



Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

May 24, 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, 5th Floor Manatee Room on Wednesday May 24, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present (In Person): Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Janet Vestal, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, (Virtually): None. **Absent/Excused:** None; **Absent/Unexcused:** None.

Also Present: County Staff: (In Person) Tracie Adams, Kristi Hagen, Johanna Beville, Melissa Bomar, Brenda Marquez Facio, (Virtually) LaWanda Timmons, Members of Manatee County Commission: (In Person) None, (Virtually) None; Members of the Public: (In Person) Alexdrena Green, Deirdre Guilloton, Char Young, Rachel Spivey, Beth Clark, Dawn Bryant, Linda Hedrick, Dwan Stanhope, Kaylen Hage, Sandra Richendollar, Kim Kutch, Kelly Benford, Katie Becker, Tari Allen, Bridget Harry, Kathy Patreka, Anna Cismesia, Lane Ruise, Christi Haley, Amy Yount, Lawrence Rose (Virtually) Claudia Glover, Nathan Scott, Kimberly Kutch, Amanda Corcoran, Tammy Dillon, Eugenia Gainers, Becky McDonough, Altagracia Lajara, Ciara Cosby, Elena Costella, Sean Gingras, Celeste Martens, Sheena Canniff, Mary Hughes, Jocina Newsome, Sean Staffieri, Megan Smith, Becky Canesse, Jennifer Powers, Susan Cappiello, Ebony King, Julia Robertson, Lisa Davis, Cheryl Andrews, Kelly Beavers, Dana Maassen, Emma Ballantine, Veronica Valery, Kim Stephey, Derrick Randall, Denise McGirr, Pam Hodge, Becky McDonough, Larry Rose, Peter Murawski, Susan Ford, Zach Shane, Melinda Thompson, and Zoya Shcherbinina.

Call to Order/Welcome

Connie Shingledecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Review of the Boys & Girls Club's Corrective Action Plan

Melissa Bomar shared an update on the Boys & Girls Club Corrective Action Plan for the Great Futures Start Here and The Club Programs for FY23 with the CSAB Members. Discussion ensued amongst the CSAB Members concerning the corrective action plan for both programs and the impact it has on the requested increase in funding for FY24.

Motion: Consider the Boys & Girls Club requested funding increase for the Great Futures and The Club-Teen Programs for FY24, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Rita Smith, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Janet Vestal, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Public Comment:** Dawn Stanhope, Boys & Girls Club: Provided a timeline on the challenges the program has faced and their ongoing communications and work with staff from November 2022 to present to resolve the issues.

CSAB Members reviewed both programs' increase in funding request for FY24 utilizing the CSAB Decisions Making Guide- Request for Increased Investment. It was determined, by member consensus, for the CSAB Members to consider the Boys & Girls Club's requested funding increase for the Great Futures and The Club-Teen Programs for FY24

Recommendations- Increase Considerations

Connie Shingledecker reviewed the documents provided to the CSAB Members including the ranking of the scores for programs who requested increases and were previously eligible to be considered for increase. Mrs. Shingledecker introduced the option to provide recommendations in order of rank. For any of the programs who scored 85 and above they will be considered as a high score and can be included in rationale for funding. Discussion ensued and CSAB Members agree by member consensus.

FY24 Increase Investment Recommendations

Motion Number: 57 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$11,375 for a total funding amount of \$53,875 for Program standing #1, Florida Department of Health - Sarasota, Child and Family Well-Being Policy Coordination Program **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Debbie Tapp **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** Sandra Richendollar, Florida Department of Health-Sarasota: Provided background on all the duties, responsibilities, and services the Child and Family Well-Being Policy Coordinator provides to Manatee County, and the entire 12th Judicial Circuit.

Motion Number: 58 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$17,780 for a total funding amount of \$285,000 for Program standing #3, Exchange Club Family Partnership Center of Manatee County, Inc. d.b.a. Parenting Matters, Parent Partner Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 59 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$8,000 for a total funding amount of \$33,000 for Program standing #5, Meals On Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Inc., Emergency Family Food and Baby Baskets Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Jannon Pierce **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 60 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$48,750 for a total funding amount of \$798,750 for Program standing #6, Centerstone of Florida, Children's Community Action Treatment (CAT) Team Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly

Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 61 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$7,140 for a total funding amount of \$116,986 for Program standing #7, Centerstone of Florida, Sexual Assault (Rape Crisis) Child Advocacy and Therapy Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 62 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$58,848 for a total funding amount of \$243,124 for Program standing #8, Pace Center for Girls, Manatee, Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Project Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 63 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$20,000 for a total funding amount of \$250,000 for Program standing #9, Foundation for Dreams, Dream Oaks Camp Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Connie Shingledecker **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 64 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$15,856 for a total funding amount of \$367,566 for Program standing #11, Safe Children Coalition, Inc, Child Welfare Prevention Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 65 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$27,178 for a total funding amount of \$126,500 for Program standing #12, Insight Counseling Services, Inc., SOAR (Sexual Offense & Abuse Rehabilitation), **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Debbie Tapp **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 66 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$132,192 for a total funding amount of \$922,192 for Program standing #15, Manatee Children's Services, Child Advocacy Center, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 10-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 1- Debbie Tapp,, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 67 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$89,579 for a total funding amount of \$433,329 for Program standing #17, Step Up Suncoast, Healthy Families- Manatee, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Jannon Pierce **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 68 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$41,373 for a total funding amount of \$350,455 for Program standing #19, Family Resources, Inc., CERTAIN (Community Effort to Reduce Truancy by Assessing Individualized Needs), **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 69 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$60,786 for a total funding amount of \$668,645 for Program standing #22, Just for Girls, Girls Alternative Program to Success (GAPS), **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 7-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, , Carolann Garafola, No = 4- Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Gina Messenger, Susan Miller Kelly, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 70 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$4,368 for a total funding amount of \$94,440 for Program standing #24, Easter Seals of Southwest Florida, Children's Therapy, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Kelly Hunt **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 71 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$5,750 for a total funding amount of \$80,750 for Program standing #25, Manatee Children's Services, Kids Personal Safety Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Jannon Pierce **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 72 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$11,565 for a total funding amount of \$242,880 for Program standing #28, HOPE Family Services, Inc., Children's Counseling Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Carolann Garafola **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Susan Miller Kelly exited at 4:31pm

Motion Number: 73 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$11,098 for a total funding amount of \$151,583 for Program standing #29, Palmetto Youth Center, Helping Young People Excel (HYPE), **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Xtavia Bailey, **Vote:** Motion passed **Summary:** Yes = 9- Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Carolann Garafola, No = 1- Debbie Tapp, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 74 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$8,950 for a total funding amount of \$143,060 for Program standing #30, Step Up Suncoast, Collaborative Action Therapy for Children's Health (CATCH), **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11- Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 75 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$104,500 for a total funding amount of \$925,000 for Program standing #31, Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, Great Futures Start Here (Ages 5 - 12), **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey **Seconded by** Rita Smith, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Carolann Garafola, No = 1- Janet Vestal, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Susan Miller Kelly entered at 4:35pm

Motion Number: 76 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$47,382 for a total funding amount of \$136,146 for Program standing #32, Step Up Suncoast, Parents As Teachers (PAT), **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 77 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$77,224 for a total funding amount of \$849,466 for Program standing #36, Just for Girls, Stepping-Up to Success (SUS) Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 7-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Carolann Garafola, No = 4- Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Gina Messenger, Susan Miller Kelly, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 78 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$450,000 for a total funding amount of \$900,000 for Program standing #37, Step Up Suncoast, Head Start/Early Head Start, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 6-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Rita Smith, Carolann Garafola, No = 5- Hon. Scott Brownell, Debbie Tapp, Janet Vestal, Jannon Pierce, Susan Miller Kelly, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** Kathy Patreka, Step Up Suncoast: Thanked the CSAB Members for considering the funding increase request for the program and the CSAB Member's kind words. Spoke on the increase in wages and incentives available for staff working for the program. Feels the program serves the at-risk youth and is deserving of being awarded the

funding increase requested. Amy Yount, Step Up Suncoast: Provided background on the match funding the program receives and clarified other grants have been pursued to fill in the funding gaps where needed. Shared the program relies on the Children's Millage funding as it has been a consistent and reliable source of funding for the program. Reviewed the program results and the challenges the program has experienced with attaining them. Ms. Yount feels the additional funds requested would enable the program to have more supplies and consistent staffing to maintain the ratios needed for the program.

Motion Number: 79 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$28,840 for a total funding amount of \$201,426 for Program standing #38, Step Up Suncoast, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY), **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 80 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$10,061 for a total funding amount of \$150,687 for Program standing #39, Step Up Suncoast, Whole Child Manatee, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 81 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$28,500 for a total funding amount of \$95,000 for Program standing #41, Replay Outreach, Success4Life Training & Mentoring, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 82 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$2,749 for a total funding amount of \$57,732 for Program standing #423, Easter Seals of Southwest Florida, Family Support Services, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Jannon Pierce **Seconded by** Janet Vestal, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 83 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$30,000 for a total funding amount of \$225,000 for Program standing #43, Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, The Club – Teen Program (Ages 13 - 17), **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 10-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 1- Janet Vestal, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 84 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$12,490 for a total funding amount of \$164,000 for Program standing #44, Educational Consultants Consortium, Inc., Iron Sharpening Iron Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie

Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Number: 85 Motion: Recommend requested funding increase in the amount of \$8,479 for a total funding amount of \$138,920 for Program standing #45, Centerstone of Florida, Mental Health Evaluation - Baker Act Youth Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Jannon Pierce **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Approval of FY24 CSAB Funding Recommendations

Motion Number: 86 Motion: Adopt FY24 investment recommendations made on May 22, 2023, and May 24, 2023, totaling \$15,037,966, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Public Comment:** None.

Staff Updates

Melissa Bomar provided the following updates:

- Provided a summary on the status of the Boys & Girls Club programs' Corrective Action Plan.

Johanna Beville provided the following updates:

- Encouraged CSAB Members who wish to visit programs in operation, to contact Kristi Hagen to coordinate accompanying the assigned contract manager on the next scheduled visit.

Brenda Marquez-Facio provided the following updates:

- Step Up Suncoast's HIPPY program will be hosting a graduation ceremony June 9th. They are currently looking for a location and once that is sent there will be a flyer sent out and provided to CSAB Members.
- Safe Children's Coalition's Family Preservation & Reunification program is hosting celebration event for all of the families that have been reunified by the program. Event is scheduled for July 17, 2023, from 11am to 2pm. This is a private event and if CSAB Members are interested in attending they should reach out to Kristi Hagen for additional details.

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- Melissa Leslie was appointed to the Children's Services Advisory Board as the Department of Children and Families representative by the Board of County Commissioners during a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

New/Old Business

Xtavia Bailey voiced her appreciation for all Mrs. Connie Shingledecker does by serving in her role as chair of the CSAB. Mrs. Bailey also shared the following new business:

1. Her children's books are launching soon, and she will be bringing copies of the books for the CSAB Members to the July CSAB Meeting.
2. She was recently hired on as a consultant to a not for profit in St. Petersburg that also works with the Hillsborough Children's Services. Spoke on the process for the other counties being different and her appreciation for the process continuing to improve in Manatee County.

Public Comment

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

(In Person): None; (Virtually): Altagracia Lajara Paredes, Becky Canesse, and Melinda Thompson.

- Altagracia Lajara Paredes, Step Up Suncoast: Thanked the CSAB Members for all of their support for all of the Step Up Suncoast Programs. Invited CSAB Members to attend the HIPPY graduation event to see how the community is supporting the program and how HIPPY gives back to the community.
- Becky Canesse, Just for Girls: Thanked the CSAB Members for their time and hard work invested on behalf of all the at-risk children in the community. Expressed her appreciation to be living in a community where the taxpayers care about the most vulnerable children of the community in such a generous way. Spoke on plans to honor the trust instilled in the agency to properly steward the awarded funds necessary to continue to do impactful work, with amazing results that are changing lives and saving these children from some of the hardships they have endured.
- Melinda Thompson, Manatee Children's Services: Thanked the CSAB Members and the staff. Shared she knows what a massive undertaking this is to go through the funding review and recommendation process and voiced her appreciation for all involved. Invited any CSAB Members to come on site to view the programs offered.

Next Meeting

May 25, 2023 – 3:00 pm, Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Manatee/Osprey Rooms, 5th floor.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Approved

Connie Shingledecker, Chair

Date

