

# CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

6600 W. Commercial Blvd.  
Lauderhill, FL 33319

Minutes  
October 18, 2018  
9:30 A.M.

**Members in Attendance:** Governor Appointee Emilio Benitez; Broward County Mayor Beam Furr; Judge Kenneth L. Gillespie; DCF Regional Managing Director Vern Melvin; Governor Appointee Maria Schneider; Health Department Director Paula Thaqi, M.D; Governor Appointee Ana Valladares

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

**Council Members Absent:** School Board Member Robin Bartleman; Governor Appointee Cathy Donnelly; Governor Appointee Tom Powers; School Superintendent Robert W. Runcie

**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; Arnold "JB" Jean-Baptiste; Betty Dominguez; Brooke Sherman; Camila Romero Gil; Cynthia Reynoso; Dion Smith; Erin Byrne; Gloria Putiak; Jennifer Wennberg; Jocelin Eubanks; Jumorrow Johnson; Keisha Grey; Keyonia Lawson; Maddy Jones; Marissa Greif-Hackett; Melissa Soza; Monique Finlay; Nancy Cohn; Odeth O'Meally; Parry Silcox; Robby Holroyd; Silke Angulo; Tameeka Grant; Trisha Dowell

**Guests in Attendance:** Attached

## Agenda:

### I. Call to Order:

Chair Beam Furr called the meeting to order at 9:41 A.M.

### II. Roll Call:

The roll was called and a quorum was established.

### III. Chair's Comments:

Council Members were asked to arrive early for the November meeting in order to take photos for the CSC Annual Report.

- a) Council Meeting Minutes:
- b) TRIM Hearing Minutes:
- c) Cancellation of December Meeting:
- d) 2019 Council Meeting Calendar:

**ACTION:** Judge Gillespie made a motion to approve all of the action items under the Chair's Comments on the agenda, as presented. Those items included approval of the September 20, 2018, Council meeting minutes; approval of the September 20, 2018, TRIM Hearing minutes; cancellation of the December 20, 2018, Council meeting; and approval of the 2019 Council meeting calendar. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.

e) President/CEO Performance Evaluation:

Members were asked to complete the 2017/18 CEO Performance Appraisal form behind Tab 20 of their meeting information packet and return it by October 26<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that the CSC Executive Committee will then meet on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 A.M. to review the results. All Members were encouraged to attend if interested.

#### **IV. President's Report:**

a) Good of the Order:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted upcoming events, including Lights On After School activities this afternoon at Franklin Park and the NSU Day for Children event on Sunday. Members were encouraged to attend.

CSC was a TIL System of Care Hero Honoree at the FLITE Center's Heroes' Luncheon last Friday.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer participated in Tomorrow's Rainbow's Pony Jail n' Bale, where she was "jailed" with a therapy pony until she raised bail. Funds raised benefitted Tomorrow's Rainbow, which offers grief and loss therapy to children throughout the County.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted a visit from the CEO of Jumpstart, the national non-profit that leads Read for the Record. The Jumpstart CEO joined Ms. Arenberg Seltzer, Superintendent Runcie, Mayor Furr, Ms. Renee Jaffe (Early Learning Coalition of Broward), and the local representative from PNC Bank in reading to students at Colbert Museum Magnet Elementary School, followed by a tour of the Gulf Stream Early Learning Center. She was very impressed by the way we have used Read for the Record to support our Campaign for Grade Level Reading.

Members were encouraged to be volunteer readers for the Read for the Record on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that she and CSC staff (Dr. Sue Gallagher and Ms. Adamma DuCille), presented recently on various topics at the National Center for Families Learning Conference held in Fort Lauderdale. She also noted that she was a guest panelist at the recent Jamaican Women of Florida Wellness Seminar, as well as the School Board's Workshop on Mental Health.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the success of a few of the CSC-Funded programs, including the NFTE Startup Summer Camp, where one of the students won a \$5,000 prize at the national level; the YMCA's LEAP High Program, where students participating in the Good Neighbor Store Initiative completed their project posters promoting healthy eating in their community; and the Hispanic Unity of Florida's (HUF) Compass/Unity 4 Teens Program, which was featured in a national publication on promising practices.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the recent episode of CSC's TV program, *Future First: Focus on Broward's Children*, which focused on Broward County Public School's (BCPS) debate initiative. She pointed out that Broward's debate program is the largest in the world. She let Members know that next month they will consider a sponsorship request for a CSC-sponsored tournament for first-time debaters. Ms. Schneider spoke to the initiative's upcoming endeavors, including a fundraising luncheon and the expansion of the debate initiative into elementary schools and juvenile justice programs where youth are serving their dispositions.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the CSC-funded LEAP High afterschool program at the YMCA that partnered with Broward County's Natural Resource Department to create the Jr. Sustainability Stewards Program. The program was recently featured in the Green Schools National Network's *Catalyst Quarterly*. She introduced Ms. Jill Horwitz, Natural Resource Specialist with Broward County, who spoke briefly on the CSC/Broward County partnership that works with 30 students at Dillard High School, teaching them about environmental stewardship, community and environmental justice issues, and possible career pathways.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer drew Members' attention to the child abuse prevention newsletter contained in the meeting information packet that highlighted water-safety Public Service Announcements (PSAs) that were created in conjunction with CSC Broward. Members were shown the two PSAs.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer updated the Council on recent efforts to purchase available land adjacent to the CSC Office, noting that the CSC offer was rejected. She explained that as the owner wants double what was offered, and due to the extensive tree and drainage mitigation costs required to develop the land, CSC will not proceed further at this time. Instead, staff will work with the architect to redouble efforts to fix the current office location's drainage and parking issues.

As the CSC Gubernatorial Appointees' terms are co-terminus with the Governor, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that current appointees' terms will end January 31, 2019. She noted that the County plans to have applications available around November 5<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be available and accepted for about a month after release, with the County scheduled to send the required nominations to the Governor by early January. She pointed out that the Governor then has 45 days to appoint five Members to the Council. She further explained that if the appointments are not made within 45 days, state government attorneys have previously advised that current appointees continue to serve as Members until the new appointments are made.

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

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that the FCC hired Mr. Matt Guse as its new CEO, replacing Ms. Brittany Birken, who had accepted a position with the University of Florida Lastinger Center. She pointed out that Mr. Guse's hiring was part of a national search and that he possesses a strong public policy background. As the current FCC Chair, Ms. Seltzer noted that she will be meeting with Mr. Guse and Ms. Birken on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to assist with the transition.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer drew Members' attention to the FCC public policy priorities behind Tab 22 in the meeting information packet.

c) Florida Afterschool Network (FAN) Update:

Cindy briefly highlighted FAN's work in the area of the licensing of school-aged afterschool programs, differentiating them from child care regulations with ones more appropriate for the youth population.

d) Federal Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP) Grant:

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted CSC's role in building community resilience and recovery in the aftermath of the MSD tragedy, explaining the Council's role as services for children and youth, and possibly a significant role in the resiliency center. She presented action items for consideration that would broaden the Family Strengthening program area to include a trauma focus, as well as approval for CSC Broward to be a sub-grantee in the Federal AEAP Program.

**ACTION:** Judge Gillespie made a motion to revise Goal 2.1 to read, "Reduce the incidence and impact of child abuse, neglect, and trauma;" approve the creation of a new Objective 2.1.3 that reads, "Address the negative impacts of trauma and provide resources to allow those impacted to increase protective factors and build resiliency;" and approve CSC's role as a sub-grantee for the Federal AEAP Program Grant, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin and passed with no opposing votes.

V. Chief Programs Officer (CPO) Report:

Legal Supports Request for Proposal (RFP) Raters:

Ms. Maria Juarez highlighted the need for raters for the Legal Supports RFP and encouraged Members to be raters and/or appoint raters.

**ACTION:** Ms. Schneider made a motion to approve source experts for the Legal Supports RFP Rating Committee as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

VI. Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Report:

Racial Equity Institute Training for FY 18/19:

**ACTION:** Mr. Benitez made a motion to approve accepting revenue and related expenditures for the Racial Equity Institute Training for FY 18/19, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schneider and passed with no opposing votes.

VII. Chief Communications Officer (CCO) Report:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien highlighted the items under her report.

a) 2018 Back-to-School Extravaganza:

**ACTION:** Mr. Benitez made a motion to approve revenue and reconciliation of 2018 Back-to-School Extravaganza as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schneider and passed with no opposing votes.

b) 2018 Broward Reads for the Record:

**ACTION: Mr. Benitez made a motion to approve an additional allocation for the 2018 Reads for the Record as presented and contingent upon not receiving additional donations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valladares and passed with no opposing votes.**

c) *Telly* Award Presentation:

Mr. Thom Mozloom, M Network, presented the CSC Chair with the *Telly* Award statue for last year's promotional video for Read for the Record.

d) Community Engagement Report:

Ms. Bernard-Bastien briefly highlighted the community engagement report.

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

Ms. Larsen highlighted the items under her report.

a) Disposal of Fixed Assets:

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

**ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve disposal of fully depreciated or non-capitalized items, as well as approval of the CSC monthly/annual purchases, both as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benitez and passed with no opposing votes.**

**IX. Broward Reads Coalition Report:**

Mayor Furr highlighted the efforts of the Broward Reads Coalition and referred Members to the Coalition meeting minutes contained in the information packet.

**X. Special Needs Advisory Coalition Report:**

Member were referred to the most recent Coalition meeting minutes contained in the meeting information packet.

**XI. Public Comment:**

There were no comments.

**XII. Council Members' Roundtable:**

CSC staff presented on the Legal Supports program area and the upcoming RFP.

CSC Programs Manager Andria Dewson highlighted legal supports programming and funding history, as well as focus group and client feedback.

CSC Sr. Research & Evaluation Manager Marissa Greif-Hackett shared performance measures for the legal supports program area.

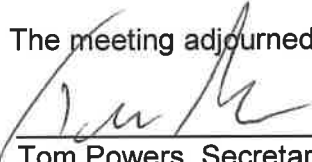
CSC Sr. Planning & Research Manager Gloria Putiak highlighted research in the area of legal supports.

Dr. Thaqi inquired as to current capacity and need, expressing a desire for increased funding in the area of legal representation and early childhood programming. Staff will further explore as the FY 19/20 draft budget is prepared.

Judge Gillespie agreed with Dr. Thaqi on the need for more legal representation.

**XIII. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.



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Tom Powers, Secretary

**MEETING ATTENDEES****\*denotes speaker**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Therese Sullivan	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Jill Horwitz*	Broward County EPCRD
Colin Murphy	Children's Home Society of Florida
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Thom Mozloom	The M Network