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	Meeting Title:		2019 CSC Council Workshop – System Governance	
	Date:	10/24/19	Time:	3:30 p.m.
	Location:		2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach AA Milne Conference Room	
	Chair:	Tom Weber	Scribe:	Elsa Sanchez-Vahamonde
Participants:	Council Members: Thomas Bean; Vince Goodman; Kathleen Kroll; Melissa McKinlay; Jose Luis Rodriguez, Esq.; Tom Weber			

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Following a presentation by staff, the Council engaged in conversation around opportunities to take this community engagement effort on and potential pitfalls to be aware of:

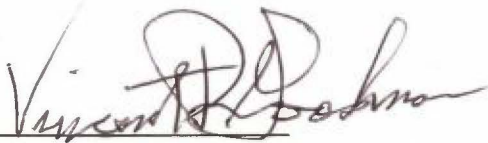
- In response to a series of questions regarding what our efforts were around responding to mental health issues, bullying and suicide, Commissioner McKinlay expressed her support for CSC to remain within our wheelhouse of focusing on birth to age five, and where appropriate partnering with other organizations who are leading work with school-age children. She reflected on the fact that CSC is the only organization focusing on birth-five and while we recognize there are problems outside of this age range, rather than reacting to those problems, CSC should remain focused on doing what we can to prevent those later issues.
- The discussion continued around how to ensure we make this process effective
 - o What happens when you don't accept the recommendations from the community? Caution that we don't want to damage relationships and yet, need to be clear on what we are willing to do.
 - o How do we make sure that we're hearing from the right voices?
 - o Importance of resources in place to support involvement of community members and parents- considerations such as child watch, stipends, and other needed resources
- It was pointed out that in the reading, a best practice was to ensure clarity around what we will and will not consider before engaging with the community.
- While caution was expressed that we don't stray too far from our mission, there was also the recognition that some items/issues in the short-term may initially seem outside our scope. However, there may be a longer-range case to bring into consideration. An example was offered around a basketball court. If the long-range intent is that the basketball court begins to serve as a community center, where families can engage and feel safe and begin to make social connections, that may be an area to consider funding.
- Council recognized the importance of providing multiple platforms to engage the community. Some persons may be comfortable coming to a meeting and/or have the resources to drive to a meeting, where others would want to participate through online platforms, thereby not needing to worry about transportation or child care. It was also suggested that we consider age-appropriate platforms and provide consideration for how we can hear from children and youth.
- A question was raised as to how do you synthesize and prioritize all of the input we could receive and then use that to implement meaningful solutions.
- Commissioner McKinlay relayed a recent Listening Town Hall that the Board of County Commissioners held. This was different in that the County Commissioners did not speak during the Town Hall- they simply listened. Community members were not given a time-limit and did not have to worry about responding to questions. This may have encouraged more persons to participate.
- It was noted that supporting the engagement of community members will take resources. A recent federal grant that entails the involvement of residents will spend a considerable amount of the funding in stipends and other needed supports. Staff should be prepared that we may have a group of residents who agree to participate and come to the first few meetings and then do not continue. Consideration should be given to how you sustain involvement or recognize that dropoff will happen and plan accordingly.
- The Wellington City Council recently established a Youth Advisory Council. The participating youth were

selected by their schools. This provides an opportunity for the youth to gain experience in working in a public, political setting and gives Council members insight that they may not have otherwise received.

- Caution that we are mindful that there are differences within groups- within the Hispanic population, there are wide variations between persons from Cuba, Mexico and Columbia. That same is true for other communities. Staff should give consideration to how we work at the neighborhood level or other ways to capture the differences within populations. These smaller venues may encourage more persons to participate and provide deeper conversations.
- A suggestion was made on peer-to-peer learning. Further, there may be benefits from having interested Council members talk with some of their counterparts on the organizations that were listed in the crosswalk.

At the conclusion of the workshop, Lisa expressed her appreciation for the discussion among the Council members and the affirmation for staff to continue our planning efforts around increasing the active involvement of the community and parents in our early childhood system of care. She indicated that staff would factor in the suggestions and cautions that the Council had shared. As the planning process unfolds, staff will bring updates to future Council meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.



Vincent Goodman, Secretary



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