

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 28, 2016, 4:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Langowski called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Present:

Thomas Bean

Vince Goodman

Kathleen Kroll

Greg Langowski

Thomas E. Lynch

Debra Robinson, M.D.

Thomas P. Weber

Excused: Robert M. Avossa, Ed.D.; Dennis Miles; Shelley Vana

- A. Invocation – led by Vince Goodman
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Chair Langowski
- C. Presentations

**2. Minutes**

- A. March 31, 2016 Council Meeting

**A motion by Bean/Goodman to approve the Minutes of the March 31, 2016 Council meeting as presented was approved by unanimous vote.**

**3. Public Comment – Agenda Items**

Cory Neering, Vice President of Education, Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast, Inc. (“Planned Parenthood”) stated that for over 20 years Planned Parenthood had enjoyed a strong relationship with CSC. He stated that they had entered together into the shared goal of helping young people to be healthy and successful adults. He stated that CSC had been a great partner in programs such as The Adult Role Models program, and the Michael Carrera Teen Pregnancy Prevention model, Teen Time, and most recently the Wyman TOP® (Teen Outreach Program). He stated that Planned Parenthood had delivered the TOP® program through CSC funding via a grant from the Urban League of Palm Beach County, Inc. (“Urban League”). He recognized Patrick Franklin, CEO of Urban League.

Mr. Neering stated that through the TOP® program young people had received the skills and tools needed to avoid risky behavior, and develop leaderships skills to carry them into the future. He stated that the curriculum included communication, goal setting, values, sexual health, relationships, and dealing with peer pressure. He stated that in 2016 the relationship with CSC would unfortunately end and that it was not because CSC or Planned Parenthood were walking

away, but because Florida's State Legislature had politicized the work of Planned Parenthood and had ignored the real impact their policies would have. He stated that H.B. 1411 which would go into effect July 1, 2016 prohibited State and local dollars from funding organizations that provide abortion care, even when those funds go to education and prevention services.

Mr. Neering stated that they were deeply disappointed by this law which, while intended to damage Planned Parenthood, would instead remove a vital program which helps young people make mature, responsible decisions. He stated that they hoped to secure other funding which would allow them to continue this important work, and that they were truly grateful for the longtime commitment of CSC. He stated that he had personally been a part of helping thousands of young people craft and make decisions about post education, and not becoming a teen parent, and that he was a firm believer that it took a community to raise a child, and CSC could not solve all the ills in Palm Beach County alone. He stated that CSC nonetheless had always been at the forefront of helping young people make these decisions, and he was happy to have been a part of that. He thanked the Council for its investment in Planned Parenthood, and ultimately and most importantly, for its investment in young people in the community.

Vince Goodman stated that the program had served approximately 660 students and that it had provided skills, he asked what kind of skills the program had provided. Mr. Neering stated that TOP® was about helping young people make mature, responsible decisions, but that it was done through a myriad of components. He stated that it was about giving the young people the authority and opportunity to express themselves, one-on-one, unlike typical afterschool programs. He stated that it was really about giving voice to the young people, and sexual health was just a small piece of it, it was really about communication, values, and adolescent youth development life skills. He stated that it was the decision of CSC that the program would continue in the community. He stated that there were many other great programs out there.

Vince Goodman asked what percentage of the program worked with teenage boys, and what percentage girls, and suggested that Mr. Neering could break it down demographically and ethnically also if he desired. Mr. Neering stated that he would give a perspective, which was the perspective of Planned Parenthood. He stated that the majority of young people who worked with Planned Parenthood came from single parent homes and instances of low socio-economic issues. He stated that most had exposure to some sort of cycle of teen pregnancy. He stated that the Wyman TOP® program figured that if you give a young person a vision, decisions of abortion and other such things don't come up because a young person is too focused on finishing school and being a role model in the community. He stated that the young people were African American and Latino, Title I schools, and in afterschool settings. Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D. stated that they could provide the demographic breakdown to Mr. Goodman. Mr. Goodman stated that it sounded like a very good program, and normally when you had a good program you don't get funded properly. He stated that many programs received only enough money to just get by, not to expand or do innovative things. He asked Mr. Neering whether he thought the program was adequately funded. Mr. Neering stated that the funding was going away so it was a moot point. He stated that there could always be an expansion of programming, and if they had an opportunity they would do it. He stated that this was true of any youth-serving program out there, there was always a young person

out there whose needs were not being met, who didn't have the opportunity to be reached, typically because of funding.

#### 4. Council Committees:

##### A. Finance Committee

Tom Lynch stated that the Finance Committee had met prior to the Planning Session and that the March 31, 2016 Financial Statements had been approved. He stated that the budget for 2016/17 had been discussed, and that the tax base for that period was expected to increase by 6.56%, which would call for a millage rate in the area of .6952. He stated that these figures didn't need to be approved until the June Council meeting.

Mr. Lynch stated that the Finance Committee, with the rationale that CSC needed two months of operational funding to carry it through until property taxes were collected by the Tax Collector's office by November/ December, recommended that the fund balance be set at 27.5% of the CSC budget as surplus.

**A motion by Weber/Goodman to approve the March 31, 2016 Financial Statements, Finance Committee Minutes of March 31, 2016, and retention of 27.5% of CSC's budget in the Fund Balance was approved by unanimous vote.**

##### B. Personnel Committee – no report

#### 5. Consent Agenda

##### 1. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

Chair Langowski stated that there had been a substitution to Agenda Item 5A(2) (Reference #3): he stated that the verbiage had been revised, and that Resolution #16-013 and a recommendation had been added.

##### 2. Items to be Pulled for Discussion – There were no Agenda items pulled for discussion purposes.

##### 3. Adoption of the Revised Consent Agenda and Walk-in Warrants List

**A motion by Goodman/Weber to approve the revised Consent Agenda and Walk-in Warrants list was approved by unanimous vote.**

##### A. Program

##### 1. Update on Corrective Action Plan – Lutheran Services – For informational purposes only; no action required.

2. Resolution #16-013 authorizing changes to TOP® (Teen Outreach Program) with the Urban League of Palm Beach County, Inc. (Revised) – Approved by Consent

B. Business

1. Warrants List – Approved by Consent
2. Proclamation Declaring May, 2016 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month – Approved by Consent
3. Resolution #16-012 Authorizing Amendment of Agreement with SRA Research Group, Inc. to Conduct a Pre- and Post-Campaign Market Survey – Approved by Consent

**6. Non Consent Agenda**

- A. Business – N/A
- B. For Informational Purposes Only – N/A

**7. Walk-In Items – N/A**

**8. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

1. Follow Up from Prenatal Plus Presentation

Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D. stated that the CEO Report included the follow up items from the Prenatal Plus presentation that was presented to the Council in February.

2. Communications Update

Dr. Williams-Taylor outlined two events to which Council members were invited:

- i) Happily Ever After Begins with Reading media event would take place Tuesday, May 10, 2016;
- ii) Safe Kids Day would take place Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., a child safety resource fair for families.

Vince Goodman stated that he had noted in the CEO Report that some staff had been with CSC for 10 years and 15 years, and some a lot longer. He congratulated staff and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

**9. Legal Reports**

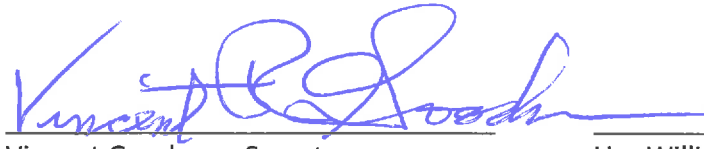
**10. Individual Appearances – Non-Agenda Items – N/A**

**11. Council Comments**

Chair Langowski stated that CSC's longtime Chief Financial Officer, Bill Cosgrove, was not present that evening and that he would be retiring at the end of the month. He thanked Bill for all his hardworking years of service at CSC. He stated that Jen Diehl would be taking over as the Chief Financial Officer.

## 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Vincent Goodman, Secretary



Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer