



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

November 4, 2021

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 in
teleconference via Zoom Webinar on November 4, 2021,
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, Committee Chair.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Pamela Hollingsworth, Chair

Karen Weller, Vice-Chair

Dr. Edward Abraham

Laura Adams

Dr. Daniel Bagner

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall

Victor Diaz-Herman

Mary Donworth

Lourdes Gimenez

Valrose Graham

Tiombe-Bisa Kendrick-Dunn

Marissa Leichter

1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Continued):

2 Annie Neasman

3 Sandra West

4 Kenneth Hoffman (ex-officio)

5 Shanika Graves

6 Leigh Kobrinski

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8 STAFF:

9 Imran Ali

10 James Haj

11 Jacques Bentolila

12 Juana Leon

13 Juliette Fabien

14 Lisete Yero

15 Dr. Lori (Katherine) Hanson

16 Muriel Jeanty

17 Natalia Zea

18 Rachel Spector

19 Stephanie Sylvestre

20 William Kirtland

21 Ximena Nunez

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23 GUESTS:

24 Mark Needle, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce

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PROCEEDINGS

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

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Muriel, do we have any public comments?

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

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you very much. Just a moment, please.

Let's move on to the approval of the minutes. Committee members, by now you would have had an opportunity to review the minutes from our October 7th meeting.

May I have a motion to approve the minutes?

DR. ABRAHAM: So, moved, Abraham.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. And a second?

MS. DONWORTH: Second, Donworth.

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Mary.

All those in favor of approving the minutes?

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

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The minutes are approved. We have just three resolutions for your consideration today. Let's dive in with Resolution 2022-A:

1 Authorization to execute no-cost extensions with eight
2 providers to continue their innovation projects for a
3 term of three to six months, commencing January 1,
4 2022, and ending no later than June 30, 2022.

5 May I have a motion, please?

6 DR. ABRAHAM: So, moved, Abraham.

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

8 DR. BAGNER: Second, Bagner.

9 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Dan.

10 Are there any recusals?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: That's right, I was told
13 there were no recusals today. And moving into
14 discussion. Committee members, last October 2020, the
15 Trust Board approved contracts with 22 organizations
16 to implement innovative projects and/or test new ideas
17 that addressed an existing community need. These
18 projects were intended to plan a pilot and innovative
19 concept of practice that impacts families with
20 children within Miami-Dade County. Eight of the 22
21 organizations have requested a no-cost extension past
22 the original 12-month contract period. And it should
23 be noted that innovation projects often require
24 additional time due to unexpected challenges or
25 delays. And this was especially evident this round

1 due to the pandemic. And the eight providers that
2 requested extensions were mainly due to the program
3 delays relating to COVID, as they interact closely
4 with children or operate inside of a school setting.

5 Moving into discussion, observations, questions
6 from the Committee?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, all those in
9 favor?

10 (WHEREUPON, the committee members all responded with
11 "aye.")

12 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, Resolution
15 2022-A carries.

16 Moving on to Resolution 2022-B: Authorization to
17 release competitive solicitations, in alignment with
18 the board's strategic priorities and projected
19 available funding, across multiple investment areas
20 that have funding cycles ending with the 2021-2022
21 fiscal year.

22 May I have a motion, please?

23 MS. WELLER: So, moved, Weller.

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

25 DR. BAGNER: Second, Bagner.

1 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Are there any
2 recusals?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: No recusals. Let's move into
5 discussion for this resolution. A little bit of
6 background, this resolution seeks authorization to
7 release the three competitor solicitations that are
8 due out in the coming year. In alignment with Board
9 priorities discussed throughout last year's budgeting
10 process, these release amounts include an additional
11 \$4,000,000.00 for family and neighborhood support
12 partnerships to serve more populations in need at a
13 total of 13.5 million. Also, the Board's prioritized
14 investment of 1,000,000.00 to expand Trust provider's,
15 staff board and community professional development
16 supports regarding mental health, trauma, and Social
17 and Emotional Wellness, that's SEW, in Racial Equity,
18 Diversity, and Inclusion, that's REDI, will be
19 included in the Trust academy quality supports
20 solicitation, which will put out a total of 3.4
21 million. And finally, we will release our innovation
22 funding again this year at its annual amount of
23 \$1,000,000.00. Once applications are received and
24 reviewed, funding recommendations for each of these
25 solicitations will come back to the Board for approval

1 next June.

2 Observations, questions from the Committee?

3 MS. DONWORTH: I just want to say that I think
4 it's phenomenal that the Trust puts resources into
5 these types of things, particularly the innovation
6 fund. I think it's a wonderful thing for the
7 community.

8 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Mary. And many of
9 us had an opportunity to participate in the summit for
10 the Early Childhood Innovation Project. And I think
11 we were suitably wowed this afternoon.

12 Jim, do I see you?

13 MR. HAJ: I just want to piggyback on Mary's
14 comments. We only have three resos that are going to
15 the November Board. We're taking the opportunity of
16 bringing seven of the innovation fund recipients to
17 present to the Board brief presentations. But it is -
18 - I thank the Board for creating this innovation fund.
19 There's some really great stuff going on in this
20 community and people thinking outside the box. In
21 November Board meeting, you'll be able to see seven in
22 person of them represented to us.

23 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Jim.

24 Further input from the Committee?

25 (No verbal response.)

1 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Hearing none, all those in
2 favor?

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

5 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?

6 FEMALE VOICE: Aye.

7 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: The resolution carries.

8 And our final resolution for this meeting,
9 Resolution 2022-C: Motion to recommend the resolution
10 to the Board of Directors on November 15, 2021, was
11 made by Dr. Edward Abraham and seconded by Dr. Daniel
12 Bagner. Motion passed unanimously.

13 May I have a motion, please?

14 DR. BAGNER: So, moved, Bagner.

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

16 MS. WELLER: Second, Weller.

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Any recusals?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: I understand there are none
20 on this resolution. And as we move into discussion,
21 for more than five years, the Trust has partnered with
22 several major early childhood systems partners,
23 including the Early Learning Coalition, County Head
24 Start Office, and the school system's Early Childhood
25 Division to integrate data to learn about the needs of

1 young children and to improve our services across
2 systems. The Miami-Dade IDEAS Consortium for Children
3 is due to update our formal data collaboration sharing
4 agreement and the resolution before you seeks
5 Committee, then Board authorization with the Trust to
6 sign the agreement to continue this partnership. The
7 University of Miami serves as the neutral entity that
8 receives and integrates data from different parties
9 and identifies the integrated data for use in specific
10 collaboratively agreed upon research projects
11 established through data use license agreements.
12 Recently, the IDEAS Consortium has received several
13 local and national grants that will utilize the
14 integrated data partnership, include from the Robert
15 Wood Foundation and the Spencer Foundation, as well as
16 one of the newly funded Trust early childhood
17 community research grants.

18 Feedback, observations from the Committee?

19 MR. DIAZ-HERMAN: I just have a question. What
20 is the organization or unit the University of Miami --
21 that this is working through? Is it the Department of
22 Pediatrics or is it some other? Just the connection.

23 DR. HANSON: It's the Department of Psychology.

24 MR. DIAZ-HERMAN: Psychology.

25 DR. HANSON: They work with the computer science

1 -- the Center for Computational Science.

2 MR. DIAZ-HERMAN: Okay.

3 DR. HANSON: Does the actual computer work, the
4 combining of the data.

5 MR. DIAZ-HERMAN: Yeah. Because, you know,
6 handling these big data sets is really important to
7 just -- yeah, they certainly have the expertise.

8 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Thank you, Lori.

9 DR. BAGNER: If I may? This is just a quick
10 follow up. So, I know that there's no budget impact,
11 so the funding is all through, it sounds like Robert
12 Wood Johnson and other foundations like that, that
13 handle the cost of this?

14 DR. HANSON: So, there is some infrastructure
15 funding for the integrated data system that the Trust
16 has, is part -- it usually comes to you as part of the
17 IT resolution, all of our different systems funding.
18 That's about \$150,000.00 a year that the Trust
19 supports. And then, yes, the specific projects are
20 funded through these other sources. So, part of what
21 we fund is coordination, getting the partners
22 together, having a governance committee running. And
23 then together we put together proposals and apply for
24 other funding to do specific projects that happen
25 under a data use license agreement that's approved by

1 each partner.

2 MR. DIAZ-HERMAN: And you mentioned that the
3 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation was involved in this.
4 What is their role? That's terrific. It's somewhat
5 unusual.

6 DR. HANSON: They have -- I think we have someone
7 on the call from UM that could tell the exact
8 initiative, but it's their equity policy initiative
9 that recently came out, that we were invited to
10 propose, and then we were rewarded.

11 MR. DIAZ-HERMAN: Okay, great.

12 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. Anything else
13 from our Committee?
14 (No verbal response.)

15 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: With that, all those in
16 favor?

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

19 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Are there any opposed?
20 (No verbal response.)

21 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: This resolution also carries.
22 That concludes our resolutions for this afternoon.
23 Punting to you, Jim.

24 MR. HAJ: Madam Chair, thank you.

25 Earlier today many of the Board members here

1 spent three hours for the early childhood research
2 demonstration grant. We will bring some updates at
3 the Board meeting. But I think this is something that
4 this Board, during our Early Childhood Ad Hoc five
5 years ago, this was a priority. And this was the
6 culminating event for the four year, the first cohort
7 wrapping it up and presenting to us. I think those
8 who are here today were pretty impressed with the
9 outcomes and the research being done. What we're
10 learning locally and how to be shared with others
11 locally and nationally. So, I think it's some great
12 work. This Board should be exceptionally proud of
13 that. Piggybacking on this, November 9, which is next
14 Tuesday, from 9:00 to 12:00, I encourage you, if you
15 can, to attend the Early Childhood Ad Hoc Board
16 meeting. We have presented from the national, the
17 state level business community, and all of our local
18 partners will be here. It's a great way to talk to --
19 early childcare has always been important to us. It's
20 always been somewhat a fragile environment. COVID
21 just tore the early childcare system apart. We were a
22 great part of keeping it together in Miami-Dade and I
23 think the research shows that Miami-Dade was in much
24 better shape than the rest of the state because of the
25 Trust investments. So, we're going to highlight some

1 of that on Tuesday. But just to hear the discussion
2 and work with other partners, talking about early
3 childcare, the importance of early childcare.
4 Bringing you an update of where we've come in the last
5 five years and where we're going. So, if you can be
6 with us in-person or virtually, we'd greatly
7 appreciate it. And we're going to have the Racial,
8 Equity, and Social Justice Sunshine meeting on
9 December 2nd from 3:30 to 5:30. And there's going to
10 be a Board meeting this month. Again, we have three
11 resos we're going to bring in innovation funds.
12 There's no Board meeting in November, I mean in
13 December. And then we'll reconvene back in January.

14 Thank you, Madam Chair.

15 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Jim.

16 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Madam Chair?

17 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes, we can hear you.

18 DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: Okay, wonderful. Thank
19 you. I want to reiterate a part of what Jim said
20 about the, I would call it a workshop, this afternoon,
21 I was on. I'm just very pleased with the comments and
22 of course the research done on parental engagement,
23 and of course mental and emotional health. I
24 appreciate all that we do for that because many of our
25 children, as you know, have a lot that they go

1 through. And of course, the sooner we recognize, we
2 can probably prevent it ongoing as they mature. Thank
3 you again. And I truly enjoyed it this afternoon.
4 Thank you, Madam Chair.

5 MS. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Doctor Bendross-
6 Mindingall.

7 And with that, committee members, I'll close in
8 saying that I look forward in seeing all of you at the
9 two Ad Hoc Committee meetings that Jim just described.
10 And with that, we stand adjourned. Thank you very
11 much.

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13 (Whereupon, at 5:59 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.)

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