

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County
546 NW University Boulevard, Suite 201 -- Board Room
Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34986

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

- I CALLED TO ORDER: 8:31 a.m. by Chairperson Kathryn Hensley.**
- II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III MISSION STATEMENT** Read by Chairperson Kathryn Hensley; *"The mission of the Children's Services Council is to improve the quality of life for all children in St. Lucie County."*
- IV ROLL CALL:** Quorum established.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Chair **Kathryn Hensley** (*School Board Member*); Vice Chair **H.L. "Vern" Melvin** (*Department of Children & Families*); Secretary **Garry Wilson** (*Governor Appointed*); **Michael Lannon** (*Superintendent of Schools*); **Paula A. Lewis** (*County Commissioner*); **Dwight Geiger** (*Circuit Judge*); **Dennis Corrick** (*Governor Appointed*); **Pat Alley** (*Governor Appointed*); and **Queen Townsend** (*Governor Appointed*).

COUNCIL ABSENT: **Cynthia Angelos** (*Governor Appointed*).

OTHERS PRESENT: **Sean Boyle** (*Executive Director*); **Dori DiToro** (*Director of Finance & Human Resources*); **Jim Dwyer** (*Director of Programming*); **Ashley Mock** (*Communications Coordinator*); **Tonya Andreacchio** (*Capacity Building Coordinator*); **Jeannie McColister** (*Program Specialist*); **Erin Craig** (*Fiscal & Human Resources Specialist*); **Paula Rivera** (*Office Manager*); **Dee Torres** (*Administrative Assistant*); **Glen Torcivia** (*CSC Attorney*) and one member of Public in attendance (*please reference Attendance Sheet for details*).

NOTICE: *The Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County maintains an audio record of all monthly Council meetings and public hearings. The written summarized minutes of the meetings are concise and become the official minutes after approval by the Council. Any person seeking to appeal any decision by the Children's Services Council, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, is advised that a record of the proceeding is required in any such appeal and that such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.*

Ms. Pat Alley arrived at 8:32 a.m. after the Roll Call.

V PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Alley requested a minor change in the minutes Section VII, Executive Director's Report, under Banking. She requested the words "Riverside National Bank to the now known as TD Bank" in the first sentence be stricken and replaced with more appropriate language.

Chief Wilson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with correction to Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2010, as noted by Ms. Alley. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 9/0.

VII EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Mr. Sean Boyle, reported and updated Council as necessary referencing his report which is included in the Council Packet.

Item(s) new to Mr. Boyle's report and/or requiring updates:

CSC Bill (Senate Bill 2014): Mr. Boyle informed Council that the legislative bill concerning CSC has officially been signed by Governor Crist. This is actually a joint bill that involves School Readiness Coalition, and CSC's referendum. As a result of this bill passing as law, CSCSLC will go up for referendum in year 2014. Florida legislature is attempting to move up referendum approval from 50% approval to 60% approval threshold. This new revelation increases our risks for existence, and subsequently is a domino-effect as it will increase the risk of CSC's funded programs' existence since many are funded at 50% or greater. Council members discussed the feasibility of a Needs Assessment Report being compiled to demonstrate the positive results that CSC funded programs have made in recent years. Needs Assessment Report compilation will commence once census data becomes available; this data is expected November of 2011.

CSC Partnership Meeting: Mr. Boyle briefed Council on the outcome of this Partnership meeting. Our funded agencies did demonstrate they are very supportive of the existence of CSC, realize their existence depends on CSC's existence and are committed to marketing CSC to the general community.

Traveling Brown Bag: Mr. Boyle thanked each Council member for making time to meet with him.

Budget Presentation: Mr. Boyle acknowledged Ms. DiToro's excellent work in compiling the budget data and its presentation.

CSC Council Meeting for July: Mr. Boyle reminded Council that July's meeting will fall out of the regular sequence. The next CSC Council meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2010 instead of the regular second Thursday of the month. Please note this date on your calendars as a quorum is required for this meeting.

2010 Free Family Film Festival: Mr. Boyle mentioned that CSC is the sponsor of the Family Film Festival at the Rave Movie Theatre in Saint Lucie West. During the summer weeks, there will be free admission for all of select children's movies during the day at the Rave Theatre. Rave Theatre staff will be wearing CSC's *Show a Child You Care* shirts and CSC staff will be onsite to promote CSC during these special viewings.

VIII OLD BUSINESS

A) Final Staff Recommendations for 2010/2011 Annual Proposals

Mr. Dwyer provided Council members with a brief synopsis of the Council Action Item on page 19 of the Council Packet. Staff recommendations regarding our 56 funded programs were submitted to Council members at the May meeting. Mr. Dwyer has not received any inquiries from Council members prior to this meeting. There were no requests from the programs for re-consideration and there are no amendments to the information packet presented to Council members in May. At today's meeting, staff recommends the approval of program specific allocations totaling \$6,559,356 for fiscal year 2010/2011. Mr. Corrick suggested for ease of review that any programs decreasing in funding to \$0 from previous year funding should also be documented as such in the packet.

Mr. Vern Melvin motioned to approve the Staff Recommendation of \$6,559,356 for FY 2010/2011 program specific allocations, as outlined on the Council Action Item and its supporting documentation located on pages 19 through 27 of the Council packet. Ms. Queen Townsend seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 9/0.

IX NEW BUSINESS

A) Draft Budget Presentation for FY 2010/2011

Ms. DiToro referenced the pink-colored packet each Council member received in advance with their Council Packet mailing. Ms. DiToro provided a brief PowerPoint presentation of the 2010/2011 Tentative Budget to provide an overview of budget and obtain input from Council members. Ms. DiToro highlighted the information located on the first page of the pink-colored packet in the Overview box. The ad valorem tax revenues are budgeted at \$1,146,087 / 14.3% less than fiscal year 2009/2010. The budget is presented at the millage rate of .475 and requires the use of \$1,538,621 from the reserve funds to balance the budget. If projections continue negatively, it will be difficult for CSC to sustain current programs and the administration thereof past the fiscal year 2012/2013. There was much discussion in regards to what would be the appropriate millage rate to propose in the upcoming fiscal years due to the current economic climate as a seesaw effect in millage rate may present a negative result with the public. Council members' consensus is to stay at the current millage rate of .4872.

Mr. Michael Lannon departed at 9:35 a.m. during the Draft Budget Presentation discussion.

Ms. Queen Townsend motioned to adopt the Draft Budget Presentation with a change in millage rate to 0.4872 for FY 2010-11 for Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 8/0.

X COUNCIL & STAFF COMMENTS

- Ms. Hensley provided some insight on the Children's Movement in Florida, a force to move Children's issues to the forefront of the public and ultimately influence political leaders' priorities with regards to children's issues. These advertisements will appear statewide on billboards, television and other media avenues.

XIII FUTURE MEETINGS

- **Regular Monthly Council Meeting** – Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.
Meetings Above Location: Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County, Board Room.

XIV ADJOURNMENT: 9:48 a.m.

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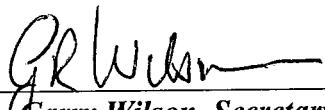
MOTIONS PASSED

1. **APPROVED** the June 10, 2010 Consent Agenda, which includes the following:
 - A. *The Agenda for June 10, 2010.*
 - B. *The Regular Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2010, with correction as noted by Ms. Alley.*
 - C. *The Cumulative Financial Report for FY 2009/10 as of May 31, 2010 for General CSC.*
 - D. *The Summary of Fund Balance for CSC, as of May 31, 2010.*
 - E. *Transactions Report as of May 31, 2010.*

2. **ADOPTED** *the Staff Recommendation of \$6,559,356 for FY 2010/2011 program specific allocations, as outlined on the Council Action Item and its supporting documentation located on pages 19 through 27 of the Council packet.*

3. **AMENDED** *the Draft Budget Presentation with a change in millage rate to 0.4872 for FY 2010-11 for Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County.*

Approved by: _____


Garry Wilson, Secretary

Date: _____

7-15-10