

**Broward County Children's Services Council Monthly Meeting**  
Zoom Webinar

August 20, 2020  
9:30 a.m.

**MEETING AGENDA ADDENDUM**

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**V. Chief Programs Officer Report**

f. Approve School Health Reallocation of  
Funds & Contract Extension

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Maria Juarez, CPO

**VII. Chief Communications Officer Report**

d. Look Before You Lock Update

Sandra Bernard-Bastien, CCO

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- Service Goal:** 8.1 Safeguard the physical health of children.
- Objective:** 8.1.1 Increase the availability of school-based health care at schools of highest need in collaboration with the School District to improve the physical well-being of children.
- Issue:** Provision of Health Care Services in Preschools During COVID-19
- Action:**
1. Approve Contract Extension of Sierra Lifecare Contract Through September 30, 2020.
  2. Approve Reallocating the Funds Which Were Set Aside for Sierra Lifecare to Support the Extension.
- Budget Impact:** \$ 300,960 of \$ 300,960 Available in Goal 8.1.1 for FY 20/21.
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**Background:** The Council has provided school health services since 2001 to schools determined to be at higher need by the School District. These health services are provided as a partnership between the School Board, the Department of Health and the CSC using a Differentiated Staffing School Health Model. Based on the complexity of the school and student need, three levels of medical support are provided. Registered nurses serve schools with students with complex medical needs; Health Technicians supervised by Registered Nurses serve schools with students with moderate medical needs; and on-call Registered Nurses serve schools with basic health care needs. Currently, CSC funds Sierra Lifecare, Inc. to provide school health services at 55 moderate needs and 9 complex needs schools identified by the School District. The funding allocation for this program also satisfies the Coral Springs CRA requirement.

This contract was originally scheduled to sunset on June 30th, 2020. However, in March, the rapid spread of COVID-19 in Broward compelled the School Board to close schools and launch a virtual education model for the remainder of the school year. Because approximately 200 child care centers remained open during the pandemic, with community concern over potential spread of the virus, CSC reached out to the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) to see if any of the centers would be interested in having the support of health care staff to aid in their decision-making about reopening and several responded that they thought it would add a comfort level to staff and parents. At the May 2020 Council meeting the Council approved a contract extension for Sierra Lifecare and additional funding to allow approximately 21 Health Service Technicians and 4 RN's to continue working to support the child care programs through August 7, 2020. The



staff used their expertise to screen children and staff before entry, perform wellness checks throughout the day, and isolate anyone who became ill during the day.

**Current Status:** With schools continuing to be closed until at least October 1, 2020, Sierra Lifecare will continue to provide health care staff support at the child care centers that are remaining open, and similar healthcare supports will be needed at the Learning Pods that will be opening throughout the county to provide locations where working parents can send their children to attend virtual school. Therefore, it is recommended that the Sierra Lifecare contract be extended through September 30, 2020, and that the \$300,000 that was set aside to cover the schools for August and September be reallocated to support the contract extension.

**Recommended Action:**

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2. Approve Reallocating the Funds Which Were Set Aside for Sierra Lifecare to Support the Extension.