



## Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

April 12, 2023

A meeting of the Children's Services Advisory Board of Manatee County, Florida, was held at the Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Manatee Room on Wednesday April 12, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present** (In Person): Xtavia Bailey, Hon. Scott Brownell, Gina Messenger, Debbie Tapp, Jannon Pierce, Carolann Garafola, (Virtually): Kelly Hunt, Janet Vestal. **Absent/Excused:** Connie Shingledecker, **Absent/Unexcused:** Rita Smith and Susan Miller Kelly.

**Also Present:** County Staff: (In Person) Kristi Hagen, Johanna Beville, Melissa Bomar, and Brenda Marquez Facio (Virtually) LaWanda Timmons; Members of the Public: (In Person) Alexdrena Green, Rachel Spivey, Dawn Bryant, Cori Perry, Kaylen Hage, (Virtually) Zoya Shcherbinina, Elizabeth Brin, Susan Ford, Bridget Harry, Carolyn McBean, Derrick Randall, Francesca Ricciardo, and Becky Canesse.

**Jannon Pierce entered at 3:08 pm**

### Call to Order/Welcome

Xtavia Bailey, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Minutes for April 5, 2023, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carolann Garafola, **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 8, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person): (In Person): Xtavia Bailey, Hon. Scott Brownell, Gina Messenger, Debbie Tapp, Jannon Pierce, Carolann Garafola, (Virtually): Kelly Hunt, Janet Vestal.

**Janet Vestal entered virtually at 3:10 pm**

### Discussion of Investment Applications

The CSAB members had an open discussion on the review process and scoring. Six programs reviewed and listed below. Concerns or questions voiced are noted.

- AMIkids Manatee Prevention Program - AMIkids Manatee: *Initial CSAB members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning. CSAB members will consider as a priority by member consensus.*
  - *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*
- Girls Alternative for Success Program (GAPS) - Just for Girls: *Initial CSAB members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning. CSAB members will consider as a priority by member consensus.*

- *Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB members determined it will be considered for an increase by member consensus.*
- Stepping-Up to Success (SUS) - Just for Girls: *Initial CSAB members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning. CSAB members will consider as a priority by member consensus.*
  - *Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB members determined it may be considered for an increase by member consensus.*
- Alternative Path to Success (APS) - Next Generation Academics, Inc.: *Initial CSAB members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning. CSAB members will consider as a priority by member consensus.*
  - *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*
- An Uprising in the Village (AUV) - The D. L. Randall Foundation, Inc.: *Initial CSAB members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning. CSAB will consider as a priority by member consensus.*
  - *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*
- Before and After School, Summer Enrichment Plus (BASE+) - United Community Centers, Inc.: *Initial CSAB members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning. CSAB members will consider as a priority by member consensus.*
  - *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*

## Staff Updates

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- If CSAB members are looking for the zoom link and cannot find it, please utilize the county website in the calendar of events on the Children's Services page (under Community and Veterans Services Department)
- Staff are not tracking which questions CSAB members have been asking during the discussion of investment applications and will not be provided answers. CSAB members will have the opportunity to provide any standing questions to Kristi via email by May 5 for agency response before the recommendation meetings.
- Reviewed Staff are working to gather and compile the following information for program investment applications in preparation for the Recommendation Meetings:
  - Priority if selected
  - If they may be considered for increase based on the first two boxes on the guide and the reason for increase
    - During the buffer meeting CSAB members will need to review all applications that were approved as "may be considered" (through the first two boxes) to determine if increases will be accepted during the Recommendation meetings

- Pros and cons of the program based on responses to application questions, community need, etc.
- General comments
- Score and Rank
- Request amount for FY24
- Awarded amount for FY23
- Result Statement(s)

LaWanda Timmons provided the following updates:

- Reviewed recent compliance visits for the Early Learning Coalition's following programs and there was nothing of concern noted during the observations:
  - Early Care and Education Subsidy and Match
  - Nemours Reading BrightStart!
  - Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH)

Johanna Beville provided the following updates:

- FY23 quarter 2 requirements are in the process of being submitted by programs and are due on 4/30/23.
- Observed Florida Department of Health, Child & Family Well-Being System Coordinator acting in his role by providing the following trainings during the 2023 Safe Children's Coalition Conference:
  - What's Taking the Lives of Children; an overview of the top three preventable child deaths in circuit 12
  - Handle with Care Florida: a review of the statewide trauma informed response to child maltreatment and child exposure to violence.
- Reviewed recent compliance visits for the following programs and there was nothing of concern noted during the observations:
  - Take Stock- Mentoring Matters
  - PACE Center for Girls- Pregnancy Prevention
  - Just for Girls- SUS for a follow up for their 1<sup>st</sup> Result's 4<sup>th</sup> Milestone verification method

Melissa Bomar provided the following updates:

- Reviewed recent compliance visits for the following programs and there was nothing of concern noted during the observations:
  - Replay Outreach- Success4Life
  - United Community Centers- Base+
- Fiscal Reviews are mostly complete for all assigned programs except for Manatee Children's Services Kids Personal Safety Program which is scheduled for May.

### **New/Old Business**

Hon. Judge Brownell requested an update on the vacant CSAB member positions. Kristi Hagen shared the Department of Children and Families Representative potential candidate felt they would not be able to meet the requirements and the position remains vacant. Discussion ensued amongst the CSAB members on the currently vacant positions (DCF representative and Physician).

Johanna Beville shared an update on the Early Learning Coalition's Unique Identification Number (FLEILD's) for students. While this was a project the Early Learning Coalition was working on (ELC had issued over 15,000 FLEID's and have those students to track), the Department of Education has now committed to this task for the entire state. The Early Learning Coalition believes continuing to work on this project at the local level would not be prudent to their other duties as it is duplication. The Early Learning Coalitions is awaiting a universal system from the state and guidance from them on the roll-out. Department of Education is also working on a Warehouse to include Early Learning data which we believe will provide insight into the long-term impact of VPK programs.

In addition, the Early Learning Coalition as has been undergoing many changes since the Office of Early Learning (their former governing body) became the Division of Early Learning, a subset of the Department of Education (their new governing body). The Early Learning Coalition is hopeful these changes will create improved alignment, access to student data, and hope it will be arriving soon.

### Public Comment

Agencies who verbally provided a public comment during the meeting were:

(In Person): Drena Green, Rachel Spivey; (Virtually): Carolyn McBean, Derrick Randall, and Becky Canesse.

- Drena Green, Just for Girls: Spoke on the targets the program aims to serve in their results and provided reasoning as to why not all clients served are tracked or measured in the results. Provided additional information on the literary result and how the services and milestones serve to improve literary gains. Thanked the CSAB members for their time and dedication.
- Rachel Spivey, Early Learning Coalition: Addressed the questions asked during last CSAB Meeting concerning Every Child Counts Program. Spoke on the history and reasoning for the funding request. Thanked the CSAB members for their time, consideration, and ongoing support of the local not for profits
- Carolyn McBean, AMLkids Manatee: Spoke on the difference between what program reported in the portal at the end of FY22 and what was in the application.
- Derrick Randall, D.L. Randall and United Community Center: Spoke on the Department of Children and Family Licensing restrictions on the number of children that can be on premise in the building during the school year and the program does not have those restrictions during the summer.
- Becky Canesse, Just for Girls: Thanked the CSAB members, Children's Staff, and her staff for the work they do. Spoke on the literacy services provided, the assessments and measurement tools used, and how the clients measure up to the rest of the students across the district.

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**Next Meeting**

April 19, 2023 – 3:00 pm, Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Manatee/Osprey Rooms, 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Approved**

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Connie Shingledecker, Chair

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Date