed her preference for providing services similar to Gulf Stream, as well as concern with for-profit companies coming onto school property. Commissioner Furr expressed a desire to formulate a plan on how to proceed. Superintendent Runcie requested that Commissioner Furr establish a working group, adding that he would assign school staff to it.

X. Special Needs Advisory Coalition Report:

Ms. Bartleman highlighted the recent Coalition meeting.

XI. Public Comment:

Mr. Algenelero Frazier, Rite of Passage Nation, requested reconsideration of his recent sponsorship request, which he noted was originally submitted as a camp, but is actually a week-long empowerment conference. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that it does not adhere to the sponsorship policy. She suggested that he meet with Ms. Bernard-Bastien for guidance on possible alternative funding sources and that he attend the next Agency Capacity Building Committee meeting, which will feature a panel of funders explaining their processes.

XII. Council Members' Roundtable:

Dr. Sue Gallagher, CSC's Chief Innovation Officer, and Dr. Carl Dasse, CSC's Senior Data Systems and Research Manager, led a Council discussion on the future of CSC-funded high school programming. Dr. Gallagher explained that with the recent discontinuance of federal/state 21st CCLC funding, and with the last procurement occurring about 10 years ago due to the BOSS/P3 program pilot, it was now time for the Council to explore the best use of CSC resources for high school aged youth, taking into account the many programmatic successes, the development and evolution of school programs, and the challenges.

Dr. Dasse outlined the lessons learned from the BOSS/P3 pilot, citing as a success the case managers/coaches, noting that a caring adult was found to be critical to the program's success. He described the various out-of-school time programs as also successful, but with some challenges, such as regular participation. It was also found that students either attended the summer program or the after school program, but not both.

Dr. Dasse pointed out that within the past two years, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) now provides many of the same supports as the CSC-funded high school programming. In lieu of the BOSS Case Manager, BCPS provides guidance counselors, BRACE advisors, junior BRACE advisors, career coaches (created with Perkins funds), Naviance, and MECCA (tutoring).

Dr. Dasse noted that upon closer examination, it was evident that there is a high number of students becoming disconnected and disengaged around the age of 16, with many being transferred/withdrawn around that time. He recommended that CSC resources focus on preventing this disengagement, as well as looking for best practice models to reconnect those already disconnected.

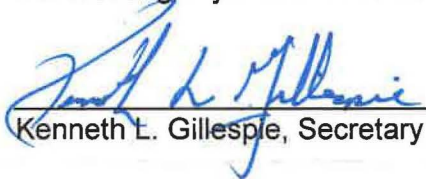
Discussion ensued on where is the most effective place for the Council and its resources. Superintendent Runcie noted that while it is a complex issue, part of the solution seems to be starting earlier with the transition from elementary to middle school, with an early introduction to career pathways and the related academic requirements. In addition to the creation of career paths and Project Based Learning during middle school, he also noted the need for mental health supports.

Consensus was reached to extend current CSC-funded high school programs for an additional school year to end May 31, 2020, in order to allow for the development and release of a Positive Youth Development RFP in 19/20. Members expressed a desire in the meantime to continue with meaningful discussions to shape a framework for effective youth development programming.

ACTION: Ms. Schneider made a motion to extend current CSC-funded high school programs to end May 31, 2020, and for the Council to engage in further discussion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bartleman and passed with no opposing votes.

XIII. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 A.M.


Kenneth L. Gillespie, Secretary

MEETING ATTENDEES***denotes speaker**

Name	Organization
Debbie Fairholm	Junior Achievement
Andrew Fierman	Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP
Jenna Cusack	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Elizabeth Dorante	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Lisa Farland	YMCA of South Florida
Alice-Lydia Bird	YMCA of South Florida
Mark Russell	YMCA of South Florida
Felipe Pinzon	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Darius Daughtry	Art Prevails Project
Ruth Lynch	The Charter Schools of Excellence
Courtnee Biscardi	Urban League of Broward County
Alison Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Grace Ramos	The M Network
A. Therese Sullivan	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Algenelirro Frazier	Rite of Passage Nation

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

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DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Robert W. Runcie, hereby disclose that on February 21, 20 19:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- 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 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:
① Urban League Summer-Only Contract under Agenda Item VI. b. ;
② Urban League Purchases Item for presentation space under Agenda Item VIII. b.; and
③ United Way Sponsorship Item under Agenda Item VIII. b.

I serve on the Boards of the Urban League and the United Way.

February 21, 2019
Date Filed

Robert W. Runcie
Signature

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