

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY (CSCMC)

**Regular Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2017, 10:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

Having a quorum, William Tulko (Chair) called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and took roll.

Council Members Present: William Tulko (Chair)
Laurel Hopper (Vice-Chair)
Christia Li Roberts (Treasurer)
Jody Bond
Laurie Gaylord
Sarah Heard

Council Member Absent: Hon. Judge Michael J. McNicholas

Public Present: Athary Koning, Light of the World Charities
W. Crandall, Light of the World Charities
Dr. Agnieszka Marshall, Tykes & Teens
Susan Horn, Early Steps/Easter Seals
Claudia Worley, WIC
Phil Barnes, Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County
Sarah Torres, Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County
Renay Rouse, Florida Department of Health – Martin County
Mike James, City of Stuart Community Services Department
Rob Ranieri, House of Hope
Kathy Derringer, Helping People Succeed
Angela Davis Green, ELCIRMO
Migdalia G. Rosado, ELCIRMO
Soyini Glover, Florida Department of Health – Martin County
Bob Zaccheo, Executive Director, Project L.I.F.T.

Staff Present: David Heaton (Executive Director), Jennifer Ahern (Manager of Outreach and Communications), Jody Bailey (Accountant), Rebecca Galante (Executive Assistant), Sarah Gosney (Director of Policy and Operations), Genevieve Guido (Director of Finance and Human Resources), Laura Haase (Manager of Program Services), Frances Kaleta (Administrative Assistant I), Stephanie Macera (Executive Assistant), and Annette Sparling (Research Analyst)

A motion was made by Jody Bond and seconded by Sarah Heard to adopt the agenda, as presented. The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).

A motion was made by Jody Bond and seconded by Sarah Heard to approve the minutes of February 27, 2017, as presented. The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).

Public Comments and Introduction of Council Meeting Attendees:

Public Comments were given by Kathy Derringer. All meeting participants introduced themselves.

New Business:

- A. The CSCMC-Funded Provider Presentation by Light of the World Charities on the Little Lights Dentistry Program, which was the pilot program started in July 2016, was given by Athary Koning, their Executive Director.

The Little Lights Dentistry Program is a pediatric dental program that came out of the need through a dental sealant program that was performed in the Martin County elementary schools by the Florida Department of Health – Martin County. It was discovered then, out of approximately 900 children, over 400 of them did not have access to follow-up dental care. Within seven months in operation, 135 children have been seen, which speaks to the need of our community. About 300-400 children will be seen by 2018.

Tragically, when children 3 years old are seen needing 7-10 tooth extractions, this changed the program's parameters from ages 3-18 to 1 year or when the first tooth appears to those children still in high school. The goal is to catch the children before any tooth decay occurs to stop the cycle, which is the preventative and educational aspect of this program. This also includes changing the mindset of the parents to seek dental care before problems arise. CSCMC Developmental Assets are also being promoted, since the dental program is not only restoring dental health but also developing self-worth, self-esteem, and social skills to those children who might have suffered from blackened or missing teeth. Thanks to the Council's funding, this dental program has a fully staffed team with a dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, and dental coordinator. CSCMC currently funds the Little Lights Dentistry Program with an annual award amount of \$175,434 in the funding category: Healthy Children.

Light of the World Charities has been linking with other Martin County providers, such as, Helping People Succeed, House of Hope, YMCA, etc. Although Martin County is one of the richest counties in Florida, the working poor population and children receiving free lunches in schools are on the rise.

Program services include dental health assessments and procedures including oral examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fillings, and application of sealants and fluoride. Program staff educates children and their parents about age-appropriate dental hygiene and strategies to maintain oral health. This program also provides acute care needs for children with serious oral health issues that need immediate treatment, such as tooth extractions.

Council had a detailed discussion on this issue and questions were answered.

No motion required.

- B. 2017 CSCMC Annual Tenant Lease renewal with the Treasure Coast Buddhist Cooperative was presented by David Heaton with no changes in the elements; the only change was a 75 cents/square foot increase to cover operating costs.

A motion was made by Laurel Hopper and seconded by Sarah Heard to approve staff's recommendation for the renewal of the 2017 CSCMC Tenant Lease with the Treasure Coast Buddhist Cooperative, commencing on May 1, 2017. The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).

- C. Summer Slide Prevention Programs, Summer 2017, were reviewed by Sarah Gosney in detail. The Council authorized \$85,000.00 for Summer Slide Prevention as a line item in the 2016-17 budget. The projected total of \$51,608.00 is well within budgeted line item. The balance of the Summer Slide Prevention funds will be carried forward into the next budget year.

A motion was made by Sarah Heard and seconded by Laurel Hopper to approve staff's recommendation allocating funds from the 2016-17 budget line item, Summer Slide Prevention, in the amounts of:

- **\$3,875.00 for The Banner Lake Club's Banner Lake After School Time (B.L.A.S.T.) Program.**
- **\$5,360.00 for the City of Stuart Community Services Department's East Stuart Youth Initiative Program to fund their respective summer slide prevention program components for the month of June 2017.**
- **\$42,373.00 for a collaborative contract with United Way of Martin County for the First Grade Summer Reading Camp at JD Parker Elementary School.**

The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).

Laurie Gaylord stated it is critical that first grade students must have fluency, phonics, and reading-skill knowledge to be successful in school. Waiting until third grade to address grade level reading is too late.

- D. Waiver requests to 2017-18 CSCMC Policy 1.1d for both the City of Stuart Community Services Department and Martin County Board of County Commissioners were given by David Heaton.

A motion was made by Laurel Hopper and seconded by Jody Bond to approve both waiver requests to 2017-18 CSCMC Policy 1.1d for both the City of Stuart Community Services Department and Martin County Board of County Commissioners that limits funding of taxing authorities to two years, as recommended by staff. The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).

- E. 2017-18 CSCMC Contract Modification requests for both the Florida Department of Health – Martin County and Martin County Board of County Commissioners were provided by Sarah Gosney and reviewed by David Heaton.

A motion was made by Jody Bond and seconded by Laurel Hopper to approve staff's recommendation for both 2017-18 CSCMC Contract Modification requests for the 2017-18 CSCMC Funded Program Contracts for the requested language modifications and waivers to:

- **Section VII. Liability and Attachment 1 (General Conditions of the Contract) General Conditions 1, 8, 16, and 18 with the Florida Department of Health – Martin County for the Breastfeeding Coordinator, Preventive Dental, and School Health Programs.**
- **Section VI. Termination, Section VII. Liability, and Attachment 1 (General Conditions of the Contract) General Conditions 1, 8, and 16 with Martin County Board of County Commissioners for the After School/Out of School, Parks, Leisure, Arts, Culture and Education (P.L.A.C.E.), and Residents Empowering All Children's Hope (R.E.A.C.H.) Programs.**

The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).

- F. 2017-18 Program Funding Recommendations for RFP – Strong Families/Safe Communities were given by Sarah Gosney. Christia Li Roberts was Council's liaison serving on the CSCMC Community Advisory Panel that reviewed all of the RFP applications and applicants with staff.

Although 211 HelpLine was not recommended for Council's annual cycle funding, it was recommended instead to give them \$15,000.00 for a line item in the 2017-18 CSCMC Fiscal Year Budget. 211 is heavily used by our funded providers. Ms. Roberts reported that this is a more appropriate place for 211 funding because it is hard to quantify with measurable performance objectives like the CSCMC grant award recipients can.

Regarding the Black mentor and gang prevention program (The HERO Challenge) to encompass Hobe Sound and East Stuart, Sarah Torres and Phil Barnes of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County addressed Council. This program was recommended for an additional \$25,000.00 for a total of \$50,000.00 to supplement funding lost from the Department of Juvenile Justice.

A motion was made by Sarah Heard and seconded by Jody Bond to approve the 2017-18 Program Funding Recommendations for RFP – Strong Families/Safe Communities results with a funding allocation to six RFP programs plus funding for Healthy Families Martin Match for a total of \$860,505.00, according to the provided CSCMC RFP Funding Requests chart and as recommended by the CSCMC Community Advisory Panel and staff. The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).

- G. 2017-18 CSCMC Program Funding Recommendations for Modified Applications were reviewed in detail by Sarah Gosney.

The YMCA withdrew their 2017-18 Modified Application to fund Y-READS Wrap-Around Afterschool Program (\$22,011.00), due to the loss of state funding. That program will terminate as of June 30, 2017. However, in response to the continuing need for enrichment programs in Indiantown, the YMCA has requested that a portion of the funds previously allocated to Y-READS be added to the YMCA's 2017-18 Strong Families contract for a summer component in Indiantown. The allocation would not exceed the previous Y-READS amount of \$22,011.00.

A motion was made by Laurel Hopper and seconded by Jody Bond to approve the 2017-18 CSCMC Program Funding Recommendations for Modified Applications, according to the provided CSCMC Modified Applications Funding Recommendations spreadsheet and as recommended by staff. The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).

Staff Reports:

- A. 2016 Youth Health and Well-Being Report Card was given by Annette Sparling on the 21 indicators. Council was informed of the three indicator ratings for each report card category for Martin County: 1) Green shows significant improvement and exceeds the state average; 2) Yellow shows significant improvement but does not meet/exceed the state average; and 3) Red did not show significant improvement and did not meet the state average.

Improvements were shown in Healthy Mothers and Babies under the indicators Births To Obese Mothers At Time Of Pregnancy declining, Mothers Who Initiate Breastfeeding increasing, and Low Birth Weight declining. An improvement was shown in Healthy Children under the indicators Middle And High School Students Who Are Overweight or Obese declining, but a negative decline was seen in Alcohol Use Among Teens in the Past 30 Days increasing. The indicator Strong, Nurturing Families had no change. Under the Safe, Stable Communities, a slight decline occurred in the indicator Teen Death Rate rising (negative trend). Council questions were answered.

The 2016 Youth Health and Well-Being Report Card is posted on the CSCMC website.

- B. The Executive Director/Staff Report was presented by David Heaton. David congratulated Helping People Succeed for being awarded \$100,000 from the Martin County Community Foundation to help implement a Language and Literacy Initiative in Martin County. Jennifer Ahern was recognized for her first year with the Council as of April 1, 2017.
- C. The CSCMC Financial Reports were provided by Genevieve Guido who reported that CSCMC is under budget on all operating costs and has collected 93% of property taxes. Council questions were answered.

For Your Information:

Council reviewed the information provided.

Council Member Comments:

Laurie Gaylord is concerned about the critical need for dental care for our birth to 3 year olds, which is more significant than we realized. It's apparent that the successful dental sealant program has identified critical needs in the community. We need to look into preventative education for the parents. William Tulko concurred.

Ms. Gaylord also thanked Council for looking earlier into reading levels than 3rd grade because we need to do something earlier. That 1st grade reading camp should prove to be helpful. Looking at last year's program data and this year's data will be helpful on where we need to make our mark.

Jody Bond wants the Council to consider sending letters to prospective Governor's appointed Council Members who would be coming onto the board to invite them to attend Council meetings, so they could get an idea of how Council operates. William Tulko agreed to draft such a letter.

Sarah Heard asked to attend the next CSCMC Program Committee meeting. David Heaton said staff would look into changing the meeting date/time if possible from the existing 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Ms. Heard recommended everyone get a tour at the House of Hope in Golden Gate by Rob Ranieri. It's appealing looking, comfortable, inviting, and non-threatening. Ms. Heard also said the new Golden Gate building is going to be a huge asset for the community.

As no further discussion existed, the meeting was adjourned by William Tulko (Chair) at 11:20 a.m.

William Tulko, Chair

David L. Heaton, Executive Director