

History of Previous Implementation of Subsidized Child Care Services

On April 2, 2002 (Item No. 14), the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved an agreement with Family Central Inc., (FCI) in the amount of \$1,677,564 to provide subsidized child care to eligible working poor families in Broward County within the Fiscal Year 2003 Children's Services Administration Division budget. Family Central, Inc. was the provider in Broward County designated by the Broward School Readiness Coalition to ensure eligible clients received subsidized child care. The Broward School Readiness Coalition, Inc. provided a dollar for dollar match for subsidized child care.

On August 26, 2008, (Item No. 13), the Board approved an agreement between Broward County and FCI in the amount of \$1,677,564 to provide subsidized child care services to working poor families. These funds allowed FCI to secure a dollar for dollar match from the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation Office of Early Learning Child Care Executive Partnership (CCEP). Family Central, Inc. was designated as the sole administrator of subsidized child care funds for the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County (ELC), formerly known as the School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

On September 23, 2008, (Item No. 70), the Board approved an agreement with FCI in the amount of \$800,000 in the Fiscal Year 2009 budget to provide child care subsidies for homeless families due to the low ranking of homeless children on the State of Florida's subsidized childcare prioritization list. The Board continued to approve child care subsidies for homeless families in the same annual amount for Fiscal Years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 (September 1, 2009, Item No 11; August 31, 2010, Item No. 11; August 30, 2011, Item No. 9; and September 11, 2012, Item No. 43, respectively).

On July 1, 2013, Florida House Bill 7165 went into effect, requiring early learning coalitions apply the State's priority criteria that adjusted the "at-risk" category for children and moving homeless children from priority 9 to priority 2. As a result of the reprioritization, the County no longer provided funding for homeless services as these services became eligible for State school readiness funding. The State's priority for the funding of subsidized child care services special needs children between 3 and 5 years were reduced to priority 8 and special needs children under 3 years were removed completely from the priority list. Due to the State's low ranking of young children with special needs from low income families, the Children's Services Board (CSB) recommended reallocation of Children's Services Administration funds to fill the service gaps for affected Broward County families.

On August 27, 2013 (Item No. 38) the Board approved an extension of the agreement with FCI to avoid an interruption of necessary services while guidelines were completed for implementation of the State's prioritization.

On January 28, 2014 (Item No. 25), the Board approved an amendment to the FCI agreement in the amount of \$401,000 for the provision of subsidized childcare services for special needs children from low income families, increasing the annual contract amount from \$1,677,564 to \$2,079,564.

Family Central, Inc. remained the sole administrator of subsidized child care as designated by the ELC until July 31, 2015 when the ELC issued a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of administration services, including those for Subsidized Child Care. The ELC awarded the agreement to Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc. (BRHPC).

On August 17, 2015, the Purchasing Director approved BRHPC as the sole reasonable source to provide subsidized childcare services. On September 1, 2015 (Item No. 32, Resolution 2015-420), the Board approved funding in the total amount of \$2,342,795, designating \$1,727,564 for the provision of Child Care Subsidies and other supportive services for low-income families and \$615,231 for Child Care Subsidies and other supportive services for children with special needs from low-income families.

On August 22, 2017 (Item No. 12) the Board approved the Human Services Department request to renew the BRHPC agreement in the total annual amount of \$2,342,795 to provide child care subsidies for low income families and for children with special needs from low-income families. Agreement renewal preparations began in accordance with the guidelines expressed in the agreement shell and effective October 1, 2017.

On September 21, 2017, the ELC notified Broward County of a decision to incorporate administration of child care services into their operations effective October 1, 2017 and that BRHPC would no longer administer the subsidized child care programs (Exhibit 3). As a result, the renewal agreement with BBHC was not executed and the process began for a new agreement with ELC for the provision of subsidized state child care services. On October 30, 2017, the Community Partnerships Division requested a new sole reasonable source designation memorandum from the Purchasing Division.