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 <p>Children's Services Council PALM BEACH COUNTY Healthy. Safe. Strong.</p>	Meeting Title:		2019 CSC Council Workshop		
	Date:		8/1/19	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; Kathleen Kroll; Melissa McKinlay; Debra Robinson, M.D.; Jose Luis Rodriguez, Esq.; Tom Weber				

USE OF UNDER EXPENDITURES	Debra Heim; Tanya Palmer
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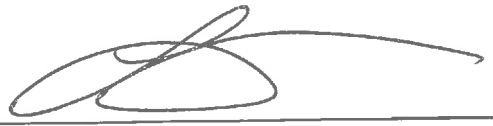
At the August Workshop, staff had a chance to receive guidance from Council on priorities for the re-purposing of anticipated under expenditures. The six Council members present were engaged throughout the Workshop. Staff takeaways included the following:

- A considerable amount of the discussion focused on summer camp. Council received an update regarding the estimated use of funding for this year's program. The \$500k set aside earlier by the Council will not be needed by the County, and we are estimating conservatively that \$400k of the \$1.7 million made available through under expenditures will be returned to the Council. There were 1,000 children approved for summer camp scholarships that did not enroll in a camp; 310 of these prospective campers identified on their application that they were either homeless or in foster care. County staff will be undertaking further review to determine what barriers these campers experienced- and what could be addressed in the upcoming year.
- Dr. Robinson indicated that the School District may be able to help connecting with campers who indicate they are homeless on their application.
- Various Council members discussed interest in identifying what summer camps are available, and whether it may be possible to create a clearinghouse that parents could access to identify what is available. Ideally, this could be a resource used by any parent, regardless of income. Staff was asked to determine what may be feasible and how we could provide a resource for parents to understand what questions ask/things to consider when selecting a camp.
- Commissioner McKinlay indicated that she would follow-up with the County's ISS Department to see if there may be ways to automate the PB Post Summer Camp Guide and incorporate lists from other sources.
- Continued support for the County's effort to outreach to camps able to serve special populations: special needs, children who are system-involved, children who are experiencing homelessness.
- Though no cap or limit was established, there was a general discussion on the footprint for summer camp scholarships. Over the last 4 years, CSC funding has grown from \$763,400 to an estimated \$3.4 million.
- Though housing was briefly discussed, there was agreement that housing continues to be outside the scope for CSC funding. There may be opportunities for developers submitting affordable housing applications to partner with CSC and the Early Childhood System of Care on connecting families within their communities with needed wrap-around services.
- Council continued to express interest in the very real issue of fiscal cliff, and appreciated that the child care scholarships funded by CSC dollars will cover families up to 300% of the federal poverty level (family of 3, approximately \$63,000).
- Staff will bring back the information shared in a prior Planning Session on the level of support made available for basic needs, inclusive of funding for hunger relief and access to public benefits.
- In March 2020, staff will bring forward a recommendation for the proposed re-purposing of under expenditures for summer 2020 and the up to amounts associated with child care, summer camp and Great Ideas Initiative.
- The three existing areas of child care scholarships, summer camp scholarships, and Great Ideas Initiative were affirmed.
- No one area of programming was a clear priority, and the Council recognized the benefits associated with each.
- No caps were set for any of the three areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



Vincent Goodman, Secretary



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