

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 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: 8:37 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*); **Paula A. Lewis** (*County Commissioner*); **Pat Alley** (*Governor Appointed*); **Queen Townsend** (*Governor Appointed*); and **Cynthia Angelos** (*Governor Appointed*).

COUNCIL ABSENT: **Michael Lannon** (*Superintendent of Schools*); **Dwight Geiger** (*Circuit Judge*); and **Dennis Corrick** (*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 Assistant*); **Erin Craig** (*Fiscal & Human Resources Assistant*); **Paula Rivera** (*Executive Assistant – Recording*); **Dee Torres** (*Administrative Assistant*); **Glen Torcivia** (*CSC Attorney*) and 7 members 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.*

V PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Paula Lewis motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Queen Townsend seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Ms. Ally arrived at 8:45 a.m. after the Consent Agenda vote, during the Executive Director's Report.

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 Council Member Seat: Mr. Boyle informed Council that the Governor's office has officially named Queen Townsend for a second term. In reviewing future open seats, the next term expiration is November 2011.

CSC Strategic Planning Session: Mr. Boyle reminded Council that their attendance is crucial at the February and March Strategic Planning Sessions, which will follow each Council Meeting respectively. Included in Council Folders is a blue document that Mr. Boyle requested Council review in advance of the February session. CSC Staff will be presenting various budget scenarios to Council for your review and input.

Kids at Hope Conference: CSC recently hosted the Kids at Hope National Regional Conference, which was very well attended. It is quite an honor for this event to be located locally in Saint Lucie County.

CSC Audit: Mr. Boyle informed Council that CSC has completed its independent audit. The Audit presentation is scheduled for the month of February.

Birthday Well Wishes – Happy Birthday to Ms. Townsend and Ms. Hensley who both celebrate birthdays in the month of January.

Senate Bill 1216/CSC Bill: Senator Negrón will be introducing a bill to bring CSCs to an elected authority. The bill proposes that CSC (taxing authority) be under County (an elected authority) jurisdiction; remove one of the governor appointees and make this position a County representative; CSC's budget would require County final approval; limitation on capital improvements and CSC would have to go up for re-establishment through County Commission and then public vote every eight (8) years. Mr. Boyle jointly with Dave Heaton of CSC of Martin County (CSCMC) will be meeting with Senator Negrón on January 27th to address concerns on this proposed bill. This meeting is an open invite to any Council members that wish to attend with Mr. Boyle. Ms. Angelos shared some insight from Senator Negrón on his proposed bill. She feels that Senator Negrón is resolute in pushing this bill forward through legislation and advises CSC to step cautiously in our communications going forward. General concerns are that involving politics in this equation, which the bill if passed would introduce to CSC, would have a negative impact on the programs and dollars that presently service our community children. Rather than meeting jointly, Council proposes that CSC of Saint Lucie County meet with Senator Negrón separately from CSCMC as our issues can be addressed more clearly with Senator Negrón.

VIII OLD BUSINESS

None

IX NEW BUSINESS

A) Request for Independent Contract: Frontline for Kids

Ms. DiToro provided a brief synopsis of the Council Action Item as presented in the Council Packet on page 23. CSC is presently providing program services for Frontline through ALPI. Frontline was initially funded by CSC directly. However, due to some administrative and financial management issues our contract directly with Frontline ceased and in March of 2007. The contract transferred to ALPI which had more administrative capacity. After two and a half (2.5) years under ALPI's mentorship Frontline is requesting they become independent from ALPI and obtain a direct contractual agreement for Frontline for Kids services with CSC. Frontline has obtained funding and other pro bono services from the Wynne Foundation. Council is being requested to approve the continuous funding of Frontline for Kids as an independent contractor directly with Frontline, removing ALPI as the third party administrator effective February 1, 2010. Frontline's funding balance (anticipated to be approximately \$67,000) would be reconciled after all reimbursements are tallied through January 31, 2010. With some caution, Staff recommendation is in support of this request for independent contract with Frontline for Kids. Wynne Foundation founder was present to confirm his financial support of Frontline and his commitment to this organization. Mr. Gayman expressed his appreciation to ALPI, Wynne Foundation and CSC for their involvement in the continuance of Frontline for Kids and is very excited about their new building and the expansion of services they intend to add to their program to attract children from all walks of life.

Mr. Vern Melvin motioned to approve the request for independent contract directly with Frontline for Kids, removing ALPI as the third party administrator effective February 1, 2010. Ms. Pat Alley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 7/0.

B) CSC Organizational Values

Mr. Boyle provided a brief synopsis of the Council Action Item presented on page 26. Although an arduous exercise for all staff members, CSC Staff feels confident they have compiled the true values that represent CSC in the community. Staff is recommending approval of the CSC Organizational Values as listed: Children & Families; Teamwork; Collaboration; Integrity; Accountability; Excellence and Respect. Chief Wilson expressed his commendation for the hard work all staff members did in compiling these values. Ms. Hensley stated that the CSC Organizational Values shall become part of the CSC Policy Manual, posted on our website and other public areas of our building.

Chief Wilson motioned to approve the CSC Organizational Values as listed and presented by Staff. Ms. Cynthia Angelos seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 7/0.

X COUNCIL & STAFF COMMENTS

- In preparation for the Strategic Planning Session, Council should review our mission statement and provide your input to Mr. Boyle in advance of this session.
- Saint Lucie County School Board students will be raising money for the recent Haiti disaster. In these critical times, it is encouraging to witness how our young children are so willing to give of themselves in such a meaningful effort.
- Ms. Angelos extended an invitation to celebrate each other in support of the Boys & Girls Club at her home on January 30th. It is a luau, please come dressed appropriately.

XI FUTURE MEETINGS

- **Regular Monthly Council Meeting** – Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.
- **CSC Strategy Session I** – February 11, 2010 following the Council Meeting.

Meetings Above Location: Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County, Board Room.

XII ADJOURNMENT: 9:35 a.m.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

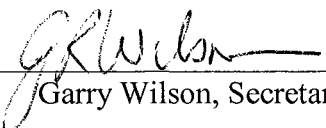
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MOTIONS PASSED

1. **APPROVED** the **January 14, 2010 Consent Agenda**, which includes the following:
 - A. *The Agenda for January 14, 2010.*
 - B. *The Regular Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2009.*
 - C. *The Cumulative Financial Report for FY 2008/09 as of December 31, 2009 for General CSC.*
 - D. *The Summary of Fund Balance for CSC, as of December 31, 2009.*
 - E. *The Cumulative Financial Report for FY 2009/10 as of December 31, 2009 for General CSC.*
 - F. *Transactions Report as of December 31, 2009.*

2. **APPROVED** *the request for independent contract directly with Frontline for Kids, removing ALPI as the third party administrator effective February 1, 2010.*

3. **APPROVED** *the CSC Organizational Values as listed and presented by Staff.*

Approved by: 
Garry Wilson, Secretary

Date: 2-11-10