

**Children's Services Council**  
**November 12, 2020**  
**Minutes**

The Children's Services Council's meeting of November 12, 2020 was called to order at 5:05 p.m., with the following members present: Ken Kenworthy, Melisa Jahner, Pat McCoy, Amanda Riedel, Heather Hancock via Zoom, William Wallace via Zoom, Bob McPartlan via Zoom and Cathleen Blair, Executive Director.

Ken Kenworthy asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Agenda. Cathleen Blair stated that Item #6, Approval of Agency Name Change – Heritage Educational Services to Delagall Foundation as Mr. Delagall had not turned in paper work at this time. Pat McCoy stated she met with him to discuss the reading program and they are still searching for someone to take it over. Cathleen Blair suggested that Mr. Delagall submit a Special Project for 2020-2021 rather than take over the grant. Pat McCoy made a recommendation to approve the Agenda deletion, Bob McPartlan seconded, all approved.

The Minutes of September 21, 2020 were presented for approval. Heather Hancock noted that her name was misspelled and was recommended for correction. Bob McPartlan made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented, with the correction as noted, Melisa Jahner seconded, all approved.

Cathleen Blair presented the Financial Statement for October for approval. William Wallace made a motion to approve as presented, Bob McPartlan seconded, all approved.

Cathleen Blair presented the Council with a list of agencies that need to be assigned monitors for 2020-2021. The following monitors were recommended for approval:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast	Melisa Jahner	Melisa Jahner
Area Agency of Aging	Ken Kenworthy	Ken Kenworthy
Big Brothers, Big Sisters	Melisa Jahner	Melisa Jahner
Early Learning Coalition	Cathleen Blair	Cathleen Blair
Helping People Succeed – Healthy Families	Cathleen Blair	William Wallace
Heritage Educational Services	Cathleen Blair	Cathleen Blair
Hibiscus Children’s Center – Community Health	Ken Kenworthy	Ken Kenworthy
IRSC – Expanding Horizons – Summer Youth Program	Heather Hancock	Heather Hancock
Martha’s House	Pat McCoy	Pat McCoy
My Aunt’s House	Ken Kenworthy	Ken Kenworthy
New Horizons of the Treasure Coast	Melisa Jahner	Melisa Jahner
Okeechobee Extension – Blast to the Past	Heather Hancock	Heather Hancock
Okeechobee Extension – Farm to Plate	Judge Wallace	Judge Wallace
Okeechobee Extension – H2O	Cathleen Blair	Cathleen Blair
Okeechobee Extension – Just Horsin Around	Terry Burroughs	Amanda Riedel
Okeechobee Educational Foundation – PEP	Cathleen Blair	Cathleen Blair
Okeechobee Rodeo Team and Mentor Program	N/A	Pat McCoy
Okeechobee Youth Livestock	Terry Burroughs	Amanda Riedel
Pentecostals of Okeechobee – Martial Arts	Wendy Coker	Wendy Coker
Real Life Children’s Ranch	Heather Hancock	Heather Hancock
Tykes & Teens	Pat McCoy	Pat McCoy

Pat McCoy made a motion to approve the monitors for 2020-2021, Melisa Jahner seconded, all approved.

The following Special Projects for 2020-2021 were recommended for approval:

- Battlefield Friends – Requesting \$1,000 for the Battlefield event. Heather Hancock made a motion to approve \$1,000, Melisa Jahner seconded, all approved.
- OREA – Requesting \$1,000 for underwear, shoes, socks, etc. Bill Wallace made a motion to approve \$2,000 due to the need of the children, Heather Hancock seconded, all approved.
- GFNA- Gift Cards in the amount of \$1,000.00. Cathleen Blair suggested perhaps fund more than \$1,000 after discussion with Doris Plym. Melisa Jahner made a motion to approve \$2,500.00, Heather Hancock seconded, all approved.
- 211 requested \$2,000.00. Pat McCoy made a motion to approve, Bob McPartlan seconded.

- Okeechobee Educational Foundation – Request \$450.00 to purchase a “Positive Action” curriculum covering effective social and emotional learning to be used by their Positive Empowerment Program Facilitator at each of the middle schools. Pat McCoy made a motion to purchase two kits in the amount of \$900.00, one for each school, Melisa Jahner seconded, all approved with Ken Kenworthy abstaining.
- Our Village of Okeechobee – Requested \$50,000.00 to help purchase property for the amount of \$350,000.00 to eventually include a children’s museum. Cathleen Blair stated that Children’s Services Council does not purchase land. Cathleen Blair will send a letter to Leah Suarez informing her of our decision and inviting her to next meeting. Heather Hancock made a motion to approve, Bob McPartlan seconded, all approved.

Cathleen Blair presented the By-Laws for updated signatures.

Cathleen Blair stated that one of the requirements of Children’s Services Council is to have one county commissioner on the Council. Cathleen Blair stated she would call the commissioners’ office to request when they reorganized to name a replacement for Terry Burroughs.

Pat McCoy made a motion to not have a December meeting, Amanda Riedel seconded, all approved.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.