



## Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

April 20, 2022

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 20, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present** (In Person): Debbie Tapp, Connie Shingledecker, Hon. Scott Brownell, Jennifer Hamey, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Kutch, Kelly Hunt, Jannon Pierce, and Rita Smith (Virtually): None.

**Absent/Excused:** Xtavia Bailey; **Absent/Unexcused:** George VanBuren.

Also Present: County Staff: (In Person), Kristi Hagen, LaWanda Timmons, Charles Lee, Chris Handy-Honeycutt, and Johanna Beville; Members of the Public: (In Person) Char Young, Laurel Lynch, Jonathan Evans, Dawn Bryant, Bridget Harry, Drena Green, Brenda Critchfield, Amy Wick Mavis, Renita Houston, Conrad Szymanski, Danielle Visone, Christi Haley, Kelly Benford, (Virtually) Lisa Davis, Becky Canesse, Leticia Veliz, Katrina Bellemare, Sean Staffieri, Debbie Mason, Susan Cappiello, Ruth Ann Szymanski, Michelle Wieser, Susan Ford, Renee Simon, Derrick Randall, and Ann Fries.

### Call to Order/Welcome

Debbie Tapp, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Minutes for April 13, 2022, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Connie Shingledecker, **Seconded by** Kimberly Kutch, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person): Debbie Tapp, Connie Shingledecker, Hon. Scott Brownell, Jennifer Hamey, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Kutch, Kelly Hunt, Jannon Pierce, and Rita Smith.

### Discussion of Investment Applications

The CSAB Members had an open discussion on the review process and scoring. Eight programs reviewed and listed below. Concerns or questions voiced were noted.

- Galatians 6:2 dba Avenue 941– Manatee Assisted School Health (MASH) Initiative: *This is a new program applying for funding from the Manatee County Children's Millage. Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Youth reduce their existing literacy gap towards developmentally appropriate literacy skills as determined through use of an objective method. CSAB Members will consider as a priority by members consensus.*

**Susan Miller Kelly entered at 3:13pm**

**Carolann Garafola entered at 3:16pm**

- HOPE Family Services– Children's Counseling Program: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed no priority.*
  - *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*
- Insight Counseling– One to One Mentoring Program: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Youth decrease symptoms of behavioral health issues as identified objectively by a measure of level of functioning as determined by the program. CSAB Members will consider as a priority by members consensus.*
  - *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*
- Pace Center for Girls– Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Project: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Youth decrease symptoms of behavioral health issues as identified objectively by a measure of level of functioning as determined by the program. CSAB Members will consider as a priority by members consensus.*
  - *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*
- United Community Centers– Before and After School, Summer Enrichment Plus (BASE+): *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Youth decrease symptoms of behavioral health issues as identified objectively by a measure of level of functioning as determined by the program. CSAB Members will consider as a priority by members consensus.*
  - *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*
- The DL Randall Foundation– An Uprising in the Village (AUV): *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Youth decrease symptoms of behavioral health issues as identified objectively by a measure of level of functioning as determined by the program. CSAB Members will consider as a priority by members consensus.*
  - *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*
- Children's Home Society of Florida– Manatee Elementary Focus on Literacy: *This is a new program applying for funding from the Manatee County Children's Millage. Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Youth reduce their existing literacy gap towards developmentally appropriate literacy skills as determined through use of an objective method. CSAB Members will consider as a priority by members consensus.*
- Tidewell Hospice– The Blue Butterfly Family Grief Center: *This is a new program applying for funding from the Manatee County Children's Millage. Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
  - *Program claimed priority: Youth decrease symptoms of behavioral health issues as identified objectively by a measure of level of functioning as determined by the program. CSAB Members will consider as a priority by members consensus.*

## Staff Updates

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- Batch 5 final scores due Friday, April 22, 2022.
- Batch 6 questions and initial scores are due today, Wednesday, April 20, 2022.
- Batch 7 will be released tomorrow, Thursday, April 21, 2022 (Final Batch).

- Buffer Meeting scheduled for May 11, 2022.
- No meeting scheduled for May 18, 2022
- Funding Recommendation meetings scheduled for Monday May 23, 2022 (priority programs), and Wednesday May 25, 2022 (other programs).

Charles Lee provided the following updates:

- Shared he was provided a career opportunity outside of Manatee County Government and will be pursuing that. Charles last day is Wednesday, April 27, 2022. He will be working with staff and his representatives from the agencies he currently supports to ensure a smooth transition.

Johanna Beville provided the following updates:

- The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County (ELC) is still working with Manatee County School District to obtain the Florida Educational ID (FLEID) for all Early Learning Coalition children. All children who attend a Manatee Public School receive a number upon kindergarten entry. Children who participate in ELC programs may be assigned the number early to track their progress prior to kindergarten entry through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Currently, most of the Early Learning Coalition children have been assigned their FLEID number. ELC will be requesting ID numbers for new children who enroll in VPK, Nemours, and PALS over the summer.
- Review of recent compliance visits for Early Learning Coalition's Provider, Child, and Family Initiatives (NEMOURS) program and there was nothing of concern noted during the observation.

## New/Old Business

Connie Shingledecker shared the Safe Kid's Day event was successful. There were 12 vendor tables, and a host of providers and government agencies present. University Town Center has asked to host the event again next year.

## Public Comment

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

(In Person): Renita Houston, Conrad Szymanski, Brenda Critchfield, Laurel Lynch, Danielle Visone;  
(Virtually): Lisa Davis and Becky Canesse.

- Renita Houston, Children's Home Society of Florida: Reviewed the local leadership team and spoke on the direct work done in the community and on site. Their grant writer completed the application who was not familiar with the terminology and appreciates the guidance provided for use during the next application.

- Conrad Szymanski, Manatee Elementary: Spoke on Community Partnership Schools and the benefit of having different programs on site and how to route the children to the appropriate program. Spoke on the difference between the Community Partnership Schools program and the Boys and Girls Club programs on the Manatee Elementary School Campus.

- Brenda Critchfield, Avenue 941: Spoke on her background, their behavior challenges impacting children and especially those children coming from unsafe homes. Reviewed the program's aim to have churches in local neighborhoods to provide a safe place for children to receive services. Provided a brief overview of the program and past results. Currently 3 locations are serving 9 schools including elementary, middle, and high school students.

- Laurel Lynch, Hope Family Services: Thanked *CSAB Members* for their kind words and provided an update on HOPE Family Services and an anticipated building specifically for the Children's Counseling program.
- Danielle Visone, Tidewell: Spoke on the Blue Butterfly program already being in operation and the plans to utilize funding to expand the program to more locations serving more children. She thanked *CSAB Members* for their kind words.
- Lisa Davis, Insight Counseling Services: Thanked *CSAB Members* for their praise and understanding of the impact the services provided have on the community. Requested leeway on the funding provided and spoke on the challenges with recruiting and maintaining qualified staff. Voiced her concerns on requesting an increase in funding as the program may not be able to continue to provide services to the community without the additional funding.
- Becky Canesse, Just for Girls Club: Reviewed results for clients who are at risk and spoke on how the Just for Girls programs work collaboratively. Discussed the keys to success for the program including staffing and programming.

### Next Meeting

April 27, 2022 – 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 4:24 p.m.

### Approved

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Debbie Tapp, Chair

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Date