



## Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

September 20, 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 September 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

**Also Present:** County Staff: (In Person) Kristi Hagen, LaWanda Timmons, Melissa Bomar, and Brenda Marquez Facio (Virtually) Johanna Beville; Members of Manatee County Commission: (In Person) Amanda Ballard (Virtually) None; Members of the Public: (In Person) Nathan Scott, Andrea Doggett, Rachel Spivey, Blake Neathery, Sonya Johnson, Alexdrena Green, (Virtually) Beth Clark, Francesca Ricciardo, Pam Hodge, Susan Ford, Becky Canesse and Kim Ross.

### Call to Order/Welcome

Connie Shingledecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Minutes for July 19, 2023, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Debbie Tapp **Seconded by** Xtavia Bailey, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person): Debbie Tapp, Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Hon. Scott Brownell, Gina Messenger, Melissa Leslie, Constance Charles-Logan (Virtually): None.

### Parents 4 Parents (P4P) Presentation

Nathan Scott, Blake Neathery, and Sonya Johnson provided a presentation on Parents 4 Parents (P4P) program. The program is designed as a peer support model to bridge the gap between case management and parents with families who have been separated. Other information shared included details on the services provided, demographics of client's served, and hopes for future impacts. Circuit 12 P4P program data was shared from December 1, 2022, to present there were 107 intakes, 55 dependency cases, 101 classes, and 541 Mentoring session with parents.

Open discussion ensued among the Presenters, CSAB Members and Commissioner Ballard on investments, funding, and measurements.

***Jannon Peirce entered at 3:28 pm during the presentation.***

### United Way Suncoast Presentation

Andrea Doggett provided a presentation to the CSAB Members providing an overview of the services United Way Suncoast provides to Manatee County, the School Board of Manatee

County, and other local programs on grade-level reading. She shared the Manatee Early Learning Map and highlighted areas of need and support. Andrea reviewed the data from the ALICE report including family qualifications, community conditions, dollars invested, number of strategic community partners, focus areas, volunteer, state of Early Learning, reading rates by demographics, eviction and housing, Early Learning initiative, United Way Suncoast Programs and the eviction and housing dollar amounts.

Open discussion ensued amongst Ms. Doggett and the CSAB Members on possible ways to track the student's progress, phases, data, and the gaps existing in the community.

### **Subcommittee Update/Application/Review Process Survey**

Kristi Hagan provided a summary on all that has transpired with the Application Review Process Survey Subcommittee. Kristi shared that revisions being made to the FY25 application as a result of the recommendations made by the subcommittee and staff thus far. The committee would like to continue working with on the application and review process.

### **Subcommittee Update/ Retreat**

Kristi Hagan reviewed the agenda items for the CSAB Retreat. It has been determined Robyn Faucy-Washington of Results First will be facilitating the retreat and will also be providing a presentation and overview of Results First. The annual retreat will be held on October 6, 2023, at the Manatee Community Foundation.

### **Subcommittee Update/Sleep Baby Safely Initiative**

Connie Shingledecker provided a summary on all that has transpired during the Sleep Baby Safely subcommittee meetings. She shared the example packets that will be provided to families from first responders as well as a second packet will be given to the hospitals and physicians. She shared detail including the dates the subcommittee met, the investment packet, the investment amount is still being discussed, and the application for investment would utilize a variation of the Results as Services application for nonprofit organizations. The subcommittee had determined the application will be postponed until all details for the initiative are determined.

The goal date of Tuesday, November 14, 2023, was determined in order to bring the details of the need for the initiative, to request permission for investment, and to receive applications to review for implementation to the Board of County Commissioner. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2023.

### **Staff Updates**

Melissa Bomar provided the following updates:

- Continues to work on the Children's Services Annual Plan for 2025 and will provide an update during the CSAB meeting scheduled for October 18, 2023. Priorities will need to be reviewed by CSAB members at this meeting.
- Both Corrective Action Plans have been completed for Boys & Girls Club:
  - Great Futures Start Here has implemented Lexia Core for their literacy assessment. This assessment will allow the program to report their own literacy tracking and scoring.
  - Teen Program has implemented an entirely new binder and curriculum with their new staff.

Brenda Marquez-Facio provided the following updates:

- Respectfully requested CSAB Members complete their Retreat Menu selections and turn the form into her before the end of the meeting.

Johanna Beville provided the following updates:

- Completed last Compliance Observation Visit for Take Stock's Mentoring Matters program with no findings of concern.
- Completed secondary observation visit for Family Resources SafePlace2B.
- Scheduled to complete secondary observation visit for Easter Seals Family Support this evening.

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- Shared the CSAB Meeting calendar for FY24 as today is the last meeting for FY23.
- Staff are working on agreement drafting, the final budget hearing was held last night and FY24 investments have been finalized for Children's Millage.
- Shared how agreements will be executed by Manatee County:
  - Agreements with investment amount award of \$500,000 or more will be reviewed during a Board of County Commission meeting for final review and will be executed by the chairman of the BOCC pending results of the vote.
  - Agreements with investment amount awards less than \$500,000 will be executed by the County Administrator or Designee of County Administrator pending results of the vote.

## **New Business**

Judge Brownell shared he is willing to provide a more in-depth explanation on dependency cases of all they entail at a later date if the CSAB Members are interested.

Debbie Tapp shared her thoughts and recommendations for the CSAB's Investment Increase Decision Making Guide and introduced the option of utilizing a tiered system for investment increases. She provided a handout of her proposal and encouraged members to think about it and discuss at a future meeting or the upcoming retreat. Open discussion ensued amongst the members on Mrs. Tapp's proposal.

## **Public Comment**

(In Person): None; (Virtually): Becky Canesse.

Becky Canesse, Just for Girls: Shared she wanted to follow-up on the discussion had during today's meeting on the increases. She shared her concerns and questions about her belief in the way in which the BOCC approved the funding amounts for FY23. She stated the 7% increase in investments provided by the CSAB to the BOCC is desperately needed by the programs, but the agreements were written without the 7% increase included. Feels the issue needs to be revisited and shared her gratitude for the CSAB Member's recognition of how important increases are to the programs.

Xtavia Bailey shared she will be sending information out for volunteers to read to clients of the Blue Butterfly Program. Shared the volunteers are providing a valuable service to the clients and that the program is serving 100 kids during the summer. Mrs. Bailey spoke on how phenomenal the program is.

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**Next Meeting**

Retreat on October 6, 2023 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Manatee Community Foundation, 2820 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34205.

Regular Meeting on October 18, 2023, 3:00 p.m., Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34205

**Adjourn**

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

**Approved**

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Connie Shingledecker, Chair

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