



Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

October 6, 2023

The Children's Services Advisory Board of Manatee County, Florida, annual retreat was held at the Manatee Community Foundation, 2820 Manatee Ave West, Bradenton, Florida, on Friday, October 6, 2023, at 8:30am.

Roll Call

Present: Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Hon. Scott Brownell, Jannon Pierce, Gina Messenger, Melissa Leslie, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, Kelly Hunt, Constance Charles-Logan; **Absent/Excused:** Debbie Tapp; **Absent/Unexcused:** Janet Vestal.

Also Present: County Staff: Kristi Hagen, Johanna Beville, Melissa Bomar, Brenda Marquez Facio, and Tracie Adams; Members of Manatee County Commission: Amanda Ballard; Facilitator: Robyn Faucy; Members of the Public: Julia Robertson, Rachel Spivey, Susan Ford, Alexdrena Green, Lane Ruise.

Welcome, Ice Breaker and Introductions

Kristi Hagen launched the retreat at 8:45 a.m. explained the activities for the day. Johanna Beville facilitated an ice breaker activity for CSAB Members. At the conclusion of the ice breaker Robyn Faucy was introduced as the CSAB retreat facilitator for the day.

Define High-Functioning Advisory Board

Robyn Faucy introduced herself and shared her role with Results First. Robyn initiated a discussion amongst the CSAB Members concerning the characteristics of a high-functioning advisory board. Discussion ensued between CSAB Members and Robyn, covering topics such as the importance of arriving to meetings on time, coming prepared for meetings, and possessing a comprehensive grasp of their responsibilities as advisory board members and recognizing the significant of the tasks they perform.

Results First

Robyn Faucy provided an overview of Results First which included what an organization achieves for its clients with actionable tools they need to define, track, verify, report, and how to significantly increase results for those they serve. Discussion ensued between CSAB Members and Robyn covering topics such as the importance of accurate result measurement, quality vs quantitative results, organizational gains, and the disparities between provided funding and actual outcomes.

Lunch

During the lunch break, Connie Shingledecker provided a video and presented on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). She distributed an example of an ACE assessment to CSAB members to complete as a learning exercise. Mrs. Shingledecker shared ACE statistics and potential community needs with CSAB Members.

Review/Discuss Application

Robyn Faucy provided CSAB members with a mock investment application she previously completed for teaching purposes. She provided instructions concerning scoring certain areas of the application and encouraged members to utilize the scoring guidance provided. CSAB Members were then called upon to provide their score for given areas and to provide reasoning for scoring it the way that they did. Robyn then engaged the CSAB Members in an open discussion concerning the importance of scoring continuity and not using personal experiences or biases in determining scores.

Priorities Discussion

CSAB Members deliberated the future possibility of merging Priority 1 and Priority 2 into a unified category under the broader umbrella of Child Welfare. Open discussion ensued amongst the members, and it was determined that this consolidation would not alter the already existing targets. CSAB members raised the idea of introducing a fresh priority focused on Child Health and Safety. Further discussion on these matters is scheduled to continue at the CSAB meeting scheduled for October 18, 2023. Members were encouraged and advised to be prepared to bring their thoughts and ideas concerning this matter to engage in further exploration of these possibilities for the FY25 funding cycle.

Public Comment

Rachel Spivey provided remarks of appreciation to the CSAB and Children's Team.

Susan Ford welcomed the new CSAB members to their respective positions.

Lane Ruise provided remarks of appreciation regarding the application explanation and looks forward to the possibility of working with Manatee County.

Next Meeting

October 18, 2023 – 3:00 pm, Manatee County Administration Building, Floor 5, Manatee Conference Room

Close

There being no further business, the retreat concluded at 3:20 p.m.

Approved

Connie Shingledecker, Chair

Date