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Committee Meeting Transcript**

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"VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM WEBINAR WITH A QUORUM OF
MEMBERS PHYSICALLY PRESENT
AND SOME MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY"

The Children's Trust Program Services and Childhood Health Committee Meeting was held on May 6, 2021 commencing at 3:30 p.m., in teleconference via Zoom Webinar. The meeting was called to order by Pamela Hollingsworth, Chair.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Pamela Hollingsworth, Chair (Zoom)
- Karen Weller, Vice-Chair (Zoom)
- Dr. Edward Abraham
- Laura Adams
- Dr. Daniel Bagner
- Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall (Zoom)
- Mary Donworth
- Pastor Richard Dunn II
- Lourdes Gimenez
- Nicole Gomez
- Valrose Graham (Zoom)
- Dr. Monique Jimenez-Herrera (Zoom)

1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Continued):
2 Tiombe-Bisa Kendrick-Dunn (Zoom)
3 Annie Neasman
4 Sandra West
5 Kenneth Hoffman (ex-officio) (Zoom)
6 Leigh Kobrinski
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9 Bevone Ritchie
10 Carol Brogan
11 Diana Beltre
12 Donovan Lee-Sin
13 Imran Ali
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17 Juliette Fabien
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19 Lisanne Gage
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21 Lori (Katherine) Hanson
22 Muriel Jeanty
23 Rachel Spector
24 Sabine Dulcio
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3 Susan Marian

4 William Kirtland

5 Ximena Nunez

6 Yesenia Reyes

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9 Ivelisse Serrano

10 Nicole Schatz

11 Leidy Ramirez

12 Natalie Robles

13 Juliet San Juan

14 Niesha Mack

15 Betty Alonso

16 Jessica Marcia

17 Celia Mion

18 Althea Birch

19 Maria Mena

20 Liana De Angelis

21 Suzy Schumer

22 Farides Garcia

23 John

24 Jason Jent

25 Debra Rudnicki

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3 Angela Blizzard
4 Michelle
5 Gabriela Manon
6 Shari
7 Tommy Richardson
8 Paulony Saint-Hilaire
9 Karina Pavone
10 Mark Trowbridge
11 Shareefah Robinson
12 Julie Anderson
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15 Natalia Coletti
16 Marta Fernandez
17 Keyana Doctor
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PROCEEDINGS

(Recording of the meeting began at 3:30 p.m.)

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: I'm going to call the meeting to order. Good afternoon, everyone.

DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Good afternoon.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: It's good to see all of you today. It looks like we might be setting up a few board members. Let's give it just another minute. I think I see some directions taking place. All right, I think we are good to go.

Good afternoon, Jim.

Welcome. We are ready to start our meeting. Today is May 7th (sic), I'd like to send a warm welcome to everybody that is joining us by Zoom, or if you're here in-person today, it's good to see all of you for our May 6, 2021.

MS. JEANTY: Hello? Hello?

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hello.

MS. JEANTY: Can you hear me, Pam? Okay. Hold on.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes, Muriel, I can hear you.

MS. JEANTY: Okay. Jim is going to say a few words to you. Hold on.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Oh, okay. Very well. Hey, Jim.

1 MR. HAJ: Madam Chair, I'm sorry, we had
2 technical difficulties. If we can just have a
3 moment, Dane wants to go through some discussion
4 items for the people who are here internally in the
5 Ryder Room, just to give some -- we just need one
6 minute for some instructions.

7 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Absolutely.

8 MR. HAJ: Dane, thank you. And, Dane, for those
9 of you who remember, is our employee of the year.
10 Dane, thank you for everything.

11 Madam Chair, just to recap for those who are not
12 in the room but may be here for the board meeting,
13 there was an ask from the board members, is there a
14 way, when the agenda is posted, to scroll up and
15 down, which we weren't able to do last board meeting,
16 so we found a fix and Jane was just explaining to
17 those people who are here in person.

18 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Terrific. Thank you. Thank
19 you.

20 And Jim, it looks like we're ready to begin.
21 All right, let's do it.

22 MR. HAJ: Yes, ma'am.

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Again, I bid you all welcome
24 on this Thursday, the 7th of May (sic). I'm glad to
25 see everybody, whether you are in-person in the Ryder

1 Room, where we'll all be together very soon, I think,
2 or tuning in by Zoom today.

3 Muriel, do we have any public comments?

4 MS. JEANTY: No, we don't have any public
5 comments, Madam Chair.

6 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you so much.

7 So let's move on to the next agenda item,
8 please. And that is the approval of the April 8th,
9 2021 committee minutes. I'm sure by now, committee
10 members, you've had an opportunity to review the
11 minutes.

12 May I have a motion to approve, please?

13 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: So moved, Bendross-
14 Mindingall.

15 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Dorothy.

16 And, Karen, can we do the second with you?

17 MS. WELLER: I'll second.

18 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: All those in favor?

19 ALL: Aye.

20 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Any opposed?

21 The minutes are approved. Thank you very much.

22 We have a packed agenda with, I think it's an
23 even dozen resolutions today, so we're going to dive
24 right in.

25 Our first Resolution is 2021-A. I have to

1 maximize my screen. Authorization to waive the
2 formal competitive procurement process and negotiate
3 and execute contracts with 14 Family and Neighborhood
4 Support Partnerships providers, identified herein, in
5 a total amount not to exceed \$8,914,814.00, for a
6 term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2021, and
7 ending September 30, 2022.

8 May I have a motion, please?

9 MR. DUNN: So moved, Richard Dunn.

10 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you.

11 And a second?

12 DR. BAGNER: Second, Bagner.

13 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you.

14 Are there any recusals?

15 MS. NEASMAN: Yes, this is Annie Neasman, I have
16 to recuse myself.

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Other recusals?

18 MS. GIMENEZ: Lourdes Gimenez, I'm recusing
19 myself as well.

20 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. That's two more
21 recusals. Any other recusals, please?

22 Okay, hearing none, moving into discussion.

23 I'll provide a brief overview of these 14 -- this
24 resolution which features 14 Family and Neighborhood
25 Support Partnerships. These partnerships offer

1 comprehensive and individualized supports for
2 children, youth and their families who are
3 experiencing challenges that limit them from
4 realizing their full potential. These 14 providers
5 include a full array of community-based programs and
6 other funding agencies that work together to
7 strengthen the system of care.

8 Committee members, you will note that all these
9 partnerships include funds for family emergencies
10 such as food insecurity, job loss, eviction,
11 termination, et cetera. The current recommendations
12 for an additional 12-month term are based on staff
13 assessment of programs through observation of
14 activities and reviews of performance data. Virtual
15 service delivery using online and telehealth platform
16 was included in the community-based supports and they
17 help to build, strength and protect factors.

18 This is a county-wide program and these programs
19 recruited on average, 138 percent of the required
20 families. They collectively worked with 1,808
21 families with 33 percent of those families reporting
22 at least one child with one or more disabilities.
23 And you'll note that there's also a map included in
24 your pamphlet.

25 Moving into discussion, comments, observations

1 relating to 2021-A?

2 Hearing none, all those in favor?

3 ALL: Aye.

4 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

5 Resolution carries. Resolution 2021-B:

6 Authorization to negotiate and execute contract

7 renewals with eight providers, identified herein, for

8 Family Strengthening services, in a total amount not

9 to exceed \$3,796,514.00, for a term of 14 months,

10 commencing August 1, 2021, and ending September 30,

11 2022, with one remaining 12-month renewal, subject to

12 annual funding appropriations.

13 May I have a motion, please?

14 MS. GIMENEZ: So moved, Gimenez.

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

16 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Bendross-Mindingall.

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Are there any

18 recusals?

19 DR. BAGNER: Bagner, employed by FIU.

20 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Dan. Other

21 recusals?

22 MS. NEASMAN: Annie Neasman with Jessie Trice.

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

24 Recusals? All right, that sounds like that's

25 it. So let's move into discussion. As you're aware,

1 the Family Strengthening initiative is a crosscutting
2 funding approach that focuses on families with
3 children and youth experiencing challenges such as
4 disruptive child behavior, tumultuous parent/child
5 relationship, et cetera.

6 These evidence-based individualized parenting
7 and clinical intervention services are accessible in
8 the community and home environments to support a full
9 array of families. Clinical intervention services
10 are implemented individually in homes and other
11 therapeutic and virtual settings with families and
12 their children ages 2 to 18, and they also include a
13 comprehensive needs assessment.

14 The most recent program performance ratings
15 available from before the COVID-19 pandemic indicate
16 most programs were performing at or beyond
17 contractual expectations. The programs in question
18 here are listed on page 8 in your packet and the
19 evidence-based approach programs that they use are
20 listed there also. On average, 82 percent of
21 required families were recruited. Families that were
22 served, 377. And of those families, there was 63
23 percent reporting one or more child with one or more
24 disabilities.

25 Moving into discussion, the floor is open,

1 committee members.

2 Hearing no discussion, all those in favor?

3 ALL: Aye.

4 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

5 Resolution 2021-B carries.

6 Resolution 2021-C: Authorization to negotiate
7 and execute contract renewals with 40 providers,
8 identified herein, to deliver evidence-based
9 parenting services, in a total amount not to exceed
10 \$16,435,892.00, each for a term of 14 months,
11 commencing August 1, 2021, and ending September 30,
12 2022, with one remaining 12-month renewal, subject to
13 annual funding appropriations.

14 May I have a motion, please?

15 MS. DONWORTH: So moved, Donworth.

16 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Dorothy.

17 And a second?

18 MR. DUNN: Second, Richard Dunn.

19 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Are there any
20 recusals?

21 DR. BAGNER: Bagner, employed by FIU.

22 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Dan.

23 Other recusals?

24 MS. NEASMAN: Annie Neasman with Jessie Trice.

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

1 Are those the only two recusals? Okay. No
2 further recusals, let's move into discussion. This
3 is a contract renewal for 40 providers and it funds
4 for a continuum evidence based and promising programs
5 that support parents and families in the evitable
6 challenges they face. This includes group, advocacy
7 home visitation and individual supports.

8 Some of the group based advocacy programs
9 emphasize parent leadership development, specific
10 engagement, allowing parents to become more engaged
11 in child serving systems and advocating for their own
12 children's success and for improved family-centered
13 services. On average, the required numbers or
14 percentages of family required to be recruited is 119
15 percent. Families served, 3,418, and of those
16 families, 33 percent reported having one or more
17 children with one or more disabilities. And the
18 program by program breakdown is on page 18 in your
19 packet.

20 Discussion, comments from the committee?
21 Hearing --

22 MR. DUNN: Madam Chair?

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes, Pastor Dunn?

24 MR. DUNN: I believe I vaguely remember this
25 resolution from before and I raised the question, but

1 just for my comfort, even though I did move for it to
2 be passed and I'm still supportive, I would like to
3 be reminded of the majority of ZIP codes that are
4 being served, is that on page 18 and 19, you just
5 mentioned? Does it list the areas, the zones that
6 are serviced by this current team of services? I'm
7 not --

8 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: I'm not sure if that's
9 included in the program breakdown. May I have some
10 help from Jim or the staff? I don't recall ZIP codes
11 here.

12 MR. HAJ: Madam Chair, we don't have that in the
13 packet, but, Pastor, we'll be happy to get that for
14 you.

15 MR. DUNN: Okay, well, thank you. What about --
16 I'm seeing some of the agencies, could we see the
17 list of the agencies? That would help me be able to
18 ascertain the sum of the ZIP codes, if I can look at
19 some of the agencies that are affiliated with this
20 resolution.

21 MS. HANSON: While they scroll to the list of
22 agencies, can you go to the list that's in the Reso
23 with the dollar amounts. Go up, please.

24 Pastor Dunn I would just let you know that in
25 this past year, many of the services have been

1 conducted using Telehealth technology because of the
2 shutdown and limitation on in-person services.
3 Usually we do have a map with this resolution. We
4 don't have one this time because so many of the
5 majority of services that were funded, were provided
6 virtually. So if you'd like, in addition to seeing
7 this list of agencies here, we could also follow up
8 and send you the map from last year, which would kind
9 of give you an idea of the representation of where
10 the services were delivered when they were majority
11 in-person.

12 MR. DUNN: Okay, thank you very much. I'm
13 perusing over the agencies now and I'm satisfied with
14 some of the agencies that I see in terms of making
15 sure those fair areas that are most needed for this
16 type of service, a parenting servicing would be
17 provided. So I'm satisfied with what I see thus far.

18 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Pastor Dunn.
19 Thank you Lori.

20 Further comments, questions from the committee?
21 Hearing none, all those in favor?

22 ALL: Aye.

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?
24 The resolution carries.

25 Resolution 2021-D: Authorization to negotiate

1 and execute contract renewals with Be Strong
2 International, Inc., Florida International University
3 (FIU), and University of Miami (UM), to deliver brief
4 parenting workshops and educational or public health
5 events, in a total amount not to exceed
6 \$1,183,852.00, for a term of 14 months, commencing
7 August 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, with
8 one remaining 12-month renewal, subject to annual
9 funding appropriations.

10 May I have a motion, please?

11 MS. NEASMAN: So moved, Annie.

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

13 DR. ABRAHAM: Second, Ed Abraham.

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Do we have any
15 recusals?

16 DR. BAGNER: One more time, Bagner, employed by
17 FIU.

18 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: We've heard a lot from you
19 today, Dan, thank you.

20 Any other recusals, please?

21 Okay, let's move into discussion. Very briefly,
22 we do know that brief universal interventions can
23 offer an effective low-cost way to reach large and
24 diverse groups of primary caregivers, who might not
25 otherwise receive parenting education. And thus, The

1 Children's Trust Parent Club was launched in
2 September 2019 and provides brief evidence-based
3 parenting workshops delivered in English, Spanish and
4 Haitian Creole for diverse groups of primary
5 caregivers across Miami-Dade County to enhance
6 awareness and knowledge for parents with children
7 birth to age 18. It's offered in a combination of
8 in-person, virtual, and one-on-one sessions, and
9 topics address common parenting strategies for
10 parents of all abilities. And information is also
11 available about community resources.

12 The Parent Club has achieved 2,105 workshops at
13 224 unique locations, with 93 percent of participants
14 reporting that they gained skills that they can put
15 into practice. The Parent Club has touched 8,187
16 parents, with an average attendance of 3.9 percent,
17 with 93 percent reporting positive perceptions of the
18 presenters.

19 The floor is open for discussion, observations,
20 questions from the committee.

21 Hearing none, all those in favor?

22 ALL: Aye.

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

24 The resolution carries.

25 Resolution 2021-E: Authorization to negotiate

1 and execute contract renewals with Training and
2 Implementation Associates and the University of
3 Miami, for program and professional development (PPD)
4 support services for The Children's Trust's family
5 services providers and staff, in a total amount not
6 to exceed \$500,000.00, for a term of 12 months,
7 commencing October 1, 2021, and ending September 30,
8 2022, with one remaining 12-month renewal, subject to
9 annual appropriations.

10 May I have a motion please?

11 MS. GIMENEZ: So moved, Gimenez.

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

13 MS. NEASMAN: Second, Annie.

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

16 Hearing none, let's move into discussion. This
17 resolution provides for quality supports for 55 Trust
18 funded family service providers, with an aim to
19 support meaningful and measurable results for
20 parents, children and families, and consistently
21 deliver high quality services in alignment with best
22 practices and effectively and efficiently satisfying
23 The Children's Trust contract requirements.

24 The two entities work collaboratively to
25 implement PPD supports that include best practices

1 related to family services, wraparound care and care
2 coordination. Including online course creation,
3 administrative and direct service staff coaching,
4 peer learning activities, community awareness and
5 outreach, planning policy support and input.

6 The funding amount for this contract is lower
7 than the prior year because the contract term is for
8 14 months to align with The Children's Trust fiscal
9 year. The annual funding allocation for this
10 resolution remains the same.

11 Discussion, questions from the committee?

12 Hearing none, all those in favor?

13 ALL: Aye.

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

15 The resolution carries.

16 Authorization to negotiate and execute a
17 contract renewal with Miami Dade College for The
18 Children's Trust Books for Free program, in a total
19 amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, for a term of 12
20 months, commencing October 1, 2021, and ending
21 September 30, 2021. I think that's a typo, it should
22 be 2022. With one remaining 12-month renewal,
23 subject to annual funding appropriations.

24 May I have a motion, please?

25 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Move it, Bendross-

1 Mindingall.

2 MR. DUNN: Second, Richard Dunn.

3 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Very good.

4 Recusals?

5 Hearing none, moving into discussion. This
6 Books For Free program ensures young children have
7 access to books to take home and keep at no cost from
8 bookshelves that are placed in public spaces
9 throughout our community. Miami-Dade College
10 distributes the books through 65 bookshelves
11 maintained in public places. Now, with the COVID-19
12 shutdown, Books for Free adjusted and created an
13 online content for users. This program year, many of
14 the bookshelf locations resumed operations and
15 community -- as community restrictions have been
16 lifted.

17 For locations that were impacted by long-term
18 closures, replacement sites have been identified.
19 The Miami-Dade College extended its distribution
20 level to include barbershops and laundromats through
21 participation with the Kiwanis Club. During the
22 first six months of the contract year, Miami-Dade
23 College has successfully maintained 48 out of the 65
24 contracted bookshelf sites, collected and distributed
25 66,873 books, provided 19 individual community

1 partner book donations, and provided more than a 50
2 percent in-kind match to the program, valued at
3 \$212,338.00. And that is over and above the required
4 15 match.

5 And you will see in your packet, a map of the
6 Books for Free locations around the county.

7 Discussion, questions from the committee,
8 please?

9 DR. BAGNER: I do have a question about overlap
10 between this -- I certainly think this is an
11 excellent initiative. Overlap between this and the
12 other book club, which is a huge initiative, in terms
13 of overlapping age, overlapping types of books. I
14 want to make sure that both hands are talking to one
15 another in these initiatives for reading.

16 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Dan. Do we have
17 a staff member, Jim, that could provide some
18 information here?

19 MR. HAJ: Sure. Lori, please.

20 MS. HANSON: Sure. Yes, the Miami-Dade College
21 people are actually part of the book club community
22 advisory committee, so Lissette Martinez does engage
23 with us. There is some collaboration. We also, I
24 believe, Stephanie will confirm this, if I'm right,
25 but when we get book returns for the book club, we

1 actually have a process where we use those to give
2 them to Miami-Dade College to stock the bookshelves,
3 so we're really are trying to use the synchronicity
4 across the programs.

5 There's also been a rebranding. I think if
6 Gimenez is on, she would say that we've been
7 rebranding what the bookshelves look like, to ensure
8 that the book club is being promoted at the
9 bookshelf, so that not only can a child take a book
10 from the bookshelf, that they also can sign up to
11 get, if they're under five still, they can sign up to
12 get a monthly book mailed to them through the book
13 club. So we definitely are integrating those
14 efforts.

15 DR. BAGNER: Great, thank you.

16 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Lori. I like the
17 reference to synchronicity, that's one of my favorite
18 words. Thank you.

19 Further discussions, questions from our
20 committee, please?

21 MS. KENDRICK-DUNN: I have a question.

22 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes, Tiombe.

23 MS. KENDRICK-DUNN: The books are in the three
24 languages that are most spoken in our district,
25 correct -- I mean, not district, in our county, is

1 that correct?

2 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes, that is correct.

3 MS. KENDRICK-DUNN: Okay, so I guess the other
4 thing I wanted to mention is just a comment. I think
5 this is a great initiative because literacy,
6 obviously, is extremely important, but I'm going to
7 emphasize, again, if we have books in multiple
8 languages, then I think as The Trust, we need to
9 consider advocating for children to become literate
10 in the very languages that they are receiving books
11 in. I think its -- I don't know, I'm not sure of the
12 proper word I should say, but if we have a child
13 whose native language is Spanish or their native
14 language is Haitian-Creole, for example, and they're
15 taking these books, but they don't have instruction
16 in those languages, as far as reading, right, because
17 oral language is important, but is so is also
18 becoming literate in reading in those languages. And
19 I think that is something that we have to consider.
20 We don't want them to only understand the stories
21 through oral language, but we want them to also be
22 literate.

23 They go together, and again, this will help with
24 the acquisition of English once they get into school.
25 So I just wanted to mention that, the literacy is

1 important, not just hearing the stories, but
2 understanding how to read the language and write the
3 language.

4 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes. Thank you, Tiombe.
5 Further input from the committee, please?
6 Hearing none, all those in favor?

7 ALL: Aye.

8 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?
9 The resolution carries.

10 Resolution 2021-G: Authorization to negotiate
11 and execute a single source contract with Miami Dade
12 Family Learning Partnership for Reach Out and Read,
13 early literacy programming, in a total amount not to
14 exceed \$355,664.00, for a term of 12 months,
15 commencing October 1, 2021, and ending September 30,
16 2022.

17 May I have a motion, please?

18 MS. KENDRICK-DUNN: So moved, Kendrick-Dunn.

19 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you.

20 DR. BAGNER: Second, Bagner.

21 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Bagner, thank you.

22 Are there any recusals?

23 Okay, hearing none, let's move into discussion.

24 As you are aware, Reach Out and Read is a evidence
25 based model that has been funded by The Trust since

1 2015. This is a national model endorsed by the
2 American Academy of Pediatrics and it champions the
3 positive effects of reading daily and engaging in
4 other language rich activities with our children.

5 The program provides families with children six
6 months to five years of age with developmentally
7 appropriate books in English, Spanish and Haitian-
8 Creole, accompanied by pediatrician guidance about
9 reading out loud. Reach Out and Read is provided in
10 primary pediatric care settings, and Reach Out and
11 Read Clinic populations must include at least half
12 uninsured or publicly insured patients.

13 The Miami-Dade Family Learning partnership has
14 partnered with 70 pediatric clinics across the county
15 to distribute nearly 55,000 books between July 2019
16 and June 2020. And you will see a map that indicates
17 the Reach Out and Read locations in your packet,
18 committee members.

19 Feedback, discussion from our committee?

20 Hearing none, all those in favor?

21 ALL: Aye.

22 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

23 The resolution carries.

24 Resolution 2021-H: Authorization to negotiate
25 and execute a contract with the Public Health Trust

1 of Miami-Dade County, d/b/a Jackson Health System, in
2 partnership with the University of Miami Miller
3 School of Medicine, to implement Miami's Injury Free
4 Coalition for Kids, in a total amount not to exceed
5 \$408,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing
6 October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022.

7 May I have a motion, please?

8 MS. KENDRICK-DUNN: So moved, Kendrick-Dunn.

9 DR. BAGNER: Second, Bagner.

10 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Okay, we have a first and a
11 second. Are there any recusals?

12 Hearing none, and moving into discussion. These
13 services aim to reduce unintentional child and youth
14 injuries through multilingual interactive services.
15 Over the last year, the coalition continued working
16 closely with Trust staff to strengthen its role in
17 supporting Trust funded partners and providing
18 training for parents, caregivers and youth.

19 Inside of the COVID-19 pandemic and community
20 shutdown, PHT was only able to provide 9 of its 116
21 contracted trainings to 781 adults using a virtual
22 format. The injury free coalition developed a new
23 service delivery and engagement plan that includes
24 hiring a marketing agency to create and deploy a
25 marketing social media plan to strengthen its online

1 presence and to raise overall community awareness.

2 The coalition will work with The Children's
3 Trust to -- in the National Coalition, to develop an
4 evaluation for self-assessment and continuous quality
5 improvement. You'll recall that there is an injury
6 free 40-foot mobile unit and we are expecting a soft
7 launch of that in 2021. And that will travel
8 throughout Miami-Dade for events and scheduled
9 visits. And you can find the full array of
10 contracted services, there are far too many for me to
11 mention here, on pages 39 and 40 in your packet.

12 Committee members, discussion, questions?

13 DR. BAGNER: I do want to commend The Trust for
14 this effort. Every year I think I say this, but
15 injuries, unintentional injuries is a leading cause
16 of death in kids, so we can't do enough of this. And
17 I also want to commend The Trust for the asking gun
18 safety addition that they put in there. I know
19 that's something I brought up year and year and I was
20 really pleased to see that initiative. It's so
21 important. So I commend The Trust for putting this
22 together.

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Dan.

24 Further feedback from our committee?

25 MR. HAJ: Madam Chair, if I may. We also

1 received pictures today, this mobile unit is coming
2 online. This is one of the buses. As you recall,
3 probably about a year, two years ago, we brought all
4 the mobile units and stuck them across the street for
5 our board meeting, for everybody to go in. This was
6 the one unit that has not come online, but we will
7 share pictures either prior to the board meeting or
8 at the board meeting of the new unit as it starts
9 rolling out. And I think, Juliette, what, next
10 month? It's not April, I think they're a little
11 delayed. Next month or two it's going to be.

12 MS. FABIEN: Early June or July. I mean, late
13 June or early July, I'm sorry.

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Very well. Thank you both
15 for sharing. We look forward to that. Exciting
16 news.

17 Further discussion prior to the vote?

18 All those in favor?

19 ALL: Aye.

20 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

21 The resolution carries.

22 Resolution 2021-I: Authorization to negotiate
23 and execute a contract with Miami-Dade County for the
24 HERO truancy prevention program, a component of the
25 Case Management Referral Program, in a total amount

1 not to exceed \$880,000.00, for a term of 12 months,
2 commencing August 1, 2021, and ending July 31, 2022.

3 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Bendross-Mindingall,
4 move it.

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

6 MS. NEASMAN: Second, Annie.

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

9 Hearing none, moving into discussion. Here
10 Everyday Ready On-time is a funded collaboration.
11 It's a truancy prevention program. This program is
12 part of the Together for Children Strategy, which is
13 a neighborhood driven coalition working in three
14 geographic regions in Miami-Dade County, north
15 central and south, spanning 20 ZIP codes.

16 While the COVID-19 pandemic challenged the
17 effectiveness of the program during the 2021 school
18 year, still, a total of 16,495 elementary school
19 children were contacted across the 39 schools, of
20 which 8,539 participated in the HERO truancy program
21 due to response to intervention model. A total of
22 832 home visits were conducted and 937 families
23 participated in truancy child study team meetings.
24 804 referrals were made to service providers. And
25 there is a very impressive infographic of services

1 and results starting on page 44 in your packet.

2 Feedback, questions, observations from the
3 committee?

4 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Madam Chair?

5 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes, ma'am?

6 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: I'd like to make some
7 remarks on this one. This is an issue near and dear
8 to my heart as a former principal of Lillie
9 Carmichael Evans Elementary School, where about 99
10 percent of my children lived in public housing. If
11 they did not come to school, I went to their homes
12 and got them. It worked beautifully. I wanted to
13 share some remarks that I scribd it.

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes, please.

15 MS. BENDROSS-MNDINGALL: Thank you, Madam Chair.

16 With regard to recent health concerns
17 surrounding the pandemic, it was necessary, of
18 course, to pivot to dual modality and distance
19 learning. I'm thankful that we are thriving in our
20 efforts to return to some sense of normalcy as we now
21 have several vaccines available. And while I'm on
22 that point, I'd like to thank one of our, I guess you
23 would say, cohorts, Annie Neasman, who did a
24 phenomenal job at Jessie Trice. So I want to give
25 her a shout-out on that.

1 But I want to say that I appreciate Resolution
2 2021 because it provides solutions, it also provides
3 opportunities for all parties involved to cooperate.
4 There's so much more that I wrote, Madam Chair, but
5 in light of time, I will only say that, again, this
6 is one of, I won't say my favorite resolutions, but
7 it probably is at this time. So if we talk about
8 next year, I'm all for that. But if we don't
9 receive, if this issue doesn't receive the proper
10 attention, we'll have repercussions for years to
11 come.

12 Thank you, Madam Chair.

13 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you very much.

14 Further observations, questions from the
15 committee?

16 MR. DUNN: Madam Chair?

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes, Pastor Dunn?

18 MR. DUNN: I would be remised if I did not ditto
19 what my colleague governing board member, Bendross-
20 Mindingall echoed in terms of she actually did it. A
21 lot of times we talk about it, but she did it. And
22 just to prove the point, many of her parents who were
23 in those situations, ended up going back to school,
24 getting their college degrees and now they have
25 children who went to college because of her efforts.

1 And I'll just say this, Madam Bendross-Mindingall, I
2 was just speaking with Mr. Lamarc Anderson, he works
3 with me, and he was so happy. He tickled me how he
4 said he thought he was going to sit back and cross
5 his legs and you told him to put on his walking
6 boots. So I know you remember that. I know it was
7 years ago, but you didn't even know your name was
8 being mentioned. So I would be remised if I did not
9 give my kudos to you for going, what they call,
10 literally, "boots on the ground."

11 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you.

12 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Madam Chair, let me --
13 thank you so much, Reverend Dunn. You're always dear
14 and for those of us who are spiritually bound, we
15 don't know when you're going to speak, but you're
16 always on time.

17 MR. DUNN: Wow. That's huge coming from you.

18 MS. BENDROSS-MENDINGALL: Thank you.

19 MR. DUNN: It's true though, it's true.

20 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you to you both.

21 Further input from our committee today?

22 MS. NEASMAN: Madam Chair, its Annie Neasman,
23 and I just want to also say thank you to school board
24 member Mindingall for giving that shout-out to the
25 Jessie Trice Community Health System. I know we all

1 know about the vaccines, but every opportunity I get,
2 I know Karen will agree with me, we encourage the
3 vaccines and they are readily available in most
4 places now, but we certainly would encourage you. At
5 every opportunity, this is one of the tools in our
6 toolbox. And we certainly will continue to be there
7 to provide that to this community and the communities
8 we serve. So thank you all.

9 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you very much. Thanks
10 to you all. So going back to this resolution, and
11 thank you for that robust discussion.

12 All those in favor?

13 ALL: Aye.

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Any opposed?

15 The resolution carries.

16 Resolution 2021-J: Authorization to enter into a
17 purchase agreement with University of Miami
18 Department of Pediatrics to support the Pediatric
19 Mobile Clinic in providing comprehensive health
20 services throughout Miami-Dade County, in a total
21 amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for a term of 12
22 months, commencing June 1, 2021, and ending on July
23 31, 2022.

24 May I have a motion, please?

25 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Move it, Bendross-

1 Mindingall.

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

3 MS. WELLER: Second, Weller.

4 MS HOLLINGSWORTH: Is that Weller for second?

5 MS. WELLER: Yes.

6 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any recusals?

7 Okay, hearing none, this resolution between UM,
8 the Pediatric Mobile Clinic, aims to reduce health
9 care disparities by providing comprehensive medical
10 care to underserved children. And it furthermore
11 promotes a healthy lifestyle through education and
12 the communities served, until families can secure
13 permanent long-term health care coverage.

14 One of the many highlights here is the Shots To
15 Go Program, which follows the CDC recommended vaccine
16 schedule, to offer children vaccines free of charge
17 with parental consent. Now, a similar process will
18 be followed when a COVID-19 vaccines become available
19 to the pediatric community, with a focus on
20 vulnerable communities.

21 During the period of April 2020 to January 2021,
22 the PMC achieved the following: 1,438 medical visits
23 with 1,092 -- patients. More than 678 encounters by
24 the mental health counselor. Social services for
25 nearly 1,700 children. Twenty-one immunization

1 drives, which administrated immunizations to 4,111.
2 Partnered with school-based health clinics for six
3 sports physical drives performing 239 individual
4 physicals. 592 Telehealth, Telemental health
5 encounters. 11,585 children were tested for COVID-
6 19. And finally, 2,600 hours of training for
7 students, residents, interns and fellows.

8 Discussion, questions from the committee,
9 please?

10 Hearing none, all those in favor?

11 ALL: Aye.

12 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Any opposed?

13 The resolution carries.

14 Resolution 2021-K: Authorization to launch The
15 Children's Trust's Paradise Found Network initiative,
16 and, as part of that initiative, authorization for a
17 procurement waiver to negotiate and execute a
18 contract with the University of Miami (UM) for
19 development of a social-emotional wellness (SEW)
20 framework and implementation supports for a total
21 amount not to exceed \$316,590.00, for a term of 16
22 months, commencing June 1, 2021, and ending September
23 30, 2022, subject to annual funding appropriations.

24 May I have a motion, please?

25 MS. KENDRICK-DUNN: So moved, Kendrick-Dunn.

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

2 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Second, Bendross-
3 Mindingall.

4 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Dorothy.

5 Are there any recusals?

6 Okay, hearing none, moving into discussion. The
7 Paradise Found Network or PFN, is a group of local
8 community funders that have come together to share
9 ideas and provide updates on each of the Racial,
10 Equity Diversity and Inclusion, REDI, efforts. The
11 Children's Trust is using Paradise Found to refer to
12 its REDI Social and Emotional Wellness, SEW, and
13 Continues Learning Quality Improvement, CLQI,
14 initiatives. These initiatives are being defined,
15 developed and rolled out in unison to ensure for
16 greatest impact.

17 Paradise Found efforts can be grouped into three
18 categories mentioned previously. The first supports
19 for mental health and SEW that are critical to
20 advancing Ready Wellness and Training. The second is
21 ensuring children's basic needs are met, is a
22 foundational requirement for success. And the third
23 is increasing awareness about the work and
24 investments of The Children's Trust and how the work
25 is accomplished through our policies and procedures.

1 Now, you will have seen an extensive overview on
2 pages 50 to 52 on your packet of the framework. And
3 I'll just very briefly highlight that the UM's
4 Mailman Center for Child Development Department of
5 Pediatrics will develop an SEW framework and
6 accompanying implantation supports with Trust staff,
7 provider staff, and program participants. A
8 collaborative work group comprised of Trust executive
9 and senior management staff, Trust CLQI staff, Trust
10 academy, contracted providers and REDI consultants
11 will shepherd development of this work, starting with
12 establishing a common language and a culturally
13 humble guide to SEW. And again, you can see the full
14 framework in your packet over on pages 50 to 52.

15 Further discussion, feedback from our committee,
16 please?

17 MS. KENDRICK-DUNN: I have some feedback. I
18 want to commend our staff on this resolution. And I
19 want to just state as a practitioner, as a school
20 psychologist, as a clinician, as someone who believes
21 in proactive measures, that I am so ecstatic, you
22 have no idea, to see this type of resolution.
23 Emotional, social-emotional, wellness, mental, health
24 wellness, wellness is something that I think we
25 definitely want to promote and advocate. It's

1 extremely important.

2 While it's important to intervene, because I
3 believe a lot of the services that we provide in our
4 community are interventions, but prevention is just
5 as important. And also, creating and maintaining
6 wellness. We don't want people to think that the
7 only time children and families should receive
8 services as if there is something negative happening
9 in their life. Because there is a lot of positive
10 and we want that to be maintained. And wellness, in
11 general, that is what that is about. We want
12 families and children and communities that are well
13 to continue to be well and then some that may
14 struggle with wellness, per se, that we get them on
15 track to wellness. This is, to me, this is huge. So
16 I just want to say thank you so much.

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Tiombe.

18 DR. BAGNER: Yeah, I wanted to highlight that
19 comment. Reading this, I was very impressed. It's
20 innovative, it's very important. I think it's
21 wonderful that it's going to move forward. And I
22 think this I just a great initiative.

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Thank you.

24 Further feedback from the committee?

25 MS. NEASMAN: I also want to echo the comments

1 that were made and really congratulate Jim and staff,
2 and Stephanie on this resolution. It's way out of the
3 box thinking. It's something that I know they've
4 been thinking about for years and how they brought it
5 together with the other groups, and look at the
6 grants, it's just amazing and outstanding, so I
7 totally support and look forward to where we're going
8 to be in another year or two with this initiative.

9 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, thank you for
10 that.

11 DR. DAGNER: I'll just jump in with the
12 enthusiasm. I agree wholeheartedly and I think this
13 is, hopefully this is the first of many steps towards
14 these efforts. It's an important first step, but I
15 think we have a lot of work to do as talked about
16 during our Ad Hoc ready meetings. So hopefully this
17 is a first of many, many steps.

18 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Dan. A very
19 popular resolution indeed.

20 MR. DUNN: Madam Chair?

21 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes, Pastor?

22 MR. DUNN: If I may, just kind of make an
23 overall endorsement of Jim and the staff. You have
24 been really spot on with many of the resolutions and
25 I'm very, very pleased with what I've seen in the

1 past. I need to say that because I don't know if
2 I'll ever get a chance to say it again publicly. But
3 I do want you to know that I appreciate your efforts
4 and your intentionality to try to make sure this
5 thing is done fair and equitable in all communities.
6 And I want you to know I appreciate it. God bless
7 you for that.

8 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes. Thank you, Pastor
9 Dunn.

10 Before we vote, any last words from our
11 committee members?

12 All those in favor?

13 ALL: Aye.

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

15 The resolution carries.

16 And our final resolution of today. Resolution
17 2021-L: Authorization to negotiate and execute
18 contract renewal with Excel Kids Academy to deliver
19 high-quality after-school programming for 75
20 elementary school children and summer programming for
21 75 elementary school children, in a total amount not
22 to exceed \$289,245.00 for a term of 12 months,
23 commencing August 1, 2021, and ending July 31, 2022,
24 with one remaining 12-month renewal, subject to
25 annual funding appropriations.

1 May I have a motion, please?

2 MR. DUNN: So moved, Richard Dunn.

3 MS. GIMENEZ: Second, Gimenez.

4 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you.

5 Do we have any recusals?

6 MR. DUNN: I have a question, I'm a part-timer
7 with Miami-Dade County. I've not worked in the
8 summer programming, however, we deal sometimes with,
9 in the area that I work in, in the S3C program.
10 Those of you that may not be familiar with it, it's a
11 program designed to help students who have fallen
12 behind in their grades academically to catch up in an
13 accelerated pace. And so periodically we do have
14 elementary school kids that may fall through the
15 cracks or in the suspension, outdoor suspension
16 program. So anything that can help them to bring up
17 to par their academic -- their academia skill set,
18 I'm certainly in support of, especially at the
19 elementary school level. My question, I'm going
20 around, does that disqualify me? I'm not -- I'm a
21 part-time, but I just want to be sure that I don't --
22 Madam Attorney --

23 MR. HAJ: Pastor, you don't need to recuse.

24 MR. DUNN: I don't have to -- okay, so I stand
25 with the motion. Thank you.

1 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you very much. And
2 then just very briefly, in terms of discussion,
3 Resolution 2021-41 was approved by the board of
4 directors on April 19, 2021. And it included Excel
5 Kids Academy as one of the providers, however, the
6 funding amount was inadvertently omitted, and
7 therefore we are seeking approval for that funding
8 amount, which is the same as the current funding
9 level.

10 Questions, comments from our committee, please?
11 Hearing none, all those in favor?

12 ALL: Aye.

13 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?
14 The resolution carries.

15 And with that, I hand it back to you, Jim.

16 MR. HAJ: Madam Chair, thank you. For the CEO
17 report, I do not have any comments that can't wait
18 until the full board meeting for the second time.
19 Thank you.

20 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Okay, thank you very much.
21 Committee members, thank you for your time today.
22 Look forward to seeing us all in-person in the very
23 near future. With that, we are adjourned. Thank
24 you.

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