

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

October 27, 2022 Council Meeting

2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33426

**MINUTES**

Present (in person):

Thomas Bean

Mike Burke

Elisa Cramer

Vincent Goodman

Kathleen Kroll

Jose Luis Rodriguez

Gregg Weiss

Tom Weber

Excused

Debra Robinson, M.D.

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Bean called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

A. Invocation - Led by Vince Goodman

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Bean shared the following farewell message for Dr. Debra Robinson.

It has been a joy to serve with Dr. Robinson. Dr. Robinson has served on the Children's Services Council Board for over 12 years in total, from 2007 through 2008 and then again from 2012 through 2022. She has never shied away from standing up for children, and that remained true during her service on our board. She worked tirelessly to do what was best for our local families, standing strong in her beliefs and always keeping our children as one of her top priorities. Her fresh perspective, as well as her experience in medicine, education, and public service, contributed greatly to our discussions and decisions. We really appreciate all of Dr. Robinson's contributions to the Council and we will miss having here.

C. Presentations

- Reimagining Early Care and Education to Address Racial & Ethnic Disparities

Jennifer Coleman, System Performance Lead continued her presentation from last month, provided clarification and follow-up on certain points and presented the staff recommendation relating to the reimagining of the Early Care and Education system upon which the Council members will vote as part of the Non-Consent Agenda item.

Superintendent Mike Burke asked if we have a baseline on kindergarten readiness from before Strong Minds started. Lisa Williams-Taylor advised this data may be available from our former early care and education system "Quality Counts" evaluation. Staff will provide that information to the Council.

Council Member Elisa Cramer stated that she attended most of the provider information sessions. It was clear to her that the program has been very valuable to the providers and the families they serve and that families served in the childcare setting need ongoing support.

## 2. Minutes

A. September 22, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes 1

**A motion by Goodman/Rodriguez to approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2022 Council Meeting as presented, was approved by unanimous vote.**

B. September 22, 2022, TRIM Hearing Minutes 2

**A motion by Goodman/Rodriguez to approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2022 TRIM Hearing as presented, was approved by unanimous vote.**

## 3. Public Comment – Agenda Items

The following community members made public comments:

- Dr. Julian Serrano, Executive Director, Lutheran Services
- Francetine Denard, parent, grandparent, and childcare center director
- Ellen Okrent, CEO, Florence Fuller Child Development Center
- Capernia Larkens, Founder and Director of Children's Outreach, Inc.
- Nancy Alisant, parent, and volunteer
- Joanna Cannon, parent and policy council representative for Lutheran Services
- Dr. Fabiana DesRosiers, CEO, Hispanic Community Resource Council
- Warren Eldridge, CEO, Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County

## 4. Council Committees:

- **Human Resources Committee**
  - **The Human Resources Committee met today. The committee reviewed and approved the following items:**
  - Items for approval
    - Minutes of the January 27, 2022 Human Resources Committee
    - Minutes of the February 4, 2022 Human Resources Committee
    - Resolution #22-026 Authorizing Employee Benefits Renewal
    - Employee Handbook/Human Resources Policies and Procedures
    - Election of Human Resources Committee Chair and Vice Chair

**A motion by Goodman/Rodriguez to approve the items listed above as presented was approved by unanimous vote.**

The committee also reviewed the following, with no action required:

- Items discussed (no action required)
  - Student Intern Program Summer 2023
- **Finance Committee**
  - **The Finance Committee met today. The committee reviewed and approved the following items:**
    - Items for approval:
      - Minutes from the September 8, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting
      - Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
      - Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2022

**A motion by Weber/Goodman to approve the items listed above as presented was approved by unanimous vote.**

The committee also reviewed the following, with no action required:

- Items reviewed by the Committee; no action required:
  - Quarterly and Annual Investment Report for the period ended September 30, 2022
  - Monthly Investment Report as of August 31, 2022

The Finance Committee will meet again on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 2:45 p.m.

## 5. Consent Agenda

1. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions
2. Items to be pulled from Consent Agenda
3. Adoption of Consent Agenda and walk-in Warrants List

**A motion by Weiss/Goodman to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Warrants List and Walk-In Warrants List as presented, was approved by unanimous vote.**

### A. Program

1. Resolution #22-027 Authorizing Waiver of Procurement and an Agreement with Florida Department of Health – Pam Beach County, for Fetal Infant Mortality Review Program (FIMR) 3

**Recommendation: I recommend the Council approve Resolution #22-027 authorizing a waiver of procurement and authorizing the CEO to enter into an agreement with the Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County to administer and manage the FIMR program effective November 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, with annual renewals, subject to the Council's annual budget and TRIM process.**

### B. Business

1. Resolution #22-028 Amending Resolution #22-020 Authorizing Selection of Insurance 4

Broker for CSC's Employee Group Benefits Program

**Recommendation: I recommend the Council approve Resolution #22-028 amending Resolution #22020 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with RSC Insurance Brokerage, Inc. including its Division, Gehring Group.**

2. Warrants List

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**Recommendation: I recommend approval of the current Warrants List, in accordance with the established budgets for each of the expensed items, as presented.**

C. Proclamations – N/A

6. **Non Consent Agenda**

A. Program

1. Resolution #22-029 Authorizing Re-Imagining Early Childhood Education to Address Racial and Ethnic Disparities

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**Recommendation: I recommend the Council approve Resolution #22-029 authorizing sunsetting Strong Minds as of September 30, 2024, and authorizing the funds previously used for Strong Minds supports to be re-invested, with community involvement, in new resources for early care and education, subject to Council approval.**

**A motion by Cramer/Weiss to approve Resolution #22-029 as presented was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Council members added the following comments/discussion:**

Vice Mayor Weiss stated that based on what we have learned, he would like to move the timeline to as early as possible.

Tom Weber thanked everyone for their comments because it is hard to make decisions without hearing feedback.

Superintendent Burke stated that the School District of PBC has enjoyed a longstanding relationship with CSC and he trusts that CSC is committed to what best for the children in our County. If we find through this process that a greater investment is needed, he would like to explore this and possibly work it into future budgets.

Jose Luis Rodriguez encouraged staff to bring recommendations to the Council earlier, in event the Council wants to make changes. He also encouraged staff to be very transparent with the providers in relation to the impacts of a new program.

B. Business – N/A

C. Proclamations – N/A

## 7. Walk-In Items – N/A

## 8. Chief Executive Officer's Report

The CEO reviewed highlights from her report. A video of the Booksgiving event was shown and some photos of the Aware and Care 5K.

## 9. Legal Reports

- A. Council Calendar for 2023 Review (approval on 12/8/2022)
- B. The Council Workshop scheduled for December 8, 2022 is cancelled.

## 10. Public Comment – Non Agenda Items

No public comments

## 11. Council Comments

Vice Mayor Weiss stated that he visited the Hispanic Resource Council and read to children in Spanish and in English. As we know how important it is to read to children, he recommends this opportunity to his colleagues.

Superintendent Mike Burke complimented the correspondence going back and forth with families, documented in the CEO Report. He commended Shana for her work.

Tom Weber commended Randy Palo for putting his business card into a jacket that he donated and having the person that got the jacket reach out to thank him.

## 12. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

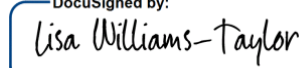
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Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer