

## Minutes

Meeting: Citizens' Commission for Children (CCC) Advisory Board

Date: May 1, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.

Location: Mable Butler Family Center  
Citizens' Commission for Children Division  
2100 E. Michigan Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, ABC Conference Room  
Orlando, Florida 32806

Board Members Present: Commissioner Pete Clarke, District 3; Dr. Katherine Clark, Ed.D.; Dr. Sylvia T. Caceres, Ph.D.; Mr. Demetrius Vashawn Smith; Mr. Sean Bradford; Dr. Carmel Munroe, Ph.D.; Ms. Nikki Covington, and Mr. Dewey L. Harvey.

Board Members on the Telephone: Mr. Melvin Rogers; and Mrs. Jennifer Felder-Smith.

CCC Staff Present: Ms. Angela Chestang, CCC Manager; Ms. Danna Jackson-Carroll, Sr. Program Manager; Ms. Charise Liburd, Sr. Program Manager; Ms. Lasheena Williams, Family Services Program Manager; Ms. Mary Davis, Sr. Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator; Ms. Lynnsey Hicks, Sr. Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator; Ms. Wonkiasha Washington, Sr. Contract Administrator; Ms. Deja Barnes, Quality Assurance Coordinator; Ms. Anne M. Hedberg, Contract Administrator; Ms. Lisa Watt, Quality Assurance Coordinator; and Mrs. Lucy Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant.

Presenters: Mr. Cory Johns, YMCA Executive Director of Middle School Programs; Ms. Madison Jamerson, YMCA Teen Programs Coordinator.

Others Present: Ms. Mercedes Fonseca, Administrative Aide to District 3 Commissioner Pete Clarke; Mr. Carter Jones, YMCA; Mr. Warren Lakhan, Family Services Administrator.

### Welcome

Vice-Chair Dr. Katherine Clark called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. She informed the attendees that the meeting is public and subject to the Sunshine Law. Introductions were made.

### Approval of Minutes

The approval of the minutes was moved to after the presentation.

### Public Comment

There were no members of the public present at the Board meeting.

### YMCA Youth In Government

Cory Johns and Madison Jamerson presented a proposal for funding to expand the YMCA Youth in Government program. If approved, this would be a pilot program for Orange County. Mr. Johns and

Ms. Jamerson provided information related to the achievements of the program with some examples of how the students have benefited.

After several questions and answers, the Board expressed their interest in seeing the program expand in other areas such as youth advocacy in the House of Representatives and Senate. The Board decided unanimously to support the program after a motion from Dr. Munroe seconded by Dr. Caceres and Mr. Bradford.

### **Approval of the minutes**

Vice-Chair Clark requested that the Board review the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Upon a motion by Dr. Caceres, seconded by Chairman Rogers, the CCC Advisory Board voted to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Chairman's Report**

Vice-Chair Clark asked the Board Members to review Resolution 89-M-48, which established the CCC Advisory Board, and provide feedback to decide if an amendment is in order. After Board members expressed their need for more time to review the resolution, it was decided to discuss it at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Regarding Children's Services, a needs assessment has been requested by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The Board expressed concern as to whether the needs assessment would be performed by a firm familiar with Orange County, has reviewed the Annie E. Casey Report, and who will look for the findings by in-depth review of the data.

Commissioner Clarke encouraged the CCC to do a county-to-county comparison study. He also expressed that the CCC is doing quite well.

To accommodate all Board Members' schedules, Vice-Chair Clark asked the Board Members if the current meeting time of 8:30 a.m. is suitable to all, or if changing the time to 9:00 a.m. will be better. The majority of the Board Members agreed to maintain the starting time of the Board meetings at 8:30 a.m.

### **Manager's Report**

Ms. Angela Chestang, CCC Division Manager, expressed her appreciation to Vice-Chair Clark for the long hours she devoted to writing the letter she provided the BCC prior to the April 24<sup>th</sup> Children's Services meeting, which supported Orange County staff's findings. Ms. Chestang mentioned the needs assessment and agreed that it needs to be done objectively and without bias. She also commented that the BCC indicated that the make-up of the Advisory Board may change and include representatives from the Department of Juvenile Justice, Orange County Public Schools, and the Department of Children and Families.

Ms. Chestang informed the Board that, as previously discussed in the last Board meeting, a draft of the Strategic Plan will be provided. However, in view of the request for a needs assessment from the BCC, the draft Strategic Plan will be delayed until after the needs assessment is completed.

Ms. Chestang included in the Board's packet articles from the Orlando Sentinel regarding children's services. She also provided information about the Valencia College – Take Stock in Children Program.

This program provides mentoring services and scholarships for up to 2 years of college in Florida for students in grades 9 through 12 who are attending Title I Schools, among other services.

Finally, Ms. Chestang shared a testimonial of how the NCF staff goes above and beyond the call of duty when the needs of the Orange County children and families are on the line.

**CCC Updates**

Ms. Danna Jackson-Carroll, Sr. Program Manager presented to the Board the future plans for Union Park NCF along with a potential floor plan for a proposed re-location. Ms. Jackson-Carroll provided an overview of the conditions of the current NCF site and how the lack of space and parking facilities creates issues with the daily center operations.

Ms. Jackson-Carroll also presented to the Board the request that Orange County Public Schools made to formalize the current agreement with the CCC. She provided an overview of how the CCC and OCPS agreement started, and indicated the objective has been to provide needed services to children and families on campus. The services include, but are not limited to: nursing, counseling, immunizations, etc., with extraordinary benefits to the families served through portables on OCPS campuses. Ms. Jackson-Carroll stated that OCPS currently charges rent for one of the sites, and part of the objectives of formalizing the agreement is to charge rent for all sites. Commissioner Clarke informed the Board that OCPS receives funding for children services each year which could absorb these expenses. Ms. Jackson-Carroll informed the Board that Orange County Attorney's Office is looking into the request. Vice-Chair Clark indicated that some discussion regarding the agreement between OCPS and CCC should be continued and that it will be beneficial to involve other groups within the school system in the conversation. Vice-Chair Clark shared her interest of taking part in the conversation as a former school principal and with the benefit of her many years of experience with the OCPS system.

Vice-Chair Clark requested that additional CCC updates be tabled until the next meeting.

**General Discussion**

The Board did not have any other items to discuss.

Meeting adjourned.

  
Presented by: Lucy Gonzalez

6/22/2018  
Date

Approved by:

  
  
Melvin Rogers, Board Chairman

6/22/18  
Date