CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL

MINUTES

December 11, 2025

In attendance for the meeting were Pat McCoy – Vice Chair, Debbie Gillis, Michael Hazellief, Jessica Lea, Frank DeCarlo, Dylan Tedders and Toni Wiersma- Executive Director

Absent: Bill Wallace, Bob McPartlan, Melisa Jahner and Alex Tijerina

Audience: Michelle Dingus, Carrie Muldoon, Linda Syfrett, Melody Hodges, Shannon Tewksbury, Josie Snow, and Marcel Richardson

1) **Meeting called to order 5:30 pm**

2) Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

i. Pat McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance and Frank DeCarlo gave the Invocation.

3) Additions/Deletions- Approval of Agenda

i) There were no additions or deletions

a) Frank DeCarlo made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Dylan Tedders seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor.

4) Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2025

a) Debbie Gillis made a motion to approve the minutes. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor.

5) Approval of Financial Statements:

a) Financial Statement – October 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025

i) Mrs. Wiersma presented the financial statement:

(1) INCOME

- Total Income - $298,958.57

(2) GROSS PROFIT - $298,958.57

(3) EXPENSES

- Administration - $15,022.68
- Program Services – Agencies – RFP - $27,368.76
- Community Scholarships - $0.00
- Summer Projects - $0.00
- Special Projects - $77,010.65
- **TOTAL EXPENSES - $119,402.09**

(4) NET INCOME - $179,556.48

(5) CURRENT ASSETS

- SouthState Checking - $244,049.67
- CD 6398–$516,058.03
- CD 4582 – 449,136.80
- Money Market – 203,128.34

- **Total Bank Accounts - $1,412,372.84**

(6) FIXED ASSETS

- Equipment - $1926.00
- Accumulated depreciation - $(1,690.81)
- TOTAL FIXED ASSETS - $235.19

(7) TOTAL ASSETS - $1,412,714.01

(8) LIABILITIES

- Total Current Liabilities - -6505.27
- Total Equity - $1,419,219.28

(9) TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY - $1,412,714.01

ii) Toni Wiersma presented the Profit-Loss for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025. She also shared the Budget vs. Actual expenses for 25-26. Michael Hazellief requested that a column be added to indicate allocated amount.

iii) Dylan Tedders made a motion to accept the financial reports. Jessica Lea seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor.

6) Special Project Requests

a) **Okeechobee County Fair - $25,000.00**

i) Linda Syfrett and Melody Hodges appeared before the Board to $25,000.00 to sponsor the Okeechobee County Fair. The fair this year will have many different entertainment shows that will attract the kids. Wristbands for the students and their parents to participate in the livestock show and entrance to the fair are provided for each student. This year for student art there are different levels of winners. The Board discussed that we could only contribute money to kids. Melody Hodges would provide a budget with items only for the kids. Dylan Tedders made a motion to grant the Okeechobee County Fair $25,000.00 providing that we received the budget that would only pertain to kids. Jessica Lea seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor.

b) **Ag Venture - $4,500.**

i) Carrie Muldoon from the Okeechobee County Extension office appeared before the Board to request funding for the Ag Venture Days. They bring all fourth graders to the two-day event. This project provides students with exposure to all types of agriculture in our community and state. The event will be held on March 4th and 5th. Michael Hazellief made a motion to fund the Ag Venture program $4,500.00. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor.

c) **Chobee Bulls - $17,031.25**

i) Marcel Richardson, Michelle Dingus and Shannon Tewksbury appeared before the Board to request $17,031.25 for the Chobee Bulls. This is to fund the additional students that have been added to the roster and for the need for additional equipment and uniforms. The budget presented did not indicate the entire budget of the program. The request was tabled until an accurate budget was presented.

d) **Florida Rebels, Inc.**

i) Josie Snow appeared before the Board to request $4,000.00 to hold a basketball camp during the Christmas break. The camp will be held at Osceola Middle School. Michael Hazellief made a motion to grant up to $4,000.00 to Florida Rebels depending on the total cost of the camp. The Board will fund 50% of the camp up to $4,000.00. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor.

7) Notes from Workshop Discussion

i) A discussion was held and discussed the need to finalize our procedures and focus areas before the new RFP's and summer program applications are available. Since we were missing four board members, the decision was made to wait until our January meeting to finalize the date.

8) Brochure

i) Toni Wiersma presented the new brochure that was created and printed by Canva.

9) Public Comment

i) There were no comments

10) Open Discussion

i) Discussed the changing date of the January meeting. The Board agreed to change the next meeting date to January 15, 2026.

Next Meeting Date: January 15, 2026

Michael Hazellief made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Wiersma

Toni Wiersma, Executive Director