

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION

Children's Services Administration Section

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August 17, 2018

Mayor Beam Furr Broward County Governmental Center 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 421 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Mayor Furr:

As the Chair of the Children's Services Board (CSB) and pursuant to the Broward County Advisory Board Policies as revised in April 2010, we are pleased to request your approval of the CSB's funding recommendations in the Human Services Department's funding resolution for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19).

The new contracted services on the exhibit attached to the resolution were advertised by the Human Services Department (HSD) in the FY19 Request for Proposals (RFP). Following receipt of the proposals by the Department, there was an extensive review process by staff and community experts in each service category. On August 17, 2018, the CSB unanimously supported funding recommendations for new contracted services to be sent for final approval by the Broward County Commission. At its meeting on August 17, 2018, the CSB unanimously supported increasing renewal funding for specific contracts in FY19 based on community need, prior utilization and performance, and available funds not allocated in the FY19 RFP process. These recommendations have also been incorporated in the exhibit. Contracted services recommended as renewals under Children's Services were also approved by the CSB after similar funding processes during prior fiscal years.

The CSB strongly supports these recommendations and hopes that they meet with your approval.

Please know that the CSB recognizes all that the Broward County Commission does to improve quality of life for children in our community. Thank you for your commitment to Broward County's Children and your steadfast support for services that adhere to high standards and lead to positive outcomes for children.

Sincerely,

Karen Swartzbaugh Ghezzi, Chair

Broward County Children's Services Board

cc: Broward County Board of County Commissioner Bertha Henry, County Administrator