Children's Services Council of Leon County (CSC Leon) Governing Council Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2024, 4:00 p.m. CSC Leon Office | 2002 Old St. Augustine Road, Bldg. A, Ste. 50, Tallahassee, FL 32301

Members of the public can view the meeting via live stream, when available, on this YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc74A9evhLxbHIrH63-clbQ.

AGENDA

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- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda*
- IV. General Public Comment
- V. Consent Agenda*
 - A. Minutes from the January meeting
 - B. Minutes from February special meeting
 - C. Financials for January 2024
 - D. Finance & Budget Committee Report (Handout)
 - E. Executive Director's Report
- VI. General Counsel Update
- VII. Special Presentation: Family Strengthening Evaluation Update Gary VanLandingham, Ph.D., Director, Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, Florida State University
- VIII. Summer Enrichment 2024*
- IX. Funding Opportunity for Programs Designed for Special Needs*
- X. Small Investment for Program Success (SIPS) FY 2024 Quarter 2*
- XI. Kindergarten Readiness Plan & Outline
 - A. Perinatal Supports
 - B. Quality Childcare
 - C. Early Intervention Services
 - D. Housing
- XII. Next Meeting Agenda
- XIII. Member Comments
- XIV. Adjourn

^{*}Item requires action by the Council; public comment will be taken before formal action considered.



MEETING:	Governing Council Meeting
DATE & TIME:	Thursday, January 18, 2024 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	CSC Leon Office 2002 Old St. Augustine Rd., Talla., FL 32301

Members Present:

- Dr. Zandra Glenn, Chair, Community Member
- Terrence Watts, Vice-Chair, DCF Appointee
- Paul Mitchell, Treasurer, Community Member
- Atty. Carolyn Cummings, Chair, Leon County BBOC (Virtual)
- Mark O'Bryant, Community Member
- Rocky Hanna, Superintendent, Leon County Schools
- Darryl Jones, School Board Chair, Leon County Schools

Members Absent:

• Judge Anthony Miller, Second Judicial Circuit Staff Present:

- Cecka Rose Green, Executive Director
- Holly McPhail, Special Projects Manager
- Jacinta Clay, Administrative Services Manager
- Stephanie Eller Vaughn, Prog. Acct. Research Manager
- Prisha Malone, Program Quality & Assurance Specialist

AGENDA & ACTION:

- I. Call to Order 4:08 pm
- II. Roll Call (See attendance above)
- III. Approval of Agenda Mr. Mitchell moved approval; Mr. Watts seconded. Approved by consensus.
- IV. General Public Comment Mr. J. Sheetz
- V. **Consent Agenda** Mr. Mitchell moved approval with necessary corrections; Mr. O'Bryant second. Approved by consensus.
- VI. Family Resource Center (FRC) Management Contract Overview of the contract provided by Ms. McPhail. The Council was not ready to vote. Chair Glenn pulled the agenda item to be discussed at a special council meeting in February 2024.
- VII. **Draft Emergency Funding Policy** Handout was provided to Council; discussion will occur at the next Governing Council meeting.
- VIII. **Special Presentation: Family Strengthening Evaluation Update** Presentation was moved to the next Governing Council meeting.
- IX. **Special Presentation: Early Learning Coalition "On Ramp" Program** Liz Murphy, SHRM-CP, CEO, Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region, Inc.
- X. **Strategic Planning Discussion** Ms. Green provided a summary of past discussions. Ms. Eller Vaughn presented baseline data and root causes impacting kindergarten readiness. Mr. Hanna moved for FY 2024-2026 Primary Funding to address Childcare & Early Education Programs, Early Childhood Curricula & Interventions and Supports for Expecting Parents & Families w/Young Children. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

None

NEXT STEPS/TASKS

Special Meeting will be scheduled to review and consider FRC Management Contract

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Finance and Budget Committee Meeting- TBD
- ➤ Governing Council Meeting Thursday, March 7, 2023, 4:00 p.m., CSC Leon Office

NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- ➤ Summer 2024 RFA Approvals
- ➤ Kindergarten Readiness Procurements Concepts
- > Emergency Funding Requests Policy Discussion
- > Family Strengthening Evaluation Presentation

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Council Member Cummings, Hanna, and Director Green.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



MEETING:	Special Governing Council Meeting	
DATE & TIME:	Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 4:00 p.m.	
LOCATION:	CSC Leon Office 2002 Old St. Augustine Rd., Talla., FL 32301	

Members Present:

- Dr. Zandra Glenn, Chair, Community Member
- Terrence Watts, Vice-Chair, DCF Appointee (Virtual)
- Paul Mitchell, Treasurer, Community Member
- Darryl Jones, School Board Member, Leon County Schools
- Mark O'Bryant, Community Member
- Rocky Hanna, Superintendent, Leon County Schools

Members Absent:

- Atty. Carolyn Cummings, Chair, Leon County BOCC
- Judge Anthony Miller, Second Judicial Circuit

Staff Present:

- Cecka Rose Green, Executive Director
- Holly McPhail, Special Projects Manager
- Dina Snider, Director of Finance & Operations
- Prisha Malone, Program & Quality Assurance Specialist
- Jacinta Clay, Administrative Services Manager
- Chris Roe, General Counsel

AGENDA & ACTION:

- I. Call to Order 4:50 pm
- II. Roll Call (See attendance above)
- III. Approval of Agenda Mr. Mitchell moved; Mr. O'Bryant seconded. Approved by consensus.
- IV. Family Resource Center (FRC) Management Contract Ms. Green and Ms. McPhail summarized the contract revisions and comments submitted by Council Members. Staff from the intended provider, Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS) were present: President/CEO Andry Sweet, Vice President of Community Solutions Jarvis Wheeler, Statewide Director of Community Impact Anna-Kay Hutchison, and Executive Director Tallahassee/Gainesville Area Tiffany Martin. CHS provided remarks and answered additional questions from the Council.

Public Comment:

- 1. Ms. Kim Sineath
- 2. Ms. Talethia Edwards

Mr. Mitchell moved FRC Management contract approval; seconded by Mr. O'Bryant. The motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS NEXT STEPS/TASKS NEXT MEETING:

- Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Monday March 4, 2024, 5:00 p.m., CSC Leon Office
- Governing Council Meeting Thursday, March 7, 2024, 4:00 p.m., CSC Leon Office

MEMBER COMMENTS:

No member comments

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Children's Services Council of Leon County Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2024

	Jan 31, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	005 570 57
1001 · Operating	665,578.57
1002 · Money Market Account	13,765,052.50 -33,556.57
1011 · Bill.com Money Out Clearing	-55,550.57
Total Checking/Savings	14,397,074.50
Total Current Assets	14,397,074.50
Other Assets	
1300 · Security Deposits	6,222.50
Total Other Assets	6,222.50
TOTAL ASSETS	14,403,297.00
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	40.400.0=
2000 · Accounts Payable	-40,129.07
Total Accounts Payable	-40,129.07
Other Current Liabilities	
Accrued Payroll Expenses	8,577.46
2100 · Employee Paid Benefits Clearing	
AFLAC	-643.64
Dental & Vision Insurance	-499.88
Group Term Life & Accidental	-1,336.48
Long Term Disability	-682.00
Supplemental Life & Accidental	362.88
Total 2100 · Employee Paid Benefits Clearing	-2,799.12
Total Other Current Liabilities	5,778.34
Total Current Liabilities	-34,350.73
Total Liabilities	-34,350.73
Equity	
3200 · Unrestricted Net Assets	9,207,387.23
Net Income	5,230,260.50
Total Equity	14,437,647.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	14,403,297.00

Children's Services Council of Leon County Income & Expense Budget vs. Actual October 2023 through January 2024

	Oct '23 - Jan 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
4000 · Ad Valorem Proceeds 4100 · Interest	6,773,513.32 70,745.93	7,639,186.00 152,784.00	-865,672.68 -82,038.07	88.7% 46.3%
Total Income	6,844,259.25	7,791,970.00	-947,710.75	87.8%
Expense				
Operations				
IT Services (Web & Email)	350.00			
Total Operations	350.00			
5010 · Compensation /Employee Benefits				
5010.10 · Health Insurance	41,655.54	126,288.00	-84,632.46	33.0%
5010.20 · Life Insurance	0.00	4,047.00	-4,047.00	0.0%
5010.30 · Payroll taxes	7,756.77	30,283.00	-22,526.23	25.6%
5010.40 · Retirement Contribution	28,410.31	80,690.00	-52,279.69	35.2%
5010.50 · Salaries	103,855.71	395,850.00	-291,994.29	26.2%
Total 5010 · Compensation /Employee Benefits	181,678.33	637,158.00	-455,479.67	28.5%
5020 · Contractual Services - Staffing				
Audio/Video	4,858.74	00.055.55		00 -01
5020.10 · Accounting Fees	5,700.00	20,000.00	-14,300.00	28.5%
5020.20 · General Counsel (1099-MISC)	9,282.50	75,000.00	-65,717.50	12.4%
5020.30 · Staffing Services	19,680.00	199,000.00	-179,320.00	9.9%
Total 5020 · Contractual Services - Staffing	39,521.24	294,000.00	-254,478.76	13.4%
5030 · Contractual Services (Other)				
5030.10 · Independent Audit	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.0%
5030.20 · Payroll processing	1,521.00	4,000.00	-2,479.00	38.0%
Total 5030 · Contractual Services (Other)	1,521.00	24,000.00	-22,479.00	6.3%
5040 · Collection Expenses				
5040.10 · Ad Valorem Collection Fees	0.00	152,784.00	-152,784.00	0.0%
5040.20 · TRIM advertisement fees	584.02	2,000.00	-1,415.98	29.2%
5040.30 · Special District fee	175.00	175.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 5040 · Collection Expenses	759.02	154,959.00	-154,199.98	0.5%
5050 · Communications				
5050.10 · Cell phones	426.80	2,500.00	-2,073.20	17.1%
5050.20 · Internet/VOIP	1,275.93	3,000.00	-1,724.07	42.5%
5050.30 · Virtual Platform	0.00	760.00	-760.00	0.0%
Total 5050 · Communications	1,702.73	6,260.00	-4,557.27	27.2%
5060 · Dues	20,300.00	22,200.00	-1,900.00	91.4%
5070 · Information Technology	20,000.00	22,200.00	1,000.00	0,
5070.10 · Computers	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
5070.20 · Equipment rental	6,948.30	12,000.00	-5,051.70	57.9%
5070.30 · Website maintenance	1,050.00	1,500.00	-450.00	70.0%
5070.40 · Software	871.88	3,200.00	-2,328.12	27.2%
5070.50 · Managed IT	602.31	0.00	602.31	100.0%
Total 5070 · Information Technology	9,472.49	21,700.00	-12,227.51	43.7%
5080 · Insurance-Liab., D&O, WC, Cyber	18,076.00	20,000.00	-1,924.00	90.4%
5090 · Occupancy		7.0	10 === ==	00 ***
5090.10 · Rent	24,890.00	74,670.00	-49,780.00	33.3%
5090.20 · Furniture	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
5090.30 · Security System	1,640.00	5,000.00	-3,360.00	32.8%
Total 5090 · Occupancy	26,530.00	80,170.00	-53,640.00	33.1%
5100 · Office Supplies and Support				
5100.10 · Office Supplies	322.20	1,200.00	-877.80	26.9%
5100.20 · Postage and Courier	45.77	750.00	-704.23	6.1%
5100.30 · Printing and Copying	644.00	1,500.00	-856.00	42.9%
5100.40 · Shredding	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
Total 5100 · Office Supplies and Support	1,011.97	3,850.00	-2,838.03	26.3%

	Oct '23 - Jan 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
5200 · Travel 5200.10 · Registration-Conference/Meeting 5200.20 · Lodging 5200.30 · Meals - per diem 5200.40 · Transportation - auto rental 5200.50 · Mileage and talls	90.00 246.56 25.00 162.55 129.05	5,000.00 10,000.00 2,000.00 2,500.00 500.00	-4,910.00 -9,753.44 -1,975.00 -2,337.45 -370.95	1.8% 2.5% 1.3% 6.5% 25.8%
Total 5200 · Travel	653.16	20,000.00	-19,346.84	3.3%
5300 · Miscellanous 5300.10 · Awards & Recognition 5300.20 · CSC Awareness 5300.30 · Other 5300 · Miscellanous - Other	0.00 9,409.85 706.25 192.00	500.00 10,000.00	-500.00 -590.15	0.0% 94.1%
Total 5300 · Miscellanous	10,308.10	10,500.00	-191.90	98.2%
5400 · Program Investments & Supports Capacity Building & Tech Assist Community Outreach and Events Early Learning Family Resource Centers Family Strengthening/Parent Edu Family Supports Funds Available for Program Prenatal/Postnatal Support Serv Program research and analysis Program Software SAMIS Small Investments for Program S Summer Bridge Programming Summer Programmatic Funding Youth Development Programming Youth Mentoring (Youth Violence 5400 · Program Investments & Supports 6100 · Salaries & Wages - Clearing	53,556.57 17,150.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 374,702.96 0.00 0.00 4,000.00 4,000.00 15,000.00 0.00 339,526.64 0.00 0.00 466,910.72 1,270,846.89 31,267.82	169,000.00 20,000.00 745,200.00 4,000,000.00 2,100,000.00 3,006,044.00 1,200,000.00 30,000.00 600,000.00 1,750,000.00 25,000.00 800,000.00	-115,443.43 -2,850.00 -745,200.00 -4,000,000.00 -2,100,000.00 -3,006,044.00 -1,200,000.00 -30,000.00 -26,000.00 -585,000.00 -1,750,000.00 -25,000.00 -800,000.00	31.7% 85.8% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 13.3% 2.5% 0.0% 0.0%
Total Expense	1,613,998.75	15,770,041.00	-14,156,042.25	10.2%
Net Ordinary Income	5,230,260.50	-7,978,071.00	13,208,331.50	-65.6%
Other Income/Expense Other Income 7000 · Prior Year carryforward	0.00	8,741,990.00	-8,741,990.00	0.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	8,741,990.00	-8,741,990.00	0.0%
Other Expense 8000 · Reserved Funds	0.00	763,919.00	-763,919.00	0.0%
Total Other Expense	0.00	763,919.00	-763,919.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	7,978,071.00	-7,978,071.00	0.0%
Net Income	5,230,260.50	0.00	5,230,260.50	100.0%

Children's Services Council of Leon County Income & Expense Report

October 2023 through January 2024

dinary Income/Expense Income 4000 · Ad Valorem Proceeds 4100 · Interest Total Income Expense	1,211.74 16,015.84	1,415,793.46	5,097,299.71	050 000 11	
4100 · Interest Total Income		1,415,793.46	5 097 299 71		
		14,320.22	15,149.74	259,208.41 25,260.13	6,773,513.32 70,745.93
Evnoneo	17,227.58	1,430,113.68	5,112,449.45	284,468.54	6,844,259.25
Operations					
IT Services (Web & Email)	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	350.00
Total Operations	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	350.00
5010 · Compensation /Employee Benefits 5010.10 · Health Insurance	10,622.24	10,576.84	10,182.83	10,273.63	41,655.54
5010.30 · Payroll taxes 5010.40 · Retirement Contribution	2,216.22 6,164.94	3,324.33 5,656.38	2,216.22 6,101.48	0.00 10,487.51	7,756.77 28,410.31
5010.50 · Salaries	29,673.06	44,509.59	29,673.06	0.00	103,855.71
Total 5010 · Compensation /Employee Benefits	48,676.46	64,067.14	48,173.59	20,761.14	181,678.33
5020 · Contractual Services - Staffing Audio/Video	4,858.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,858.74
5020.10 · Accounting Fees 5020.20 · General Counsel (1099-MISC)	900.00 0.00	1,762.50 4,415.00	1,462.50 4,867.50	1,575.00 0.00	5,700.00 9,282.50
5020.30 · Staffing Services	0.00	7,600.00	7,080.00	5,000.00	19,680.00
Total 5020 · Contractual Services - Staffing	5,758.74	13,777.50	13,410.00	6,575.00	39,521.2
5030 · Contractual Services (Other) 5030.20 · Payroll processing	341.25	487.50	325.00	367.25	1,521.00
Total 5030 · Contractual Services (Other)	341.25	487.50	325.00	367.25	1,521.00
5040 · Collection Expenses 5040.20 · TRIM advertisement fees	584.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	584.02
5040.30 · Special District fee	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	175.00
Total 5040 · Collection Expenses	584.02	0.00	175.00	0.00	759.02
5050 · Communications 5050.10 · Cell phones	0.00	213.10	213.70	0.00	426.80
5050.20 · Internet/VOIP	456.25	243.15	333.13	243.40	1,275.93
Total 5050 · Communications	456.25	456.25	546.83	243.40	1,702.73
5060 · Dues 5070 · Information Technology	0.00	300.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,300.00
5070.20 · Equipment rental 5070.30 · Website maintenance	3,109.14 350.00	1,595.20 350.00	1,081.63 350.00	1,162.33 0.00	6,948.30 1,050.00
5070.40 · Software	259.41	200.47	206.00	206.00	871.88
5070.50 · Managed IT Total 5070 · Information Technology	182.31 		1,637.63	1,788.33	9,472.49
5080 · Insurance-Liab., D&O, WC, Cyber	0.00	16,076.00	0.00	2,000.00	18,076.00
5090 · Occupancy 5090.10 · Rent	6,222.50	6,222.50	6,222.50	6,222.50	24,890.00
5090.30 · Security System	410.00	410.00	410.00	410.00	1,640.00
Total 5090 · Occupancy	6,632.50	6,632.50	6,632.50	6,632.50	26,530.00
5100 · Office Supplies and Support 5100.10 · Office Supplies	0.00	305.54	0.00	16.66	322.20
5100.20 · Postage and Courier	10.93 644.00	0.00 0.00	34.84 0.00	0.00	45.77 644.00
5100.30 · Printing and Copying Total 5100 · Office Supplies and Support	654.93	305.54	34.84	16.66	1,011.97
5200 · Travel	004.00	500.04	04.04	10.00	1,011.81
5200.10 · Registration-Conference/Meeting 5200.20 · Lodging	0.00 100.83	0.00 0.00	0.00	90.00 145.73	90.00 246.56
5200.30 · Meals - per diem	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
5200.40 · Transportation - auto rental 5200.50 · Mileage and talls	123.83 0.00	38.72 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 129.05	162.55 129.05
Total 5200 · Travel	224.66	38.72	0.00	389.78	653.10
5300 · Miscellanous	4,750.00	0.00	0.00	4 650 95	9,409.85
5300.20 · CSC Awareness 5300.30 · Other	163.48	0.00 192.01	0.00 164.95	4,659.85 185.81	706.25
5300 · Miscellanous - Other	0.00	192.00	0.00	0.00 4,845.66	192.00
Total 5300 · Miscellanous 5400 · Program Investments & Supports	4,913.48	384.01	164.95	4,045.00	10,308.10
Capacity Building & Tech Assist Community Outreach and Events	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	18,556.57	53,556.57
Family Supports	7,650.00 52,631.50	9,500.00 215,755.27	0.00 97,319.19	0.00 8,997.00	17,150.00 374,702.96
Program Software SAMIS Small Investments for Program S	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 15,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Summer Programmatic Funding	0.00 65,234.05	0.00 88,368.86	20,590.93	0.00 165,332.80	15,000.00 339,526.64
5400 · Program Investments & Supports - Other	266,919.00	199,991.72	0.00	0.00	466,910.72
Total 5400 · Program Investments & Supports 6100 · Salaries & Wages - Clearing	394,434.55 0.00	515,615.85 0.00	167,910.12 0.00	192,886.37 31,267.82	1,270,846.8 31,267.8
	466,577.70	620,286.68	259,010.46	268,123.91	1,613,998.75
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Total Expense t Ordinary Income	-449,350.12	809,827.00	4,853,438.99	16,344.63	5,230,260.50

<u>CSC Leon Financial Audit FY 2022-23</u> – Purvis Gray, P.A., has completed the audit and presented it to the Finance and Budget Committee on Monday, March 5. The auditors will present the audit to the full Council at the April 18 meeting.

<u>CSC Leon Council Member Appointments/Vacancies</u> – Following notification from the Governor's Office on December 14, 2023, the Leon County Commission's nominated candidates for appointment to the CSC Leon were rejected, the application was reopened and readvertised in January. At the Commission's January 23 meeting, 20 applicants were approved to be sent to the Governor's Office as nominees to fill the vacant Council seats (see table below). The Governor's Office will notify the County Commission regarding selections.

Previous nominees submitted		New nominees submitted		
1.	Dr. Patty Ball-Thomas	10. Gavin Burgess		
2.	Wallisa Cobb	11. Travis Diggs		
3.	Dr. Zandra Glenn (seeking reappointment)	12. Brent Johnson		
4.	Keshia Jenkins	13. Simone Marstiller		
5.	Daniel Parker	14. Matt McKibbin		
6.	Bill Schack	15. Michelle Miller		
7.	John Sheetz	16. Christina Omran		
8.	Eric Whitehead	17. Justin Ravelo		
9.	Brenda Williams	18. Amanda Valter		
		19. John Wilson		
		20. David Bellamy		

<u>Community Outreach and Connections</u> – During the months of December - February, CSC Leon connected with the following persons/entities:

- Ms. Green toured The Learning Pavilion, a smart-play preschool that strives to be inclusive for all children and uses a play-based curriculum.
- CSC Leon Team members participated in several provider conversations, both in-person and virtual, hosted by Leon County Government's Human Services and Community Partnerships Department regarding the proposed realignment of CHSP funding categories. The issue was presented by County government staff at the January 23 County Commission meeting. Ultimately, the County Commission decided to delay the realignment and unanimously approved a motion to request that CSC Leon consider replicating and funding a process similar to CHSP beginning in fiscal year 2027 for children and family programs and services (see attached letter from Leon County Administrator Vincent S. Long). After speaking with Chair Glenn, staff will prepare this request for Council discussion at a later time, but prior to December 31, 2024.
- Council staff attended the 2024 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration hosted by Leon County Government, the MLK Foundation Inc., and the ICC – Southern Christian Leadership Conference on January 10. The keynote speaker was our own Council Member Darryl Jones, Leon County School Board Member, District 3.
- CSC Leon was a sponsor for Children's Week 2024, as we have done the previous two years. Staff attended
 the annual Children's Week Dinner on Monday evening, February 26, during which The Honorable Janet
 Nunez provided the keynote address. Ms. Green was a "celebrity reader" in Storybook Village the next day,
 sharing the book, "Darryl's Dream" written by Darryl McDaniels of the infamous Run DMC.

Submitted by:

Cecka Rose Green, CPM Executive Director



Leon County

Board of County Commissioners

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CHASITY H. O'STEEN County Attorney February 1, 2024

Cecka Rose-Green, Executive Director Children's Services Council of Leon County 2002 Old St. Augustine Road, Bldg. A Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Ms. Rose-Green,

I want to first express our appreciation for the partnership with the Children's Services Council of Leon County (CSC-Leon) over the past couple of years to address the needs of children and families in the community through initiatives and events such as the *Breaking Bread* neighborhood meetings on food insecurity and summer youth expo. In 2023, along with the City of Tallahassee (City), we memorialized our partnership with the memorandum of understanding to better coordinate and collaborate on our funding processes, resources, and data in order to meet the human services needs of children and families in Tallahassee-Leon County. This has resulted in further opportunities that will be instrumental in where we go in the future to best serve kids and responsibly invest taxpayer dollars.

For more than 25 years, the County and City have invested in the highest human service needs in our community through the Community Human Services Partnership (CHSP) including investment in children and family programs that provide services such as early learning, parental support, and youth development. As you know, over the past couple of months we brought recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) to better serve our community which include the realignment of the current CHSP categories in the upcoming two-year funding cycle that would direct children and family programs to apply for funding opportunities through CSC-Leon. The transition would maximize our limited human services resources, reduce duplication of service, and improve service delivery to focus on children's programs and services.

During their January 23, 2024 meeting, the Board decided to delay this transition and realignment of the categories for consideration and unanimously approved a motion to request that CSC-Leon consider replicating and funding a process similar to CHSP beginning in fiscal year 2027 for children and family programs and services. This allows considerable time to continue to work together and engage partners in establishing a seamless transition for human services providers of children and family programs to apply for funding opportunities through CSC-Leon.

We ask that CSC-Leon consider replicating and funding a process similar to CHSP at its earliest convenience. Should you have any questions or require further clarification on the Board's motion, please feel free to contact Shington Lamy, the Assistant County Administrator. Additionally, Shington would be happy to present at a future CSC-Leon meeting as part of consideration of this request, should you wish.

Sincerely,

Vincent S. Long
County Administrator

Cc: Leon County Board of County Commissioners Shington Lamy, Assistant County Administrator