

# CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY (CSCMC)

Regular Meeting/Budget Discussion  
Monday, June 27, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

## MINUTES

After taking roll and having a quorum, Deena Messinger, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Council Members Present: Deena Messinger (Vice-Chair)  
Jody Bond  
Elmira Gainey  
Laurie Gaylord  
Hon. Judge Laurie Buchanan  
Sarah Heard

Council Members Absent: William Tulko (Chair), Christia Li Roberts (Treasurer), and Laurel Hopper

Public Present: Phil Barnes, Grants Manager, Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County  
Dr. Agnieszka Marshall, Tykes & Teens  
Lisa Michener, CASTLE  
Kathy Derringer, Helping People Succeed  
Scott R. Berry, Executive Director, Martin County Healthy Start Coalition  
Mike R. James, City of Stuart East Stuart Youth Initiative  
Karlette Peck, Administrator, Florida Department of Health - Martin County  
Jennifer Joyce, Girl Scouts Southeast, FL

Staff Present: David Heaton (Executive Director), Jennifer Ahern (Manager of Outreach and Communications), Michelle Delany (Staff Accountant), Rebecca Galante (Executive Assistant), Sarah Gosney (Director of Policy and Operations), Laura Haase (Manager of Program Services), Stephanie Macera (Executive Assistant), Ellen Pethic (Manager of Finance), Annette Sparling (Research Analyst), and Noreen Dreyer (Legal Counsel)

**A motion was made by Sarah Heard and seconded by Jody Bond to adopt the amended agenda of June 27, 2016, removing Item IV (2016 CSCMC Community Advisory Panel Recognition) and New Business Item A (CSCMC Funded Provider Presentation by Martin County Healthy Start Coalition). The motion passed unanimously (5-0 vote).**

**A motion was made by Elmira Gainey and seconded by Jody Bond to approve the minutes of May 23, 2016, as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0 vote).**

### **Public Comments and Introduction of Council Meeting Attendees:**

Public comments were given by Karlette Peck, and all meeting participants introduced themselves to Council.

Laurie Gaylord joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

**New Business:**

A. The CSCMC Budget Amendment Resolution #16-002 was read by Attorney Noreen Dreyer.

**A motion was made by Jody Bond and seconded by Sarah Heard to approve the CSCMC Budget Amendment Resolution #16-002 to amend the final budget for 2015-16, transferring \$292,293 from fund balance to increase program funding for a total budget of \$10,615,388. The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).**

B. 2016-17 CSCMC preliminary budget discussion was presented by David Heaton. A preliminary budget must be submitted to Martin County Board of County Commissioners on or before July 1, 2016, in compliance with Florida Statute 125.901. Council would have an opportunity to review additional budget proposals after receiving the Martin County Property Appraiser's Certified Taxable Values, which are expected in early July. Currently, the estimated property values increased 4.38% from last year's final taxable value.

Both the CSCMC Finance Committee (consisting of Council Members Christia Li Roberts {Committee Chair} Jody Bond, Sarah Heard, and William Tulko) and the Program Committee (consisting of Council Members William Tulko {Committee Chair}, Jody Bond, Elmira Gainey, Laurel Hopper, and Christia Li Roberts) reviewed and supported the 2016-17 preliminary budget documents presented.

**A motion was made by Jody Bond and seconded by Sarah Heard to approve the 2016-17 CSCMC preliminary budget of \$11,435,209 (representing 91% of Council's budget dedicated to Program Services) with the millage rate remaining at .3618, as recommended by the CSCMC Finance Committee and staff. The motion passed (5-0 vote—Hon. Judge Laurie Buchanan abstained from voting in compliance with Florida Statute).**

C. Investing for Results: Release of 2017-18 Invitation to Negotiate (ITN)/Request for Proposal (RFP) was reviewed by Sarah Gosney.

**A motion was made by Elmira Gainey and seconded by Jody Bond to approve staff's recommendation for the 2017-18 release of an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) to include the Reduction of Disparities in Birth Outcomes for Black Infants and Request for Proposal (RFP) for the CSCMC Funding Priority Areas of:**

**1) Strong Families**

- **Strengthen family resilience through parent education with a focus on single/blended families and families with special-needs children**
- **Increase parental engagement with their children and service providers**

**2) Safe Communities**

- **Prevention of delinquency and truancy**

**The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).**

Mike James (City of Stuart Community Services Department – East Stuart Youth Initiative) addressed Council on their efforts of getting the word out to parents to attend a community meeting at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center, where the Florida Department of Health – Martin County will talk about Infant Mortality and Disparities in Birth Outcomes for Black Infants and start a conversation on how the community can help reduce this negative trend.

D. The Annual Management Performance Appraisal Form for Executive Director David Heaton was presented by Deena Messinger. Completed and signed (per Florida Sunshine Law) forms should be returned to Rebecca Galante in the provided postage paid, self-addressed envelope as soon as possible but before July 18, 2016, so that the Performance Review Committee has ample time to conduct the annual review process with the final evaluation results going before the full Council at the August 2016 Council meeting. The Performance Review Committee consists of William Tulko (Chair), Deena Messinger (Vice-Chair), and Christia Li Roberts (Treasurer).

**No motion required.**

**Staff Reports:**

A. The Executive Director/Staff Report was presented by David Heaton. David reported that CareerSource Research Coast recognized the Children's Services Council of Martin County as one of Martin County's "Best Places to Work" in the under 50 employees category, along with Tykes & Teens, R.V. Johnson Insurance, and Big Five Tours & Expeditions. Some of the over 50 employees category included Martin County Clerk of Court and Proctor, Crook, Crowder & Fogal.

B. The Financial Reports were provided for Council Members' review.

**For Your Information:**

Council reviewed the information provided.

**Council Member Comments:**

Laurie Gaylord announced that the new school year for Martin County begins on August 15, 2016, with the intent to be able finish the first semester before the winter break in December. Then, finish the school year before Memorial Day at the end of May.

Hon. Judge Laurie Buchanan reported that CASTLE's supervised family visitation centers, which had a law enforcement deputy in attendance, will close as of June 30, 2016, because of Devereux ending CASTLE's funding. Judge Buchanan's concern is the dangerous situation of domestic violence cases that need the supervised visitation center with a law enforcement presence—the Department of Children & Families becomes no longer involved when a parent receives an injunction, where the child is then determined to no longer need state services because a protective parent is in place. Meetings are still taking place between the affected four counties to determine a resolution for this problem. David Heaton will be attending next week's meeting with the Court Administrator on the issue.

Deena Messinger mentioned today's article in The Stuart News regarding the Boys & Girls Club, where a resident is trying to work with the organization helping with children's reading. It was a very interesting and worthwhile article that Ms. Messinger hopes Council would read.

Also, Ms. Messinger thanked everyone for having patience with her chairing the Council meeting for the first time, and she thanked Jody Bond for giving today's invocation.

Elmira Gainey thanked the agency representatives for attending Council meetings, which is so important to keep them informed on what is happening at the Council level. Ms. Gainey also asked the providers to tell the parents about the swim program that is available for their children. Council has allocated additional funds this year to serve 400 children this year. Ms. Gainey thanked Council, in particular David Heaton, for making this possible for the community.

Laurie Gaylord thanked Council for adding funding to provide a dentist and two new school nurses to help the health of our children.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Deena Messinger (Acting Chair) at 10:36 a.m.

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Deena Messinger, Acting Chair

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David L. Heaton, Executive Director