



Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

October 20, 2021

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 October 20, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present (In Person): Hon. Scott Brownell, Jennifer Hamey, Kelly Hunt, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, (Virtually): Connie Shingledecker, Jannon Pierce, and George VanBuren. **Absent/Excused:** Debbie Tapp and Xtavia Bailey
Absent/Unexcused: None.

Also Present: County Staff: (In Person), Kristi Hagen, Chris Handy-Honeycutt, Johanna Beville; Members of the Public: (In Person) Stacey McKee, Char Young, Jody Jester, Robyn Faucy, Beth Clark, Laurel Lynch, Paul Sharff, Kerry Gaylord, Darrell King, Drena Green, Jonathan Evans, (Virtually) Marie O'Connell, Frank Prado, Karen Holman, Chantal Porte, Kyle Teague, Andrea Drlicka, Cori Perry, Sherrie Quevedo, Megan Smith, Charles Lee, and Gabriela Macias.

Call to Order/Welcome

Connie Shingledecker, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for September 8, 2021, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Charlie Kennedy, **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). In Person) Hon. Scott Brownell, Jennifer Hamey, Kelly Hunt, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, and Carolann Garafola, (Virtually) Connie Shingledecker, Jannon Pierce, and George VanBuren.

Shared Results Presentation

Robyn Faucy-Washington, Results First (CEO) and Jody Jester, Bridge a Life (Director of Programs) shared a PowerPoint presentation on the details of shared investing for foster care organizations in Manatee County. The foster care initiative is 3-way partnership between Manatee County Government, United Way of the Suncoast, and Manatee Community Foundation. Robyn reviewed the program targets, participants, approach, common framework, and the results. A follow up document will be provided with the complete summary results.

Manatee County Local Licensing Presentation

Paul Sharff, Early Learning Coalition (CEO) provided a presentation and proposal for local Manatee County childcare licensing. His intent is to set up a new and separate not-for-profit that will accomplish this. He is requesting consideration from the CSAB to provide \$250,000 from Manatee County Government's Children's Services Millage reserve funds. Paul reviewed the benefits of and reasons for this proposal and reviewed the proposed budget. An open discussion ensued. Paul fielded questions posed to him by the CSAB Members. Chantal Porte, FL Dept of Children/Families – Child Care Regulation, spoke on her role and responsibilities and how she and her staff work with the Manatee County providers regarding state standards and statutes in place to maintain safety, including the process a childcare provider goes through to obtain and maintain DCF (Department of Child and

Families) Licensure. Chantel also provided a review of the onsite visits that are conducted, noting that providers are not made aware of when DCF is coming for an inspection, and that there is not a minimum requirement for DCF to go out to each location per year. If there are complaints, follow-up visits are conducted, and locations are visited 2 times.

Motion: The CSAB recommends to the Board Of County Commissioners the initiation of the process to explore the creation of a Manatee County Child Care Licensing Board, pending an opinion from the County Attorney's Office that Manatee County Children's Services Ordinance (Manatee County Code of Ordinances Chapter 2.2 Administration, Article IX, Sec. 2-2-255 – Expenditures Authorized), authorizes funding from the Children's Services millage is allowable spending for such a project,

Action: To Approve, **Moved by** Charlie Kennedy, **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed (Summary: Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 1). **Conflicts:** Kim Kutch is abstaining due to a conflict with Department of Children and Families. **Public Comment:** None.

Nomination and Election of Officers

Nominations were taken from the floor for Chair. Debbie Tapp was the only nomination. **Vote:** Debbie Tapp elected (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

Nominations were taken from the floor for Vice-Chair. Connie Shingledecker was the only nomination. **Vote:** Connie Shingledecker elected (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

George VanBuren exited at 4:36 p.m.

Staff Updates

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- Board Of County Commissioners appointed the following members to the CSAB Members:
 - Debbie Tapp reappointed to serve a 3-year term as the United Way of Manatee County representative – term expiring 9/30/24
 - Kelly Hunt reappointed to serve a 3-year term as the Licensed Mental Health Professional representative – term expiring 9/30/24
 - Kimberly Kutch reappointed to serve a 3-year term as the Department of Children and Families representative – term expiring 9/30/24
 - Susan Miller Kelly appointed to serve a 3-year term as a child advocate – term expiring 9/30/24
 - Carolann Garafola appointed to serve a 3-year term as a child advocate – term expiring 9/30/24
 - Jennifer Hamey appointed to serve a 1-year term as a child advocate – term expiring 9/30/22
- Manatee County Law Seminar will be held virtually on November 20, 2021. CSAB members are required to attend a Sunshine Law and Ethics session annually. The link to register has been provided to CSAB Members. For those unable to attend contact Kristi Hagen for more information.
- Next BOCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2021, all contracts over \$500,000 are requested to be signed by the Board Chair. The process for executing the remaining contracts is to be defined as well.
- Ava Ehde, Neighborhood Services Director has resigned, Lee Washington is the Interim Director.
- Friday, November 5, 2021, the CSAB retreat will be held at Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Manatee/Osprey Rooms, 5th floor beginning at 8:30am.

Chris Handy Honeycutt provided the following updates:

- Family Network on Disabilities is looking to merge with another local agency and will keep the CSAB Members abreast of the situation. As this moves forward, the County Attorney may need to be consulted to determine how this impacts the FY21-22 program investment.

Johanna Beville provided the following updates:

- Site Visits- No program concerns observed during the following observation visits and 4th quarter Results are currently being submitted:
 - Just for Girls SUS (8/30/21) and (GAPS 9/1/21)
 - Step Up Suncoast Parents as Teachers (8/25/21)
 - Step Up Suncoast Healthy Families (9/1/21)
 - Family Resources SafePlace2B (9/21/21)
 - From Cradle to College-Operation W.I.T. (9/22/21)
 - Educational Consultants Consortium (9/23/21)
 - Head Start/Early Head Start (7/28/21)

New/Old Business

Kim Kutch provided and reviewed the documentation on the initiatives by the Department of Children and Families for MyFloridaMyFamily and Hope Florida.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

November 10, 2021 – 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 5:16 p.m.

Approved

Debbie Tapp, Chair

Date