

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY (CSCMC)

Finance Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 27, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

Laura Haase (Executive Director) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Dr. Jodie Certosimo  
Douglas Mustapick  
Sarah Heard  
Sue Kinane  
Tom Whittington  
Darlene VanRiper

Public Present: N/A

Staff Present: Laura Haase (Executive Director), Cara Good (Director of Program Operations), Zackery Hackley (Director of Finance), Christine Georges (Administrative Services Manager), Jennifer Carter (Finance Manager), and Brandon Febres (Accounts Payable Specialist)

#### I. Preliminary Budget Proposal for FY: 2026-2027

The Finance/Program Committee received a presentation from Zackery Hackley, Director of Finance, regarding the preliminary FY 2026–2027 budget proposal.

Staff and committee members reviewed the proposed budget, including projected revenues, expenditure assumptions, and the proposed millage rate of 0.3618. The preliminary budget includes a proposed 5% increase to continuing program contracts to support existing service providers and maintain service capacity for children and families in Martin County. In addition, the budget reflects the Council's previously approved recommendation to increase funding categories in the FY 2026–2027 Request for Proposals by up to 20% to address growing community needs and service demand.

The preliminary budget was prepared using taxable value estimates provided through the January 2026 Ad Valorem Assessments Estimating Conference conducted by the Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

Committee members discussed the proposal and expressed support for advancing the preliminary FY 2026–2027 budget to the full Council for approval. Committee members noted that timely approval of the preliminary budget is important so staff can begin preparing and negotiating provider contracts for the upcoming fiscal year, including incorporating the

proposed 5% increase to continuing contracts and the potential funding increases reflected in the FY 2026–2027 RFP.

Committee members acknowledged that the budget is preliminary and that final figures are expected to change upon receipt of certified taxable values from the Martin County Property Appraiser on or before July 1, 2026.

II. Other

**No Discussion.**

As no further discussion existed, the meeting was adjourned by Laura Haase (Executive Director) at 3:48 p.m.

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Dr. Jodie Certosimo, Chair

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Laura Haase, Executive Director