



**Program Services and Childhood Health  
Committee Meeting Transcript**

**January 12, 2023**

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THE CHILDREN'S TRUST  
PROGRAM SERVICES AND CHILDHOOD HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING  
(IN PERSON QUORUM WITH SOME VIRTUAL ATTENDANTS)

MEETING MINUTES

The MDC Children's Trust Meeting, Program Services  
and Childhood Health Committee Meeting was held on  
January 12, 2023, commencing at 3:30 p.m., at 3250  
Southwest 3rd Avenue, United Way, Ryder Room, Miami,  
Florida 33129. The meeting was called to order by Pamela  
Hollingsworth, Chair.



AUDIO TRANSCRIPTION

BOARD MEMBER APPEARANCES:

- PAMELA HOLLINGSWORTH, Chair
- KAREN WELLER, Vice Chair
- MARY DONWORTH
- GILDA FERRADAZ
- LOURDES P. GIMENEZ
- MARISSA LEICHTER
- DR. CLARA LORA OSPINA
- KENNETH HOFFMAN (ex-officio)
- SHANIKA GRAVES

## 1 STAFF MEMBER APPEARANCES:

2 AMANDA GORSKI

3 CAROL BROGAN

4 DANIELLE BARRERAS

5 GINA ALONSO

6 JACQUES BENTOLILA

7 JAMES R. HAJ

8 JENNIFER MORENO

9 JOANNA REVELO

10 JUANA LEON

11 LISANNE GAGE

12 LORI HANSON

13 NATALIA ZEA

14 PATRICIA LEAL

15 RACHEL SPECTOR

16 SUSAN MARIAN

17 TATIANA CANELAS

18 WENDY DUNCOMBE

19 XIMENA NUÑEZ

20 YULIET ALFONSO

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## 22 GUEST APPEARANCES:

23 EMPERATRIZ GERMAN

24 CORINA FEBRES

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Thereupon, the following proceedings  
commenced at 3:30 p.m.)

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Public comments?

MS. LEON: We do not have any public  
comments.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. So, let's  
start with the approval of the October 6th  
Programs Committee minutes. And before we -- we  
begin, committee members, I want to remind all  
of you to speak clearly. If you move something  
or sec -- first or second something so that we  
can -- and we will then repeat it for the record  
so that we can take -- make sure that we have  
all the information that we need when we go to  
transcribe.

So, committee members, by now, you will  
have had an opportunity to review the minutes  
from our last meeting. If you can believe it,  
it was October 6th in 2022.

May I have a motion to approve the minutes?

MS. DONWORTH: So moved, Donworth.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Approved --  
moved by Donworth. And a second?

MS. GIMENEZ: Second, Gimenez.

1 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you for that  
2 second, Lourdes Gimenez. All those in favor?  
3 (Whereupon, the committee members all responded  
4 with "aye.")

5 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Any opposed?  
6 (No audible response.)

7 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The minutes are  
8 approved. We're going to move into several  
9 resolutions today, and I will tell you in  
10 advance that you will be very familiar with many  
11 of them. They have been visited in one form or  
12 another in terms of meetings, summits, and  
13 things of that nature over the last year.

14 Many of them are -- deal with a procurement  
15 waive -- waiver and also deal with Thrive by 5.  
16 It's primarily early childhood. So, we do have  
17 a packed agenda, but we're are going move  
18 through it quickly. And with that, I'm going to  
19 pass the mic to Karen Weller for the first  
20 resolution.

21 MS. WELLER: Good afternoon, everyone.

22 Resolution 2023-A, authorization to  
23 negotiate and execute contracts with the Early  
24 Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe,  
25 Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human

1 Services Department, and the United Way Miami-  
2 Dade for local match funding for the federal  
3 Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grant in  
4 a total amount not to exceed \$2,270,000 for a  
5 term of 12 months, commencing October 1st, 2023  
6 and ending September 30th of 2024.

7 May I have a motion?

8 MS. GIMENEZ: So moved, Gimenez.

9 MS. WELLER: Okay. Thank you Ms. Gimenez.

10 And may I have a second?

11 MS. LEICHTER: Second, Leichter.

12 MS. WELLER: Okay. Thank you. Marissa  
13 Leichter is the second. Any recusals?

14 MS. FERRADAZ: Recusal, Ferradaz, on the  
15 ELC board.

16 MS. WELLER: Okay.

17 MS. DONWORTH: Recu --

18 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Recusal, Hollingsworth.  
19 I work for the Early Learning Coalition.

20 MS. WELLER: Okay. Do I need to repeat --

21 MS. DONWORTH: Yep.

22 MS. WELLER: -- recusals or --

23 MS. DONWORTH: Wait. And recusal,  
24 Donworth. I work for United Way.

25 MS. WELLER: Okay. Did you all get the

1 recusals or you need to repeat them? We're  
2 good? Okay. All right.

3 So, moving into discussion. This  
4 authorization will award the Early Learning  
5 Coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe, Miami-Dade  
6 County Community Action and Human Services  
7 Department, and the United Way of Miami-Day --  
8 Dade the match funds needed to provide for 2062  
9 high-quality early learning slots.

10 The match funds are used to leverage  
11 federal funding for infant and toddler care into  
12 the grant, and agency funding amounts can be  
13 found on page 7 in your packet. Note that the  
14 service delivery continues to be satisfactory,  
15 and all slots are being utilized by all three  
16 agencies.

17 Is there any further discussion?  
18 Questions?

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE 1: Madam Chair, can I  
20 make a statement?

21 MR. HAJ: Just a reminder, \$3.6 million the  
22 Trust is investing is bringing in \$28 million in  
23 federal funds to Miami-Dade. Just want to  
24 highlight that. Thank you.

25 MS. WELLER: Thank you. Okay. All those

1 in favor?

2 (Whereupon, the committee members all responded  
3 with "aye.")

4 MS. WELLER: Opposed?

5 (No audible response.)

6 MS. WELLER: The motion carries.

7 Resolution 2023-B. Authorization to --  
8 negotiate and execute a contract with the Early  
9 Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe for  
10 local match funding for the State of Florida  
11 School Readiness Program Match grant in a total  
12 amount not to exceed \$1,230,000 for a term of 12  
13 months commencing October 1st of 2023 and ending  
14 September 30th of 2024.

15 May I have a motion, please.

16 MS. DONWORTH: So moved, Donworth.

17 MS. WELLER: Ms. Donworth moves it.

18 Second?

19 MS. GIMENEZ: Second, Gimenez.

20 MS. WELLER: Ms. Gimenez, second. Any  
21 recusals?

22 MS. FERNANDEZ: Recusal, Ferradaz on the  
23 ELC board.

24 MS. WELLER: Okay. Ferradaz recused.

25 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hollingsworth, I worked



1 for the Early Learning Coalition.

2 MS. WELLER: Okay. Ms. Hollingsworth  
3 recused. That's it? Okay. Then moving into  
4 discussion. The School Readiness Program Match  
5 is a public/private partnership that helps  
6 employers meet the needs of working parents.

7 Through this program, federal and state  
8 funding is matched with contributions from the  
9 local governments, charitable foundations, and  
10 participating businesses on the dollar-for-  
11 dollar basis to provide childcare services for  
12 participating families.

13 The Children's Trust provides this local  
14 match funding according to the terms and  
15 conditions set forth above to assist the Early  
16 Learning Coalition in drawing down the maximum  
17 funding for the State School Readiness Program  
18 match childcare subsidy program, formerly known  
19 as a Child Care Executive Partnership.

20 Are there any questions or further  
21 discussion? All those in favor?

22 (Whereupon, the committee members all responded  
23 with "aye.")

24 MS. WELLER: Opposed?

25 (No audible response.)

1 MS. WELLER: The motion carries.

2 Resolution 2023-C. Autho --

3 All right. I hope that doesn't mean I'm  
4 meant to start all over.

5 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE 4: No.

6 MS. WELLER: Okay. Okay. Resolution 2023-  
7 C. Authorization to negotiate and execute  
8 contract renewals with six providers identified  
9 herein for early child community research  
10 demonstration projects within high-need  
11 communities in a total amount not to exceed  
12 \$1,939,358 for a term of 12 months, commencing  
13 October 1st of 2023 and ending September 30th of  
14 2024 with two remaining contract renewals.

15 May I have a motion, please.

16 MS. DONWORTH: So moved, Donworth.

17 MS. WELLER: By Mary Donworth. May I have  
18 a second?

19 MS. LEICHTER: Second, Leichter.

20 MS. WELLER: And Marissa Leichter, second.  
21 Any recusals?

22 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Recusal, Hollingsworth,  
23 I work for the Early Learning Coalition. We are  
24 fighting for this project.

25 MS. WELLER: Okay. Hollingsworth recused.

1 Any others? Okay. In that case moving into  
2 discuss --

3 MS. FERRADAZ: Recusal. I'm on the board  
4 of the Early Learning Coalition.

5 MS. WELLER: Oh, okay. So, you're  
6 recusing. Gilda Ferradaz. Okay. Anyone else?  
7 We're Good? Okay.

8 The Early Childhood Community Research  
9 Demonstration Projects was early childhood  
10 development by implementing and evaluating  
11 programs with high-need populations and under-  
12 served communities in Miami-Dade County.

13 These projects require active partnerships  
14 between community-based early childhood  
15 organizations and qualified research partners.  
16 Participating projects are expected to build  
17 evidence that will contribute to the scaling and  
18 sustainability of successful practices outside  
19 of the Children's Trust Fund.

20 Are there any other discussions, items, or  
21 questions. Carrying on. All those in favor?

22 (Whereupon, the committee members all responded  
23 with "aye.")

24 MS. WELLER: Opposed?

25 (No audible response.)

1 MS. WELLER: The motion carries.

2 Okay. Resolution 2023-D. Authorization to  
3 negotiate and execute a single source contract  
4 with Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership for  
5 expanded Reach Out and Read early literacy  
6 programming in a total amount not to exceed  
7 \$700,000 for a term of 12 months, commencing  
8 October 1st of 2023 and ending on September  
9 30th, 2024.

10 Also, requesting an amend -- res --  
11 amending resolution number 2022-50 and the  
12 current contract with services from October 1st  
13 of 2022 to September 30th of 2023 and to add  
14 \$200,000 for a new total amount not to exceed  
15 \$555,664 and enter into a research and  
16 evaluation agreement as part of a collaborative  
17 research effort in a total amount not to exceed  
18 \$50,000 for a term of 12 months, commencing  
19 retroactively on January 1st of 2023 and ending  
20 December 31st of 2023.

21 May I have a motion, please.

22 MS. GIMENEZ: So moved, Gimenez.

23 MS. WELLER: And moved by Ms. Gimenez.

24 Second?

25 MS. LEICHTER: Second, Leichter.

1 MS. WELLER: Okay. Second, Marissa  
2 Leichter. Any recusals?

3 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Recused, Hollingsworth.  
4 I work for the Early Learning Coalition, and the  
5 agency CEO serves on the board of directors for  
6 the Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership.

7 MS. FERRADAZ: Recusal, Ferradaz. I'm on  
8 the board of the Early Learning Coalition.

9 MS. WELLER: So we have two recusals.  
10 Pamela Hol -- Hollingsworth and Gilda Ferradaz.  
11 All right. Anyone else? Okay. Moving into  
12 discussion. The Reach Out and Read is a  
13 national model in North American Academy of  
14 Pediatrics that champions positive effects of  
15 reading daily and engaging in other language-  
16 rich activities with your children. The  
17 2022/'23 contract includes a \$200,000 increase  
18 to expand the Reach Out and Read to include  
19 infants from birth versus six months.

20 Any other discussions?

21 MS. GIMENEZ: I'd like to make a comment.  
22 All of these resolutions are great. I am very  
23 much for this one because of early learning, and  
24 that's where my area of expertise is in. And I  
25 think children from even when they were in the

1 womb, the parents read to them.

2 There is already scientific studies that  
3 have proven that the child is learning from  
4 listening to the mother read. When they're  
5 older or when they were younger, whatever age  
6 from 0 to 5, just watching the mother or father  
7 or caretaker hold the book in their hands is a  
8 very good role model for them.

9 There was a study that was conducted, I  
10 can't remember where, where the parent did not  
11 read -- could not read, but would sit in front  
12 of the child and makeup the story. And that  
13 child did a lot better and began reading more  
14 books because of the fact that saw the father or  
15 the mother making believe they were reading. Of  
16 course they didn't know that.

17 So, I think this is a really good wrestle  
18 for us, you know, for children, especially in  
19 areas where the parents may not be able to  
20 access a lot of books and/or may not be able to  
21 even read it for them, but they can talk about  
22 the picture, ask questions about the pictures.  
23 So, I'm very glad that we're supporting this.

24 MS. WELLER: And we're also expanding it.  
25 Thank you. Any other comments? Okay. All

1 those in favor?

2 (Whereupon, the committee members all responded  
3 with "aye.")

4 MS. WELLER: Opposed?

5 (No audible response.)

6 MS. WELLER: The motion carries.

7 Resolution 2023-E. Authorization to amend  
8 resolution number 2022-48 and the current  
9 contracts with the Miami-Dade Family Learning  
10 Partnership Incorporated and All in One Mail  
11 Solution doing business as All in One Direct  
12 Marketing Solutions for services from October  
13 1st of 2022 to September 30th, 2023 for the  
14 support and maintenance of the -- of a birth to  
15 five book club to add \$285,000 for Haitian-  
16 Creole book purchases, accompanying guide  
17 development and translation, and related  
18 purchase and fulfillment costs.

19 We're also wanting to add \$15,000 for  
20 outreach and community engagement activities for  
21 the Haitian-American families for a new total  
22 not to exceed \$2,617,239. Further authorization  
23 to approve a budget amendment to increase the  
24 book club budget and allocate these funds in the  
25 appropriate budget --

1 Okay. May I have a motion?

2 MS. DONWORTH: So moved, Donworth.

3 MS. WELLER: Thank you, Mary Donworth, for  
4 the motion. Second?

5 MS. GIMENEZ: Second, Gimenez.

6 MS. WELLER: Okay, Lourdes Gimenez for the  
7 second. Any recusals?

8 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Recusal, Hollingsworth.  
9 I work for the Early Learning Coalition, and the  
10 agency CEO is on the board of the Miami-Dade  
11 Family Learning Partnership.

12 MS. WELLER: Okay. Pamela Hollingsworth is  
13 a recusal. Anyone else?

14 MS. FERRADAZ: Recusal for Ferradaz. I'm  
15 on the board of the Early Learning Coalition.

16 MS. WELLER: Okay. Thank you. Gilda  
17 Ferradaz is also recusing.

18 All right. As we move into discussion, the  
19 Children's Trust Book Club provides free monthly  
20 age-appropriate books and supporting materials  
21 to families in Miami-Dade County with Children  
22 from birth to their fifth birthday. The book  
23 club is implemented by Miami-Dade Family  
24 Learning Partnership and All in One Mail Shop  
25 and community partners.



1           Anyone else want to provide any more  
2           information? Questions? Okay. Hearing none,  
3           all those in favor?

4           (Whereupon, the committee members all responded  
5           with "aye.")

6           MS. WELLER: Opposed?

7           (No audible response.)

8           MS. WELLER: The motion carries.

9           Resolution 2023-F, authorization for a  
10          procurement waiver from the formal competitive  
11          procurement process to award a total amount not  
12          to exceed 27,890,000 for the delivery of an  
13          integrated childcare quality improvement service  
14          -- services described below.

15          The total amount includes \$14,900,000 to  
16          negotiate and execute in multiple contracts with  
17          providers identified herein and \$12,990,000 for  
18          The Children's Trust to encumber in purchase  
19          orders for educator scholarship payments, salary  
20          supplement payments to early learning educators,  
21          and high-quality tiered payment differentials to  
22          providers for a term of 12 months, commencing  
23          October 1st of 2023 and ending September 30th of  
24          2024.

25          May I have a motion, please.

1 MS. GIMENEZ: So moved, Gimenez.

2 MS. WELLER: Okay. Ms. Gimenez moves it.

3 Can I have a second?

4 MS. LEICHTER: Second, Leichter.

5 MS. WELLER: And Marissa Leichter seconds.

6 Any recusals?

7 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Recused, Hollingsworth.

8 I work for the Early Learning Coalition.

9 MS. WELLER: Okay. Recusal for Pamela  
10 Hollingsworth .

11 MS. FERRADAZ: Recusal, Ferradaz. I'm on  
12 the board of the Early Learning Coalition.

13 MS. WELLER: Okay.

14 MS. DONWORTH: Recu --

15 MS. WELLER: Gilda Ferradaz also recuses.

16 MS. DONWORTH: And recusal, Donworth. I  
17 work with the United Way.

18 MS. WELLER: Okay. Mary Donworth also  
19 recuses. Thank you. Okay. As we move into  
20 discussion, the Thrive by 5 integrated childcare  
21 quality improvement system strives to increase  
22 access to high-quality early learning for young  
23 children in low-income neighborhoods.

24 Using an equity lens, the QIS intervenes  
25 across systems for a healthy development for

1 children by help -- helping to build two  
2 generational economic stability for families.

3 Does anyone else who want to add to the  
4 discussion? No? Hearing none, all those in  
5 favor?

6 (Whereupon, the committee members all responded  
7 with "aye.")

8 MS. WELLER: Opposed?

9 (No audible response.)

10 MS. WELLER: The motion carries. And then  
11 I send it back to you, Madam Chair.

12 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Ms. Weller.

13 Resolution 2023-G. Authorization to  
14 negotiate and execute a contract with Redlands  
15 Christian Migrant Association, RCMA, for local  
16 match funding to draw down federal-state funds  
17 to subsidize early childcare in an amount not to  
18 exceed \$102,000 for a term of 12 months,  
19 commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September  
20 30, 2024.

21 May I have motion, please.

22 MS. DONWORTH: So moved, Donworth.

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Moved by Donworth. Any  
24 second?

25 MS. FERRADAZ: Second, Ferradaz.

1 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Second by Ferradaz.  
2 Are there any recusals? Hearing none, moving to  
3 discussion. This authorization will provide  
4 local match funding to assist RCMA in drawing  
5 down the maximum amount of the federal and state  
6 childcare development funds through Florida's  
7 Division of Early Learning.

8 These funds subsidize childcare for the, in  
9 quotes, working poor, that we would federally  
10 designate it -- we would federally designate it  
11 as people who spend 27 weeks more a year in the  
12 labor force either working or looking for work  
13 but whose incomes fall below poverty level.

14 The Trust has contributed local match  
15 funding to RCMA for the past 16 contract  
16 periods. The total estimated match needed by  
17 RCMA and Miami-Dade County is 220,000, and that  
18 match is made up by Miami-Dade County, the  
19 Children's Trust, and with the additional 8,000  
20 being raised by RCMA.

21 Discussion, feedback from the committee.  
22 Hearing none, all those in favor?

23 (Whereupon, the committee members all responded  
24 with "aye.")

25 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

1 (No audible response.)

2 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The resolution carries.

3 Resolution 2023-H, authorization to  
4 negotiate and execute a contract with the  
5 University of Miami-Nova Southeastern  
6 University, UM-NSU, Center for Autism and  
7 Related Disabilities, CARD for Autism Spectrum  
8 Disorders, ASD, diagnostic evaluation services  
9 in a total amount not to exceed \$264,000 for a  
10 term of 12 months -- for a term of 12 months,  
11 commencing October 1, 2023 and ending September  
12 30, 2024.

13 May I have motion, please.

14 MS. GIMENEZ: So moved, Gimenez.

15 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Moved by Gimenez. And  
16 a second?

17 MS. WELLER: Second, Weller.

18 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Second is Weller. Are  
19 there any recusals? Hearing none, moving to  
20 discussion. UM-NSU CARD is one of seven state-  
21 funded university based outreach and support  
22 centers in Florida dedicated to optimizing the  
23 potential of people with autism spectrum  
24 disorder.

25 This funding will support comprehensive

1 psycho-educational diagnostic evaluation  
2 services for children ages 2 to 5 years old,  
3 that's before kindergarten entry, provided by  
4 UM-NSU CARD for young children as identified by  
5 Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Early  
6 Steps. And this is done at reduced unit cost.

7 The evaluation services are listed on page  
8 30 in your packet. UM-NSU CARD continues to  
9 work collaboratively with the school district as  
10 well as Early Steps and The Children's Trust to  
11 develop the referral criteria and the processes  
12 to ensure children in need of these kinds of  
13 specialty evaluation services and without other  
14 means of accessing them are identified and  
15 referred for evaluation.

16 During the contract year 2021/2022, 121  
17 children were referred, 90 evaluations were  
18 completed, resulting in 77 children with autism  
19 spectrum disorder diagnoses.

20 Feedback, additional questions, comments  
21 from Committee? Hearing none. All those in  
22 favor?

23 (Whereupon, the committee members all responded  
24 with "aye.")

25 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

1 (No audible response.)

2 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The resolution carries.

3 Resolution 2023-I. Authorization to  
4 negotiate and execute a contract renewal with  
5 the University of Miami Miller School of  
6 Medicine, UM, in an amount not to exceed  
7 \$1,500,000 for comprehensive early intervention  
8 services for children with mild developmental  
9 delays, who do not meet eligibility requirements  
10 for the Individuals with Disabilities and  
11 Education Act, IDEA parts B or C for a term of  
12 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023 and ending  
13 September 30, 2024.

14 May I have a motion, please?

15 MS. GIMENEZ: So, moved, Gimenez.

16 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Moved by Gimenez. And  
17 a second?

18 MS. WELLER: Second, Weller.

19 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Second is from Weller.  
20 Are there any recusals? Hearing none, let's  
21 move to discussion. Early discovery, as  
22 mentioned, is provided by the University of  
23 Miami Miller School of Medicine and it offers  
24 short-term speech and language therapy,  
25 occupational therapy, and/or behavioral develop

1 -- developmental interventions based on  
2 identified needs in the areas of concern for  
3 children who do not meet the eligibility  
4 criteria for the federal Indi -- Individual --  
5 Individuals with Disabilities Act.

6 In the contract year '21/'22, 595 children  
7 received an average of nine short-term  
8 intervention sessions. The sessions and  
9 assessments took place both in person and  
10 virtually via Telehealth when appropriate and  
11 requested by parent. Outcomes of these  
12 improvements can be find on -- can be found on  
13 page 33 in your packet.

14 Feedback, questions, comments from the  
15 committee. Hearing none. All those in favor.

16 (Whereupon, the committee members all responded  
17 with "aye.")

18 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

19 (No audible response.)

20 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Resolution carries.

21 And our final resolution for today,  
22 resolution 2023-J. Authorization to amend  
23 resolution number 2022-24 and the current  
24 contract with the United Way of Miami-Dade for  
25 services from October 1, 2022 to September 30,



1 2023 to increase the contract amount by \$100,000  
2 for a new total contract amount of \$1,100,000  
3 for the purpose of supporting staff retention.

4 May I have a motion, please.

5 MS. LEICHTER: So moved --

6 MS. WELLER: So moved --

7 MS. LEICHTER: So moved, Leichter.

8 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Leichter moves it.

9 Second?

10 MS. WELLER: Weller, second.

11 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Weller seconds.

12 MS. DONWORTH: Recusal, Donworth. I work  
13 for United Way.

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Donworth recuses.  
15 Thank you very much. And then moving to  
16 discussion, you will recall that on January  
17 18th, the board approved a resolution for the  
18 implementation of teaching strategies for  
19 affirmative assessment that paves the way for  
20 differentiated and effective instruction and  
21 evaluation of young children.

22 The TSG project represents one of the four  
23 components of the quality improvement system,  
24 which has been mentioned in several resolutions  
25 this afternoon. The resolution before you now

1 seeks to support staff increases and retention  
2 after three years of level of funding for this  
3 project.

4 Comments, feedback from the committee.

5 Hearing none, all those in favor?

6 (Whereupon, the committee members all responded  
7 with "aye.")

8 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

9 (No audible response.)

10 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The final resolution  
11 carries. And we will now cut to Jim for the CEO  
12 report.

13 MR. HAJ: Madam Chair, thank you. This is  
14 just to reminder the board members, our youth  
15 development are -- is still out, still under the  
16 cone of silence. This is our largest  
17 initiative, and this will be brought back in  
18 April to the board. We will be talking about  
19 this initiative much more on February 23rd at  
20 the board retreat. We encourage board  
21 attendance.

22 It is once a year that we get together as a  
23 board and set the vision for the year. The last  
24 two board meetings has really paved the way for  
25 this year of solicitations. So, we hope

1 everyone can be in attendance.

2 Next Tuesday, Monday is a holiday. Tuesday  
3 morning we have Community Newspaper events that  
4 will be at CasaCuba in South Miami where Dave  
5 Lawrence and myself will be speaking and the  
6 board's invited. We have elected officials and  
7 invite the community leaders, so if you have not  
8 RSVP'd, and you do want to attend, please do so.

9 The -- also, the Community Newspaper's just  
10 released an insert our special edition about The  
11 Children's Trust 20-year anniversary. We'll be  
12 sending you the link. And at the board meeting,  
13 you'll have a hard copy in front of you, which  
14 is really -- it's a great piece.

15 I've seen -- I haven't seen a hard copy  
16 yet, but I've seen an electronic version, and  
17 it's actually phenomenal that the Community  
18 Newspaper is highlighting the 20 years of the  
19 Trust and the impact that we've had.

20 The community health, and I'm not sure what  
21 the official name -- MICAMH, Lori? The MICAMH  
22 conference -- mental health conference that we  
23 fund -- that we sponsor is February 8th, 9th and  
24 10th.

25 Lori, if you can briefly just explain about

1 that conference because it is open for our board  
2 members. If you want to attend, we just need to  
3 know sooner than later if you wish to attend.

4 Lori, please.

5 MS. HANSON: Sure. MICAMH is the acronym  
6 because we all love acronyms. It stands for the  
7 Miami International Child and Adolescent Mental  
8 Health conference. It's held -- typically it's  
9 been held every year at the FIU Kovens Center  
10 ever since the Center for Children and Families  
11 relocated to Miami from -- from New York.

12 So, it's a great conference. They have  
13 continuing education hours for nurses,  
14 psychologists, other mental health  
15 professionals, some great keynote topics as well  
16 as in-depth workshops. They're going to have a  
17 research -- a poster session of research  
18 posters. So, yeah, we have -- we some  
19 registrations available, if that's your thing,  
20 to get into those topics.

21 This year, they have a number of topics  
22 related to family therapy and trauma, supports,  
23 and culturally responsive mental health, school-  
24 based mental health, positive youth development,  
25 a range of topics.

1           So, would -- if you're -- if you're  
2           interested, definitely let us know. And I think  
3           we'll probably be sending out a link to the  
4           people that we think might be most -- this might  
5           be most relevant to.

6           MR. HAJ: Thank you, Lori. The -- the e-  
7           mail, we sent this afternoon out to the members  
8           of this committee, so those who are interested  
9           just please let's us know, and we'll be happy to  
10          get you a ticket.

11          The clerk of the board, as you know, we're  
12          all retired in December. I just wanted to  
13          introduce you to people behind the scenes  
14          working. I know you saw invites come and invite  
15          disappear on your Outlook. That was -- that was  
16          tied to the clerk of the board.

17          We want to make sure that there were a  
18          group of people behind it moving forward that  
19          will be answering e-mails and serving the board  
20          well. So, Juana can you raise your hand.  
21          Everybody, I think knows Juana. Juana has been  
22          working alongside Muriel for years, so nothing  
23          is going to miss a beat. And then there's two  
24          new members of the team, Yuliet Alfonso. Yuliet  
25          --

1 MS. ALFONSO: I'm right here.

2 MR. HAJ: -- raise your hand. Yuliet's  
3 over there. And Gina Alonso. Gina raise your  
4 hand. So, that -- that is the team. You also  
5 have Jennifer here but Jennifer is moving over  
6 to a different department but she'll be here to  
7 help out.

8 But there will be a team behind as the  
9 clerk of the board. Now it's not the one  
10 person, there will be several people to meet  
11 your needs. Anything you need from the clerk of  
12 the board, please let us know.

13 Madam Chair, that's it for me. Thank you.

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Jim. And  
15 thank you, Karen, for the support today, and a  
16 final welcome for -- to Dr. Ospina , we look  
17 forward to seeing you at the board meeting in a  
18 couple of weeks. To the members, staff and  
19 guests, Thank you for joining us today and have  
20 a good evening. We are adjourned.

21 (Thereupon, the proceedings concluded at  
22 3:59 p.m.)

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