FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

"IN PERSON QUORUM WITH SOME VIRTUAL ATTENDANTS"

MEETING MINUTES

Finance & Operations Committee Meeting was held on October 6, 2022, commencing at 9:35 a.m., at 3250 Southwest 3rd Avenue, United Way, Ryder Conference Room, Miami, Florida 33129. The meeting was called to order by Mark Trowbridge, Chair.

AUDIO TRANSCRIPTION

APPEARANCES:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mark A. Trowbridge, Chair
Matthew Arsenault, Vice-Chair
Constance Collins
Nelson Hincapie
BOARD MEMBERS, Cont.:

Javier Reyes
Hon. Isaac Salver, via Zoom
Kenneth Hoffman, ex-officio
Leigh Kobrinski

STAFF:

Amanda Gorski
Imran Ali
Jacques Bentolila

STAFF (Continued):

James R. Haj
Jennifer Moreno
Juana Leon
Liset Yero
Muriel Jeanty
Natalia Zea
Rachel Spector
Susan Marian
Wendy Duncombe
William Kirtland
Ximena Nuñez

GUESTS:

Iris Kohn, Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center
David Surowitz, Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center
Aleis Gore, TEEN UP-WARD BOUND, INC
Moraly Arroyo, Breakthrough Miami
Michele Watson, Florida Alliance of Children's Councils and Trusts
Enid Rodriguez, Miami Beach Chamber
Chris Brignolle, NFTE
Sindia Rosenay, BHCC

PROCEEDINGS
(Thereupon, the following proceedings were held at
MR. TROWBRIDGE: So, a couple of quick things.

Very much appreciate everybody’s incredible work on this committee over the last few months. Obviously, with the hurricane in September much of the work -- in terms of discussion and census, a number of things. Going through that process, I want to thank all of you for that. Tremendous advocates, you know, whether looking at trajectory provider goals, staff goals, or things that you hear, the support of -- converse and accurate boards.

So, thank you, everybody.

And then, I will just mention, tomorrow, as you all I think are aware, it’s the Inaugural Children’s Society. We are partners and cohost with them. -- folks from Trust that -- a couple of our -- like, five representatives from -- presentation -- Trust will be represented tomorrow. We’ll start with being very -- looking forward to that as well.

I always make a big pitch for, of course, Children’s Symphony. It’s never too early to have that on your calendar, October 30th. It’s a Sunday this year, in the afternoon. Bring your kiddos and grand-kiddos, nieces-and-nephews, and God-children. It’s always fun to have the little ones dress up. You
can dress up as well. It’s a wonderful collaboration. -- young people doing a concert with adults and shop, it’s just a lot of fun. It’s a lot of music you know very well. So, that’s at four o’clock. So, that’s our welcome and opening. Public comments? Muriel, do we have any public comments?

MS. JEANTY: No public comments.
MR. TROWBRIDGE: No public comments.

So then we’ll move to the Approval of our June 30, 2022, Finance & Operations Committee minutes. Do we have a motion to approve the minutes as were presented?

MS. COLLINS: Moved.
MR. TROWBRIDGE: Thank you, Constance. Is there a second?

MR. REYES: Second.
MR. TROWBRIDGE: Any discussion?
(No verbal response.)
MR. TROWBRIDGE: Seeing none, all in favor please signify by saying aye.
(WHEREUPON, the committee members all responded with “aye.”)
MR. TROWBRIDGE: Any opposed, nay?
(No verbal response.)
MR. TROWBRIDGE: Motion carries. Thank you very much.

We’re going to move into our resolutions now. We have a number of them today. Some you should be very familiar with that come around this time of year.

The first is going to be Resolution 2023-A: Authorization for a procurement waiver for training and professional development services to fund the Florida International University (FIU) Center for Children and Families Miami International Child & Adolescent Mental Health (MICAMH) Conference to be held in Miami on February 8-10, 2023, inclusive of free admission for providers affiliated with The Children’s Trust, in an amount not to exceed $50,000.00.

Is there a motion to approve?

MR. HINCAPIE: So moved, Hincapie.

MR. TROWBIDGE: Is there a second?

MR. ARSENAULT: Second, Arsenault.

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Second, we’ll move into any discussion -- three-day conference where these experts are the best in the field with a state of the art -- prevention treatment. Both for children and adolescence. -- presentation breakouts and -- sessions. -- education credits for this. This allows
us to help other conference and it allows our
providers to cut their cost.

There is a motion. Is there further discussion?
(No verbal response.)

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Seeing none, all in favor please
signify by saying aye.

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

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Any opposed, nay?

(No verbal response.)

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Resolution 2023-B: Authorization
to accept a $192,600.00 contribution from Miami Beach
Chamber Foundation, the fiscal agent for the City of
Miami Beach and neighboring municipalities, and to
negotiate and execute a contract renewal with
Borinquen Medical Health Center, a funded school-based
health provider, to provide behavioral health
enhancements in all eight Miami-Dade County Public
School (M-DCPS) system public schools in Miami Beach,
at a cost equal to the same dollar amount for a term
of nine months, commencing October 1, 2022, and ending

Is there a motion to approve?

MS. COLLINS: Moved.

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Constance. Second?
MR. ARSENAULT: Second.

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Matthew, second. Just a reminder, this is a program that focuses on -- first based on two licenses about professionals who often remote -- school-wide modes -- support of FIU students and -- delivering -- services -- schools that are -- pilot of the program.

There’s a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion?

(No verbal response.)

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Seeing none, all in favor please signify by saying aye.

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

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Any opposed, nay?

(No verbal response.)

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Resolution carries. Moving on now to, Resolution 2023-C: Authorization for the expenditure of dues for membership in the Florida Association of Children’s Councils and Trusts (FACCT) in a total amount not to exceed $110,000.00 for a term of 12 months, commencing retroactively October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023.

Motion to approve this not to exceed $110,000?

MS. COLLINS: Motion.
MR. HINCAPIE: Second.

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Just to remind you that we are part of the network of Children’s Services Council. Page nine, you’ll see everyone who are partners. This is our -- they range from Hillsborough County, -- to all who see us --. It certainly reaches hundreds and thousands of children --

Any discussion?
(No verbal response.)

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Seeing none, all in favor please signify by saying aye.

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

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Any opposed, nay?
(No verbal response.)

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Motion carries. Our last resolution is, Resolution 2023-D: Authorization to enter into a renewal agreement with Ms. Oleksandra Filippova for research and evaluation services and to expend up to $50,000.00 of the Florida Association of Children’s Councils and Trusts (FACCT) Helios Education Foundation grant award for the services, commencing retroactively on October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, with one remaining one-year renewal. Further, authorization to approve a budget
amendment to increase the Program Evaluation &
Community Research budget line by the FACCT Helios
award amount of $70,000.00 in order to allocate these
funds in the appropriate budget line.

I’ll draw your attention to page 12. --

Do we have a motion to approve?

MR. HINCAPIE: Hincapie, moved.

MR. REYES: Second.

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Any discussion? Please.

FEMALE VOICE: (Unintelligible).

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Other questions or comments?

(No verbal response.)

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Seeing none, we’ll take a vote.

All in favor please signify by saying aye.

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

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Any opposed, nay?

(No verbal response.)

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Motion carries. Fantastic work.

Next, we’re hearing from our CEO James Haj.

MR. HAJ: Mr. Chair, thank you. Quarterly report
is on page 14 through 15. This is the one that has
the most expenditures. A lot of services for our
program.

After pages 14 and 15, the Monthly Financial
Statements are in your packet.

And Mark stole my thunder about the MD County Mayor’s Children Summit that’s going on -- since 2016 when the Board started doing investment. Last November we had a -- we had the Mayor. -- spent the last year -- there were a lot of board members -- a lot of these efforts --

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Thank you. (Unintelligible).

MALE VOICE: (Unintelligible).

MR. TROWBRIDGE: That’s a great job. Awesome. -- time to go through and see what we have. I stole Jim’s thunder, so -- last thing I want to mention is, we had a brief recall, I think we’ll get into at the next meeting about the time of the audit. Unless it’s a little premature now -- but hey --

MALE VOICE: That process is starting whether or not they are here --

MR. TROWBRIDGE: -- working with -- at some point -- I appreciate it.

Anything for the good of the order? Anyone on zoom? Isaac, great to see you.

MR. SALVER: Happy New Year.

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Happy New Year.

If there’s nothing else for the good of the
order, then at this time I’ll take a motion to adjourn.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

MR. TROWBRIDGE: Without objection, we’ll adjourn. Have a good morning, everybody.

(Whereupon, at 9:50 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.)
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