

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2017

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

MINUTES

- I **CALLED TO ORDER:** 5:21 p.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: Chairperson **Kathryn Hensley** (*School Board Member*); *Vice Chair Marilyn Lawless (Governor Appointed)*; **Linda Bartz** (*County Commissioner*); **Wayne Gent** (*Superintendent of Schools*); **Amy Gregory** (*Department of Children & Families*); **Richard Del Toro** (*Governor Appointed*); **Eric Finkel** (*Governor Appointed*) and **Carmine Izzo** (*Governor Appointed*).

COUNCIL ABSENT: Secretary **Pat Alley** (*Governor Appointed*); and **Michael Heisey** (*Circuit Juvenile Judge*).

OTHERS PRESENT: **Sean Boyle** (*Executive Director*); **Dori DiToro** (*Director of Finance and Human Resources*); **Jim Dwyer** (*Director of Programs*); **Ashley Mock** (*Director of Community Engagement*); **Erin Craig** (*Fiscal/Human Resources Specialist*); **Sandy Mack** (*Program Specialist*); **Tonya Andreacchio** (*Capacity Building Coordinator*); **Paula Rivera** (*Office Manager/Transcriber*); **Dee Torres** (*Administrative Assistant*); and 0 member of Public in attendance. Reference attendance sheet for specifics.

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
(No public in attendance)

VI CONSENT AGENDA

Today's motion for consent documents included only the meeting agenda for today's meeting. All other documents normally included in the consent motion were excluded for this particular meeting due to Hurricane Irma time did not favor the release of an e-packet with standard document materials. These documents will be included at the next board meeting.

Commissioner Bartz motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, which included on document -- today's agenda alone. Ms. Gregory seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 8/0 in favor.

VII EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Mr. Sean Boyle, reported and updated Council as necessary referencing his report which was released in advance via the Council e-Packet.

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

Hurricane Irma: Mr. Boyle expressed his appreciation to board members for staying in touch during the hurricane – before, during and after preparations. The CSC office did officially close for business on Thursday through Tuesday (September 7th - September 12th) for the preparation and safety of our team members. The CSC office did lose power during the hurricane and recovered electricity Tuesday afternoon (September 12th) and opened for regular business day Wednesday, September 13th. As of today, the CSC office remains without internet service which is affecting computer and phone services. The CSC Team members are playing catch up which includes priority of checks release to our providers. CSC Team has also been diligent in partnering with the Roundtable to assist in coordination of temporary storage services for the Sabal Chase Apartment residents whose homes have been condemned due to dangerous flooding from the hurricane. Tenants have been given only 48 hours to vacate their residences. Aside from the limited time being a challenge, this has caused great financial hardship for many residents as they are low income, Section 8 occupants. The Roundtable has reached out to some local storage facilities to offer storage units at low to no cost for these residents. Additionally, the Health Department was contacted to provide assistance to families in these apartments that will be relocated to local shelters. Mr. Boyle informed board members that documents missing from today's consent agenda, including meeting minutes and financials will be provided to board members at the upcoming board meeting. The CSC Team has been attempting contact with our funded agencies to get a status on their situation after the hurricane. Early Learning Coalition is severely flooded and presently under water as they reside in the same complex as the School Board of St. Lucie County who also has experienced major flooding. ELC will be displaced, at least temporarily; loss assessment has not yet taken place.

CSC Funded Program Update – Castle Strengthening Families: Mr. Boyle informed board members that the Programming Department did a very extensive review of their retention data as it compares to Indian River and Okeechobee. Although Indian River and Okeechobee models did reflect slightly better data, the data reviewed for our local Castle program was not as grim as expected. The Strengthening Families program has in the past been our 'star' program being ranked #1 in the nation. They are expected to begin new 10-week classes starting in the month of October and the CSC Team will continue to thoroughly monitor this program's outcomes and results. The CSC Team will then report back with retention data for the board members continuously, and if there is a decline as was experienced this past year other measures will be recommended to the board.

CSC Provider Contracts for FY 2017/2018: Mr. Boyle reminded board members that CSC provider contracts will be released next week electronically via the e-CImpact online grants management system.

CSC Coffee Connections: Mr. Boyle reminded board members the next Coffee Connections session will be September 29th at the Kathy Basile Center for Training & Community Development. These sessions are a great opportunity for CSC funded agencies to network and partner. At this particular session CSC will be holding a screening of the documentary Resilience, a follow up to ‘Paper Tigers’ movie – which aligns with our strategic direction on trauma informed care education and awareness.

CSC Event – October 5, 2017: Mr. Boyle informed board members that CSC in partnership with Multi-Cultural Resource Center, one of CSC’s star academic focused funded programs, will host an informational demonstration for the program ‘Moby Max’. This program is very similar to the School Board’s academic program known as i-Ready. The use of Moby Max in the MRC environment has provided for some very positive academic results – resulting in children that were once failing coming in at satisfactory grade levels and even honor-roll level grades. Mr. Boyle welcomed all board members to come for this demonstration on October 5th at 10:30 am here at the Kathy Basile Center for Training & Community Development.

St Lucie Reads flyer: Mr. Boyle referenced the latest St. Lucie Reads promotional flyer that will be released in the local paper in the next coming weeks. In the different avenues of promoting St. Lucie Reads we are getting a lot of responses based on the newspaper inserts, consequently we will continue to release these inserts periodically.

CSCSLC Report Card format: Mr. Boyle informed board members that several counties have followed suit in their presentation of assessment data to mimic the CSCSLC report card data format. Such counties include Alachua, Indian River, and Lee counties. The old, cumbersome way of providing data to city officials and other community leaders usually get dismissed; and in their search for a more concise method of data presentation these counties have followed in CSCSLC’s presentation format. Proudly, Mr. Boyle expressed ‘imitation is the best form of flattery’. Kudos to CSCSLC! Board member Del Toro expressed how impressed he is in his short time as a CSC board member in the organization of the CSC Team and their efficiency in relaying information to the community. Mr. Boyle has become the unofficial state’s spokesperson on ‘how to implement a CSC in Florida counties’; and he is often relied upon by many in neighboring counties as a reliable source for this information.

VIII OLD BUSINESS

(None available - placeholder)

IX NEW BUSINESS

A) 2018/2019 Priority Funding: Out of School Time RFP Timeline & Applications

Mr. Dwyer provided a brief synopsis and history of the Council Action Item, Attachment #2 included in the simplified packet contents. Mr. Dwyer explained to board members the reasons behind the funding category “Keeping Kids Off the Streets” and how this new request for proposals called Out of School Time (OST) will provide for services in the community having a positive impact on such things as delinquency referral rate; school disciplinary referral rate; school absenteeism rate; grade level reading proficiency; academic performance youth substance use/abuse and teen birth rate. CSC Team has conducted a thorough review of research and best practices surrounding the out of school time field and as a result has developed a two prong approach to soliciting proposal that focus on high quality youth development and academic enrichment programming that leads to success in school and life. There will be two separate Priority Funding Application processes available through our online grants management system. One track specifically for center-based programs serving a targeted population through a year round approach of partial days during the school year and full days during the summer when schools are typically closed. The second track (OST-E) is not intended for single site, limited population programs.

The intention is to bring high quality, interactive learning opportunities to multiple out of school program sites across the county that enhance existing programmatic learning efforts for a variety of school aged children and youth. These program enhancements will provide initial learning activities aimed at augmenting the daily activities of the site-based program and enabling the site-based staff to build upon the learning and initial outcomes from the proposed efforts to maintain and improve the learning capacities of their program's children and youth. CSC intends to fund Out of School Time providers, both traditional OST and OST-Enhancements, which serve children at afterschool and summer programs throughout the county. There will be two separate applications available through the online grants management system. The Council is being asked to approve the 2018-2019 Priority Funding Opportunity timeline and applications. Mr. Boyle added, Ms. Andreacchio invested a lot of time researching this priority funding need and the concept; Mr. Boyle expressed much appreciation for her efforts.

Superintendent Gent motioned to approve the 2018-2019 Priority Funding Opportunity Out of School RFP Timeline and Applications as detailed in the Council Action Item. Ms. Lawless seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 8/0 in favor.

X COUNCIL & STAFF COMMENTS

CSC Chair acknowledged Mr. Boyle's 20-year employment anniversary with CSC and presented him with a custom portfolio and pen set for his dedicated years of service. Mr. Boyle accepted his gift and provided some expressive words on his tenure.

XI FUTURE MEETINGS

October 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

XII ADJOURNMENT: 5:42 p.m.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2017

MOTIONS PASSED

1. **APPROVED** the September 13, 2017 Consent Agenda, which includes the following:
 - A. *The Agenda for September 13, 2017.*

2. **APPROVED** the 2018-2019 Priority Funding Opportunity Out of School RFP Timeline and Applications.

Approved by: _____

Patricia Alley
Pat Alley, Secretary

Date: _____

10/12/17