



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

April 7, 2022

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

The Children's Trust Program Services and
Childhood Health Committee Meeting was held on April
7, 2022, commencing at 3:30 p.m., at 3250 Southwest
3rd Avenue, United Way, Ryder Conference Room,
Miami, Florida 33129. The meeting was called to
order by Pamela Hollingsworth, Chair.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Pamela Hollingsworth, Chair

Karen Weller, Vice-Chair

Dr. Edward Abraham

Laura Adams

Victor Diaz-Herman

Mary Donworth

Lourdes P. Gimenez

Tiombe-Bisa Kendrick-Dunn

Annie Neasman

STAFF:

Ana Sanchez-Suris

Bevone Ritchie

1	STAFF (Continued):
2	Carol Brogan
3	Christiana Taylor
4	Garnet Esters
5	Grettel Suarez
6	Imran Ali
7	Jacques Bentolila
8	James R. Haj
9	Jamia Hood
10	Joanna Revelo
11	Josefina Greene
12	Juana Leon
13	Juliette Fabien
14	Kathleen Dexter
15	Kristin Hart
16	Leilah Collazo
17	Lisanne Gage
18	Lisete Yero
19	Lori Hanson
20	Marden Muñoz
21	Muriel Jeanty
22	Rachel Spector
23	Susan Marian
24	Tatiana Canelas
25	Teresa Cobb

1 STAFF (Continued):
2 Yesenia Reyes
3 Yvette Thompson-Edwards
4

5 GUESTS:

6 Ana Someillan
7 Jenine Simon
8 Laura Roberts
9 Jenniffer Dorcinvil
10 John Serret
11 Karina Pavone
12 Tessa
13 Vasti
14 Miream
15 Jasmine
16 J. Abilio Rodriguez
17 Dayra pla
18 Sharon Dziedzic
19 Alisha Reyes
20 Keandra Jones
21 Inga
22 Yolanda Castro
23 Aleida
24 Jose Buttacavoli
25 Aleida (Cary) Blanco

1	GUESTS (Continued):
2	Wanda Brooks
3	Camila Rocha
4	Florencia Dalla Torre
5	Amy Robinson
6	Kenny Francois
7	Aline Francois
8	Fabienne
9	Muriel
10	Janet Pereyra
11	Jean Warring
12	Rhonda Smith
13	Richard McKinley
14	Estefania Cecilia Delgado
15	Joe Raiker
16	Francisco Fins
17	Katie Hart
18	Sean Prospect
19	Averill Obee
20	Helen Vilorio
21	Jessica Munch-Dittmar
22	Marta
23	Suzy Schumer
24	Annette Cacicedo
25	Cibele Stempniak

- 1 GUESTS (Continued):
- 2 Olive
- 3 Reyes
- 4 Terri Morales
- 5 Marilu Villa
- 6 Elmase Hoffman
- 7 Mark Valentine
- 8 Tamara Moodie
- 9 Chemika Burkhalter
- 10 Jeanne Tamargo
- 11 Myrna
- 12 Sharron
- 13 Saliha Nelson
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Good to see everyone.

3 Welcome to our Program Services and Childhood Health
4 Committee Meeting. Good to see so many of you at the
5 table today.

6 Muriel, do we have any public comments?

7 MS. JEANTY: Madam Chair, we don't have any
8 public comments. Thank you.

9 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Okay, thank you very much.
10 Then let's move on to the approval of the minutes from
11 the January 6 meeting, which, that date is resonating,
12 I did not attend in person as it was my birthday. By
13 now you had an opportunity to review the minutes. May
14 I have a motion to approve the minutes as shown in
15 your packet?

16 MS. WELLER: So moved, Karen Weller.

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: And a second?

18 MS. NEASMAN: Second, Neasman.

19 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: All those in favor?

20 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all responded
21 with "aye.")

22 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Any opposed?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The resolution carries. May
25 I pause here to ask if we have any participants by

1 zoom today?

2 MS. JEANTY: So to get from zoom, if anybody is
3 joining via zoom, mute yourself when you're not
4 talking and raise your hand when you want to talk.
5 That's it.

6 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you very much, Muriel.
7 All right, Committee Members, let's move on to our
8 resolutions. In the first two resolutions I would
9 point out, this is the last renewal year for them.

10 Beginning with Resolution 2022-A: Authorization
11 to negotiate and execute final contract renewals with
12 81 providers identified herein, to deliver high-
13 quality after-school programming for 12,197 elementary
14 school children and summer programming for 13,125
15 elementary school children, in a total amount not to
16 exceed \$36,090,190.00, each for a term of 12 months,
17 commencing August 1, 2022, and ending July 31, 2023,
18 for year-round and school-year programs, subject to
19 annual funding appropriations.

20 May I have a motion, please?

21 MS. DONWORTH: Donworth.

22 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: And can I have a second?

23 DR. ABRAHAM: Second, Abraham.

24 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Are there any
25 recusals?

1 (No verbal response.)

2 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, moving to
3 discussion. The floor is open. Questions?

4 Hearing none, all those in favor?

5 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all responded
6 with "aye.")

7 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The resolution carries.

10 Resolution 2022-B: Authorization to negotiate and
11 execute final contract renewals with 56 providers
12 identified herein, to deliver high-quality after-
13 school programming for 3,798 middle and high school
14 youth and summer programming for 2,492 middle and high
15 school youth, in a total amount not to exceed
16 \$14,283,160.00, each for a term of 12 months,
17 commencing August 1, 2022, and ending July 31, 2023,
18 for year-round and school-year programs, subject to
19 annual funding appropriations.

20 May I have a motion, please?

21 MS. GIMENEZ: So moved, Gimenez.

22 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. And a second?

23 MS. WELLER: Second, Weller.

24 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any recusals?

25 (No verbal response.)

1 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, let's move to
2 discussion, please. Observations, questions from the
3 Committee?

4 DR. ABRAHAM: I'd just like to make a comment. I
5 had a discussion with Lori about these. These are
6 very important programs and I just wanted to express
7 my enthusiasm for them. These are signature programs
8 for us. The only question I had for Lori was about
9 the waiting list, you know, because it seemed like
10 given what these programs offer, there would be a lot
11 more children and families involved. And I know it's
12 just a capacity issue.

13 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Further
14 observations from the Committee?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, all those in
17 favor?

18 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all responded
19 with "aye.")

20 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

21 This resolution also carries.

22 MS. KOBRINSKI: Can we have a motion for
23 reconsider of 2022-A?

24 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The motion for
25 reconsideration of 2022-A is on the table.

1 MR. DIAZ-HERMAN: Diaz-Herman.
2 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: I have a first.
3 MS. DONWORTH: Second, Donworth.
4 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: And a second. All those in
5 favor?
6 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all responded
7 with "aye.")
8 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Any opposed?
9 (No verbal response.)
10 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Leigh, do I simply reread the
11 resolution?
12 MS. KOBRINSKI: Right, you can have a motion to
13 approve it and then call for the recusal and Ms.
14 Neasman can recuse.
15 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you.
16 May I have a motion to approve Resolution 2022-A?
17 MS. DONWORTH: Donworth.
18 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: And a second?
19 MS. WELLER: Second, Weller.
20 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: And moving to recusals.
21 MS. NEASMAN: Recused, Neasman.
22 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you.
23 Discussion?
24 (No verbal response.)
25 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, all those in

1 favor?

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

4 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Any opposed?
5 (No verbal response.)

6 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Resolution 2022-A carries.
7 Let's move now to Resolution 2022-B. May we have
8 a motion to amend this resolution?

9 MS. KOBRINSKI: To reconsider.

10 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: To reconsider this
11 resolution.

12 MS. DONWORTH: Donworth.

13 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Donworth, one. And a second,
14 please?

15 MS. GIMENEZ: Second, Gimenez.

16 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Recusals?

17 MS. KOBRINSKI: A vote on a motion to reconsider.

18 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: That's what we're doing now,
19 correct?

20 MS. KOBRINSKI: Right, so you don't need a
21 recusal on a motion for reconsideration.

22 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Got it. Then, I retract
23 that, so we'll go straight to a vote for a
24 reconsideration motion.

25 All those in favor?

1 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all responded
2 with "aye.")

3 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The motion for
6 reconsideration carries. May we now have a motion to
7 approve Resolution 2022-B?

8 MS. DONWORTH: So moved, Donworth.

9 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. And a second?

10 MS. WELLER: Second, Weller.

11 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. And recusals?

12 MS. NEASMAN: Recusal, Neasman.

13 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Ms. Neasman.

14 All those in favor?

15 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all responded
16 with "aye.")

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Resolution 2022-B carries.

20 Resolution 2022-C: Authorization to execute
21 contract amendments with 13 programs identified
22 herein, to increase funding for their Youth
23 Development contracts in a one-time total additional
24 amount not to exceed \$270,076.00, due to the programs
25 incurring additional programmatic implementation

1 expenses as a result of the ongoing effects of the
2 COVID-19 pandemic.

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 DR. ABRAHAM: Abraham.

5 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Second?

6 MS. DONWORTH: Second, Donworth.

7 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Are there any
8 recusals?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, the floor is
11 open for discussion, observations from the Committee.

12 And hearing none, all those in favor?

13 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all responded
14 with "aye.")

15 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

16 Resolution 2022-C carries.

17 Resolution 2022-D: Authorization to negotiate and
18 execute a contract renewal with Florida International
19 University Board of Trustees (FIU) for reading
20 enhancement services, in a total amount not to exceed
21 \$882,168.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing
22 October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, with
23 one remaining 12-month renewal, subject to annual
24 funding appropriations.

25 May I have a motion, please?

1 MS. GIMENEZ: Gimenez.

2 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. And a second?

3 MS. WELLER: Second, Weller.

4 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any recusals?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Moving to discussion.

7 MS. KENDRICK-DUNN: Shouldn't be too much, but I

8 know in the past when we've discussed reading

9 enhancements, and I know this is in English, so I know

10 I brought up before. I know we have many children in

11 our community that their native language is Spanish

12 and there are a few others, but just wondering if

13 there has been any thought to the reading enhancements

14 in native language, which again, I'll just repeat

15 this, that as children are learning English, the

16 research is clear, if you teach them to become

17 literate in their native tongue, then its easier to

18 learn English. So I just want to ask that and always

19 advocate. Definitely is great, but just thinking

20 about those children, you know, as they learn to read

21 in English and learn to write. Some of those

22 children, they may speak their native language or keep

23 that, but don't become literate. And that's a concern

24 for me.

25 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Tiombe.

1 MR. HAJ: Lori, can you chime in on that or
2 Rachel?

3 MS. HANSON: That's not something we can consider
4 in our refunding cycle. Thinking about specialty
5 areas right now, people have specialties in arts or
6 other kinds of college prep, things like that, maybe
7 another language can be an enhancement, like a
8 specialized program. If that's something that the
9 program wanted to offer. That's a possibility. And
10 in the summer programs, it's probably, you know. It's
11 a good opportunity because you have a full day to work
12 with as opposed to an afterschool program, where
13 really for that to happen during the school year, you
14 need a school day program, like many of the bilingual
15 programs the district offers.

16 MS. KENDRICK-DUNN: I know that our local school
17 district does offer bilingual programs in a number of
18 languages, but of course many children who are
19 experiencing marginalization, they -- especially from
20 the economic standpoint, they're usually not part of
21 those programs and I deal with a lot of programs every
22 single day from -- regardless what their income is,
23 but there definitely is a lack with certain kids that,
24 you know, they're not literate in their native
25 language. I just think that is something that should

1 be addressed across the board. I know just not all
2 The Children's Trust, but there hopefully could be a
3 piece for The Children's Trust to advocate for that
4 and maybe present some opportunities for children that
5 otherwise, where they don't have the parents that can
6 provide the private tutoring for the languages or they
7 have access, right. So that is the concern, because
8 if you're going to learn English, which is wonderful
9 and great, but you should not have to lose your native
10 language, right.

11 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Tiombe. Thank
12 you, Lori.

13 MS. KOBRINSKI: Sorry, was there a vote?

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Sorry, I'm getting ahead of
15 myself?

16 Are there any other questions or observations
17 from our Committee?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, we will take a
20 vote. All those in favor?

21 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all responded
22 with "aye.")

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The resolution carries.

1 Resolution 2022-E: Authorization to negotiate and
2 execute a contract with Florida Introduces Physical
3 Activity and Nutrition to Youth (FLIPANY) for after-
4 school snacks and meals, in a total amount not to
5 exceed \$600,000.00, for a term of 12 months,
6 commencing October 1, 2022, and ending September 30,
7 2023, with three remaining contract renewals. And I
8 will add that this resolution is as a result of a
9 recent solicitation.

10 May I have a motion, please?

11 MS. WELLER: Weller.

12 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. And a second?

13 MS. NEASMAN: Second, Neasman.

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Are there any
15 recusals?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, let's move to
18 discussion, observations.

19 Hearing none, all those in favor?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: This resolution carries. And
24 with that, I will punt it to Jim for our CEO report.

25 MR. HAJ: Madam Chair, thank you. I just have

1 two items. Young Talent, Big Dreams, the final is on
2 May 14 at the Miracle Theatre. This is the largest
3 talent show in the county. We have phenomenal talent
4 with our students and our children in this community.
5 So when you get down to this level for the finals,
6 it's really an amazing experience. We will send you
7 an invite if we haven't sent you an invite. So make
8 sure our Board Members RSVP, we'll make sure we have a
9 seat available to you. And Champions for Children is
10 an exciting time. We haven't been back in-person in
11 years. We're gearing up for May 24. Those invites
12 are on your calendars. We hope that the entire Board
13 is there as we recognize leaders in this community and
14 our programs of the year and we celebrate the unsung
15 heroes in this community on May 24.

16 Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Jim.

18 And with that, Committee Members, we are
19 adjourned. Thank you for your time today.

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22 (Whereupon, at 3:46 p.m., the meeting was
23 adjourned.)

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