

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

Held @ 6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33319
and by Zoom Webinar with public access by computer or phone

February 20, 2025

9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Council Members in Physical Attendance:

Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi, Governor Appointee Julia Musella, Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich, DCF Child Protection Director Robert Shea, Health Department Director Paula Thaqi, Governor Appointee Christine Thompson, Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood (*Chair*)

Council Members Absent:

School Superintendent Howard Hepburn, School Board Member Debra Hixon, Judge Francis Viamontes

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (President/CEO), David Kenton, Sharetta Remikie, Maria Juarez, Michelle Hamilton, Sue Gallagher, Dion Smith, Lisa Bayne, Marlando Christie, Ken King, Marissa Greif-Hackett, Kathleen Campbell, Carl Dasse, Kimberly Goulbourne, Amy Jacques, Angie Buchter, Marissa Aquino, Tracy Graham, Andria Dewson, Johnsingh Jeyasingh, Diego Alvarez, Jessica Rincon, Meg Wallace, Nelson Giraldo, Akil Edwards, Liza Khan, Julie Toscano, Camila Mathieson, Keyonia Lawson, Latora Steel, Radoika Pilarte, Zinajen De Oliveira, Michelle Hagues-Fullwood, Melissa Soza, Trisha Dowell, Carlos Campos, Erin Byrne, Jocelin Eubanks, , Yolanda Meadows, Fern Phillip, Cristina Castellanos, S. Lorenzo "Lolo" Benaine, Madeline Jones, Alexia Bridges, Gaby Carbonell, Cynthia Reynoso, Maya Berryhill-Porter, Priscilla Cole, Valencia McConnico-Bell, Nicolette Picardi, A. Brooks; Betty Dominguez; Alexandra Lemoine, Mina Razavi, Gabi Tabib, Kimberlee Reid, Shantigra "Shae" Williams, Amber Gross, Zoë Lewis, Jonathan Corado, Tabitha Bush, Jennifer Wennberg, Jill Denis-Lay, Travis Johnson, Ashley Cole, Felina Rosales-Furer, Kyle Jones, Silke Angulo, Pooja Yajnik, Shira Fowlkes, Ileana Blanco, Shawanda Spencer, Astrid Cantos, Jimmy Jean, Lynn Kalmes, Brooke Sherman, Roxanne Smith, Karen Franceschini, Leslie Saca, Maxine Goldson, Dianne Choi, Florence Ukpai, Frantz Millien, Jheanelle Henry, Nelson Giraldo; TaiQuay Bogle

Guests in Attendance:

See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Mr. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:33 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 their bodies and minds to settle and focus before considering the meeting agenda items.

Mr. Wood and Ms. Arenberg Seltzer presented CSC's newest Member, Senator Nan Rich, with a CSC pin.

b) January Council Minutes 2025

ACTION: Senator Rich made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes from January 16, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musella and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Reschedule CSC's First TRIM Hearing

Mr. Wood pointed out that CSC's first TRIM Hearing scheduled for September 4, 2025, conflicts with the County's first TRIM Hearing and, therefore, needs to be rescheduled. While the proposed new date of September 3rd conflicts with the first day of the DCF Summit, a quorum was confirmed, and it was noted that Mr. Shea could join virtually. Members were asked to ensure it was on their calendar for 5:01pm at the CSC Office on September 3rd.

ACTION: Dr. Thompson made a motion to reschedule CSC's first TRIM Hearing date from 5:01 P.M. on September 4, 2025, to 5:01 P.M. on September 3, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Senator Rich and passed with no opposing votes.

IV. President's Report

a) Good of the Order

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the Broward AWARE! Protecting Our Children Campaign. She explained that this Campaign, spearheaded by the CSC, is a comprehensive awareness initiative designed to promote child safety and wellbeing in Broward County. It encompasses a broad range of media to ensure that families, educators, law enforcement, and other

stakeholders in Broward County have access to and share resources that enable children to safely achieve their full potential. She shared that a new addition to the Campaign this year is a commercial with Marlins player Xavier Edwards at their training camp. Members viewed the commercial. Members will receive an email with event information for Pinwheels for Prevention (4/9), the Family Fun and Resource Fair (4/12), the lighting of the Hard Rock Guitar blue (4/2-6 from 9pm-12am), and Wear Blue for Broward AWARE! (4/9). As part of the Campaign, there were also planned activities in February as part of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, including CSC staff wearing orange to support and stand united in raising awareness.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the Broward Human Trafficking Coalition's annual Anti-Human Trafficking Event, held on January 25th in Deerfield Beach, with the theme "I am Somebody's Somebody." Guest speakers were Natalie Wilson from the HBO Series, *Black & Missing*, and Kirsten Milhorn, a Fort Lauderdale resident whose 15-year-old niece went missing seven years ago and whose whereabouts remain unknown. The event included a community discussion highlighting the lack of response and media coverage regarding missing Black and Broward children in Broward County. Solutions to protect children and strategies for the community to be actively involved in search efforts were discussed. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer pointed out that the Broward Human Trafficking Coalition is a Broward Children's Strategic Plan Committee.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that CSC partnered with Subaru of Pembroke Pines' Subaru Loves to Help initiative to deliver 17 boxes of 204 shoes and socks to preschool children in need.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that CSC's Government Affairs Manager, Nicholas Hessing, was the guest speaker for the 2025 Public Health Workforce Development Series, which is a virtual series conducted by the Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine Department of Public Health and the Broward Regional Health Planning Council. The topic was "From Data to Decisions: Forecasting Healthcare Demand with Predictive Models." Mr. Hessing began his career in the Florida Legislature, where he collaborated with policymakers to expand coverage eligibility under the Florida KidCare program.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that Dr. Sue Gallagher, CSC's Chief Innovation Officer, spoke recently at the California Cradle-to-Career Lunch & Learn. Dr. Gallagher shared how CSC's work on Community Participatory Action Research (CPAR), Asset Based Community Development (ABCD), and the Echoes of Empathy display is making a difference.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer spoke recently at the Jewish Federation's Leadership Agency meeting, where she was joined by Mr. Ken King, CSC's Director of

Public Affairs and Organizational Development – Communications and Public Affairs, to share the work of the CSC. Many of CSC's funded agencies were in attendance.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that the CSC-sponsored Forever Family segments won two international Anthem Awards, which recognize organizations and individuals that spark global change through impactful work that inspires others to take action in their communities. She explained that Forever Family, one of the first things CSC funded in 2002, uses the power of broadcast media to help children and teens in foster care find permanent, loving homes by sharing their stories on television stations throughout Broward County and Florida. She noted that Forever Family focuses on those children who are harder to adopt, such as sibling groups, teenagers, and those with disabilities. She commended Ms. Gia Tutalo-Mote for doing an amazing job. She displayed the awards and Members viewed a video clip.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that Broward County Parks and Recreation presented CSC with an Intra-Agency Collaboration Award at the 38th annual meeting of the Broward County Parks and Recreation Division. She remarked that Broward County Parks and Rec are great partners with the CSC, with CSC having funded them to do Swim Central since CSC's first year. She displayed the award.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the recent leadership meeting of the Florida Alliance of Children's Councils and Trusts (FACCT), which is CSC's statewide organization of 13 CSCs. CSC Broward leadership took part in several Bright Spot presentations on the CSC vehicle, the HEAL Trauma program, and Echoes of Empathy.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer drew Members' attention to the newest edition (2024/2025) of the CSC Broward Funded Program Directory at the dais. Members should let staff know if they would like additional copies or a box of directories.

b) President/CEO Eval Process

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that Council Members will receive her self-evaluation and the evaluation tool by this Friday afternoon. She explained that while her eval was normally done in November, the Council had previously agreed to push the evaluation period back to after Members had received the Annual Performance Report in January.

c) Legislative Update

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer deferred her update until the Roundtable at the end of the agenda. She did briefly touch upon legislation introduced by State Senator Gayle Harrell that has the potential to expand services for children with Autism.

V. Chief Program Officer Report

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the items under the CPO Report.

a) Raters for the 2025 HEAL Trauma RFP

Senator Rich suggested adding Susan Nyamora from the South Florida Wellness Network, and Mr. Shea suggested a Hope Florida representative. Dr. Thompson also requested to serve as a rater.

ACTION: Dr. Thompson made a motion to approve the HEAL Trauma 2025 RFP Rating Committee, as presented and with the above additions of Susan Nyamora (South Florida Wellness Network), a representative from Hope Florida, and Council Member Thompson. The motion was seconded by Senator Rich and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Adjustments to the Special Needs MOST Year-Round Contracts for the Ann Storck Center and Arc Broward

Ms. Shawn Preston, Arc Broward, thanked Ms. Arenberg Seltzer, CSC Program Manager Jessica Rincon, and the entire CSC team for supporting the needs of the children. She described CSC as an actual partner who she can call for support, guidance, and collaboration; and as true ambassadors for the children Arc serves. She stated it is a pleasure to work with CSC.

c) MOST Summer-Only Inclusion and Special Needs Contract Renewals

Ms. Juarez pointed out a requested adjustment from the Urban League that came in after the packet had been distributed to reduce their Summer 2025 allocation by \$26,946 to serve 40 children instead of 60. That would change the budget impact on the issue paper from \$1,089,018 in Goal 073 to \$1,062,072.

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve a Special Needs MOST Year-Round budget increase for the Ann Storck Center and Arc Broward, and approve the MOST Summer-Only inclusion and Special Needs Contract renewals, as presented and with the reduction of \$26,946 to Urban League's Summer-Only Inclusion Contract, changing the budget impact line for Goal 073 to \$1,062,072. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

d) Postponement of Respite RFP

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to postpone the release of the Respite RFP until FY 25/26 and approve the extension of the current Respite Contract term through September 30, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

VI. Chief Innovation Officer Report

Partnership with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance in a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant.

Dr. Gallagher briefly explained the opportunity to partner with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance in a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant utilizing CPAR. Dr. Thompson requested to be updated on this grant partnership, as she would like to hear how it is going.

VII. Chief Public Affairs Officer Report

In Dr. Remikie's absence, Mr. Ken King briefly highlighted the items under the CPAO Report.

a) Books for the Countdown to Kindergarten Initiative

ACTION: Senator Rich made a motion to approve funding to purchase books for the Countdown to Kindergarten initiative for incoming Kindergarten students, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Extension of the Trainer Cadre through September 2025

ACTION: Senator Rich made a motion to approve the extension of the Trainer Cadre through September 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaqi and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Raters for the Trainer Cadre and Program Performance Consultants

Ms. Musella and Dr. Thompson requested to be added as raters.

ACTION: Ms. Musella made a motion to approve the raters for the Trainer Cadre and Program Performance Consultants RFQ, as presented and with the additions of herself and Dr. Thompson. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

d) Additional Media Vendors

ACTION: Dr. Thompson made a motion to approve additional media vendors for FY 24/25, as presented. The motion was seconded by Senator Rich and passed with no opposing votes.

e) Pledge of Support for the Be Healthy Broward Mental Health Literacy Campaign with the United Way of Broward County

ACTION: Ms. Musella made a motion to approve the Pledge of Support for the Be Healthy Broward Mental Health Literacy Campaign with the United Way of Broward County, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

f) Private Donation of Clear Lunch Bags

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the receipt and acceptance of a private donation of clear lunch bags to be used in support of CSC's outreach efforts, as presented. The motion was seconded by Senator Rich and passed with no opposing votes.

VIII. Chief Operating Officer Report

Dr. Kenton briefly highlighted the items under his Report. He pointed out that the NSU StoryFest Sponsorship request in Purchases should have stated that the funds are coming from Goal 53 – Broward Reads Collaborative.

a) Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements

ACTION: Ms. Musella made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shea and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Managed Fund Monthly Statements

ACTION: Senator Rich made a motion to accept the monthly statement for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for January 31, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

c) CSC Monthly Purchases

ACTION: Senator Rich made a motion to approve the CSC monthly Purchases for Administrative Operations, as presented and minus Kids in Distress' Broward AWARE! sponsorship. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Dr. Thaqi made a motion to approve the Kids in Distress' Broward AWARE! sponsorship, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Senator Rich, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

IX. Broward Reads Coalition Meeting Report

Senator Rich highlighted the recent meeting of the Broward Reads Coalition Report and referred Members to the meeting minutes in the information packet. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2nd.

X. Funders Forum Report

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

XI. Public Comment

Ms. Gia Tutola-Mote, Founder of Forever Family, thanked CSC for supporting her from the very beginning and believing in her vision. She thanked the Council for its hard work and dedication on behalf of Broward's children.

XII. Council Members' Roundtable

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer outlined staff's preparation and process in putting together the budget recommendations that will be presented to the Council in May at the Budget Retreat. She explained that staff look at community conditions, data, trends, and items that surface from the Children's Strategic Plan Committees, from Members at Council meetings, and from community committees. At the staff budget visioning meetings that are currently taking place, staff are looking at current funded programs and services to see whether they are helping or hurting, and asking the questions: are we doing the right things, is it helping children, is it advancing CSC's mission, do we need more, do we need less? She noted that while property values have steadily increased over the years, it is not an unlimited pot of money and decisions will have to be made along the way as to whether the millage rate should be increased or decreased and if any budget wish list items coming out of the Budget Retreat should be included in the proposed budget. She stated that staff will look at any potential threats and seek guidance from Members as the budgeting process continues.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer then briefly discussed recent federal actions that could possibly impact CSC's budget and work, such as the temporary pause of grants, loans and other financial assistance. She pointed out that while it has been blocked by a judge, the money still hasn't been unfrozen. For CSC, this could impact the IV-E funding reimbursement for attorneys for kids in care and the adoption promotion

programs we fund. It could also impact the Promise Neighborhood Grant through the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE). The Executive Order on Immigration could also possibly have an impact on families allowing providers into their home and sending their children to programs. She also listed federal programs that are currently under review that may have an impact on CSC services, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), the School Lunch Program, and the Child Care Development Block Grant.

She then briefly reviewed Unallocated funds, the Fund Balance, the millage rate, program funds, and other possible levers that CSC could turn to if needed to fill needs and gaps in services if the Council chose to utilize them.

Senator Rich raised the need for affordable housing in Broward County. She expressed a need to have a rainy-day fund for times like these. She did not support the Council going back to the Roll Back Millage Rate. She advised the Council to be extremely careful and cautious in how it moved forward, and to protect the vulnerable people in the community as CSC has done for 22 years.

Dr. Thaqui recommended proceeding slowly and carefully, not making any big commitments as things are still unfolding.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.



Nan Rich, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

MEETING ATTENDEES (*denotes speaker)

Name	Organization
Sabrina Brant	Students for Change
Fallon Johnson	Urban League of Broward County
Alison Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Donna Lavalley	Smith Community Mental Health
Gia Tutola-Mote*	Forever Family
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Monti Larsen-Theriot	Consultant
Harrison Grandwilliams	Broward County Commission
Traci Schweitzer	Department of Children and Families
Shawn Preston*	Arc Broward

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

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Rich - Nan		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Children's Services Council of Broward County	
MAILING ADDRESS 115 S. Andrews Ave., #417		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
CITY Fort Lauderdale	COUNTY Broward	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED February 20, 2025		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, Nan Rich, hereby disclose that on February 20, 20 25 :

(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, _____ ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____ ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of KID, Inc., by _____, 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 the Sponsorship request from Kids in Distress (KID) for the 4/12/25 Broward AWARE! event that is included in Agenda Item VIII.c., "Approve CSC Monthly Purchases." I am an honorary lifetime board member of KID. I receive no compensation for my service on the KID Board, but abstained to avoid the appearance of any potential conflict.

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.

February 20, 2025

Date Filed

Nan H. Rich

Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.