



## Board of Directors Meeting

October 8, 2009

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers: Request to Accept Funds for Evaluation Contract

Item IV.A

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<b>Recommended Action:</b>	<b>Approve Receipt of Funds to Evaluate Pinellas 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC)</b>
<b>Issue:</b>	<b>Document and Communicate the Effectiveness and Impact of Programs</b>
<b>Program:</b>	<b>Out-of-School-Time Programs</b>
<b>Budget Impact:</b>	<b>Increase the Grant Revenue Budget for the Office of Resource Development by \$2,152 in FY08/09 and \$23,667 in FY09/10. Transfer the same amount in Ad Valorem Revenue budget for the salary in the Office of Resource Development to the Community Priorities budget for the respective fiscal years.</b>
<b>Strategic Plan Goal:</b>	<b>Children's Success in School</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approve the request to accept the Grant Revenue for an evaluation in an amount up to \$25,819, to be allocated as \$2,152 in FY08/09 and \$23,667 in FY09/10, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement with Coordinated Child Care. The Revenue Budget for the Office of Resource Development will increase respectively for the fiscal years. Since the salary expenditure budget is currently budgeted by Ad Valorem Revenue, that Ad Valorem Revenue can be transferred to increase the Community Priorities budget for the respective fiscal years.

**Background:** CCC desires to contract with JWB to conduct an external evaluation of both 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC projects led by Starr Silver, Ph.D. The contract is retroactively dated from August 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 to conform to the FDOE contract with CCC. The amount of the contract is \$25,819. A process and outcome evaluation will be conducted. Contract deliverables include a semi-annual and annual report on student achievement in math, science, and language arts, parent involvement, and periodic reports on student recruitment, enrollment, and attendance. The JWB-funded researcher position at the school and the school system-JWB interagency agreement will be utilized to help assess students' progress.

In April 2009, the JWB Board of Directors approved a 3 year match allocation to support a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant, should it be funded. Soon after that Board action, Coordinated Child Care, Inc. (CCC), the grant applicant, learned that the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) was encouraging applicants to submit more than one application where feasible. CCC submitted two applications that focus on middle-school students, with one providing services in school settings and the other providing services at community-based sites located near the middle schools.

On August 19, 2009, Coordinated Child Care, Inc. (CCC) was awarded \$731,530 from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for Year 1 implementation of both 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC projects (\$558,900 and \$172,530 for the school- and community-based programs, respectively). Over the five years of the project, Pinellas County will receive \$3.2 million from the FDOE. The YMCA of the Suncoast (Tarpon Springs), R'Club (Oak Grove), and the YMCA of St. Petersburg (Bay Point) are the providers of the school-based project.

The City of St. Petersburg (Walter Fuller Recreation Center, serving Azalea Middle) and the YMCA of St. Petersburg (Childs Park YMCA, also serving Azalea Middle) are providers of the community-based project. All five sites will employ certified teachers to support student learning and development. All sites also will provide tutoring, mentoring, academic enrichment, recreational activities, and will engage adult family members of students who participate on a regular basis.

Substantial community partnership was critical for developing competitive grant applications. CCC developed a consortium that included out-of-school time providers, JWB staff, and a representative from Pinellas County Schools. School staff (Donna Rippley, Director of Early Childhood Education; Dr. Behrokh Ahmadi, Director of Evaluation, Department of Research and Accountability; and JoAnn Goldrich, Special Projects Office) assisted the consortium in numerous ways. This included providing access to middle school principals so consortium members could describe the program and gauge principals' interest in a timely manner. School staff also provided technical assistance on procedures for data collection at the district and school levels. The Office of Resource Development (ORD) staff worked closely with school staff to meet substantial FDOE requirements for collecting and using students' data while minimizing additional demands on middle school teachers.

ORD staff was directly involved in developing the grant applications. Staff initially outreached to Coordinated Child Care regarding its interest in applying for this grant, attended weekly meetings over a two-month period, obtained and analyzed data from JWB's Research staff to identify middle schools with high proportions of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch, and organized and presented data to the consortium. ORD staff developed and wrote the evaluation plan and, in response to a request by FDOE, also reviewed grant applications. Contract Management, Finance & Research staff also contributed to program design and student data collection efforts.

21<sup>st</sup> CCLC is a \$1.1 billion U.S. Department of Education grant program that provides funding through state formula grants. In 2008, the Florida DOE had 79 applications and made 20 awards. Although Pinellas County Schools and community providers have explored pursuing this grant opportunity since 2007, a number of challenges prohibited moving forward on this initiative in years past. Doug Oakes, Assistant Executive Director of CCC and his team are to be commended for their work.

The allocation from JWB was made when only one program application was planned. The amount that CCC received for both grants (total) was \$731,430, slightly higher than what was anticipated and listed in the attachment to the April 2009 Board memo. The amount of the JWB allocation has been distributed across the two grants in proportion to their total amounts. In the attachment that follows, the amount of the award has been revised to reflect the grant award from the Florida DOE.

**Item XXX - Attachment**

<b>Grant Year</b>	<b>DOE Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Service Period</b>	<b>Funding Source &amp; Amount</b>	<b>JWB Fiscal Year and Amount</b>
<b>1</b>	July 2009 - June 2010	School Year 2009-2010	DOE \$731,430 JWB 5,040	JWB FY 2008 - 2009 = \$5,040 (Nutrition for August & September of 2009 School Year)
<b>2</b>	July 2010 - June 2011	Summer 2010 School Year 2010-2011	DOE \$731,430 JWB 89,865	JWB FY 2009 - 2010 = \$ 89,865 (Nutrition for October 2009 - May 2010 School Year + Summer 2010 + August & September of 2010 School Year)
<b>3</b>	July 2011 - June 2012	Summer 2011 School Year 2011-2012	DOE \$585,144 JWB 124,865	JWB FY 2010 - 2011 = \$ 124,865 (Nutrition for October 2010 - May 2011 School Year + Summer 2011 + August & September of 2011 School Year) = \$89,865 Program Sustainability (July 2011 – September 2011) = \$35,000
<b>4</b>	July 2012 - June 2013	Summer 2012 School Year 2012-2013	DOE \$585,144 JWB 229,865	JWB FY 2011 - 2012 = \$229,865 (Nutrition for October 2011 - May 2012 School Year + Summer 2012 + August & September of 2012 School Year) = \$89,865 Program Sustainability (October 2011 - September 2012) = \$140,000
<b>5</b>	July 2013 - June 2014	Summer 2013 School Year 2013-2014	DOE \$585,144 JWB 229,865	JWB FY 2012 - 2013 = \$ 229,865 (Nutrition for October 2012 - May 2013 School Year + Summer 2013 + August & September of 2014 School Year) = \$89,865 Program Sustainability (October 2012 – September 2013) = \$140,000
			DOE -- JWB \$ 126,840	JWB FY 2013 - 2014 = \$ 126,840 (Nutrition for October 2013 - May 2014 School Year) = \$21,840 Program Sustainability (October 2013 - June 2014) = \$105,000  <b>Grant ends June 2014.</b>
<b>Total:</b>			<b>DOE \$3,218,292 JWB 806,340</b>	