

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

DECEMBER 13, 2017

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, Manatee Room, Bradenton, FL 34205 Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Richard Aubry, Xtavia Bailey, Joanne Hibbs, Pierrette Kelly, Kimberly Kutch, Debbie Tapp, Melanie Teves Bell. **Excused:** Jeremy Giddens, Sharon Jefferson, Gina Messenger, Sandra Stone. **Unexcused:** George VanBuren. **Also Present:** County Staff: Cheri Coryea, Deputy County Administrator; Susan Ford, LaWanda Timmons. Members of Public: Char Young, Becky Canesse, Holly Mulcahy.

### CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Kimberly Kutch, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion:** Minutes for November 15, 2017, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Pierrette Kelly **Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

### STAFF UPDATES

An update on Children's Services staffing levels was provided by Cheri Coryea. Susan, along with a team of other supervisors, conducted interviews and have made selections for all of the vacant positions. They have staggered starting dates, starting on December 18<sup>th</sup> and continuing over the next few weeks. In January you will be meeting all of the new hires and we can share some more information about them at that time.

LaWanda Timmons gave an update on a recent trip she and Susan took to Tallahassee to meet with the Florida Children's Council members. Over a period of two days the Council invited different agency representatives to come and provide updates on policy and any bills that may be of concern or may need support of the Council. Speakers included: Alan Abramowitz, Executive Director of Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office; Christina Daly, Secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice; Barbara Palmer, Director of Agency for Persons with Disabilities; Rodney MacKinnon, Executive Director of the Office of Early Learning; Richard Myhre, Executive Director of Just Read Florida!; Mike Carroll, Secretary of Florida Department of Children and Families; and Michelle Dennard, President & CEO of CareerSource Florida. More details of what was learned will be provided at a future meeting.

### ANNUAL PLAN

Cheri Coryea provided a background and purpose of the Children's Services Annual Plan and asked the board to approve today. The staff collects data throughout the year and prepares for the CSAB retreat to assist the board in establishing your priorities. Susan Ford has worked to bring all those parts together and now will guide us through the final draft version of this part of the plan. Each priority/result data area was reviewed and the following is the summary of changes to be made by section:

Section A: Desired Result: Children will live in stable and nurturing families (page 7)

The indicators in this section are measured statewide quarterly and data is readily available. Kim Kutch stated the selected targets match those set by Florida State University, Center for Prevention & Early Intervention Policy for the Early Childhood Court Program in areas across the state where the program is operating.

Section B: Desired Result: Children are mentally and physically healthy (page 8)

The Baker Act indicator originally selected, after discussion with Melanie Teves Bell (licensed mental health representative), will be replaced by admissions data provided by Centerstone. The data provided for county fiscal year 15/16 was 457 admissions; and for FY16/17 was 492 admissions. Staff will contact Centerstone for Marchman Act admissions data for children to combine with this indicator, which will become the new indicator used for this area in conjunction with the population data for those years and age ranges of those admitted. There is state level suicidal ideation data available for high school students through the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey results report. This data is not available by county, but can be added to the plan as supplemental information.

The WIC recipient indicator measuring BMI data for overweight/obese program participants (ages 2-5) includes a very small population. The target is listed as decrease because the source of the data did not identify a specific level of improvement being sought. Staff will contact Manatee County Rural Health Services and inquire if there is data tracked on the child population they serve in regard to BMI. There is state level data available for high school students through the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey results report. This data is not available by county, but can be added to the plan as supplemental information.

Section C: Desired Result: Children are developmentally and academically ready to succeed in school (page 9)

The two indicators for this section are measured at the school district level and the selected targets for each match the goals of the Superintendent of Manatee County School District. Pierrette Kelly requested that student *iReady* scores be used as a benchmark for results in these areas. *iReady* is an interactive online learning program designed to provide individualized instruction based on each child's unique needs shown in the *iReady* test results. It is given to students starting in Kindergarten through third grade and shows academic progress. The Patterson Foundation and the Manatee School District are using *iReady* results data to improve summer programs. Agencies planning to provide summer reading improvement programs will need to have Manatee School District student ID numbers and work in collaboration with Patterson Foundation to access *iReady* test results for their participants

Section D: Desired Result: Children will live in safe and supportive community environment (page 10)

The bullying indicator is county level data from the 2016 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey report. The target is listed as decrease because the source of the data did not identify a specific level of improvement being sought.

The family management risk level indicator is county level data from the 2016 Florida Substance Abuse Survey report. The target is listed as decrease because the source of the data did not identify a specific level of improvement being sought. This priority was introduced by Jeremy Giddens (law enforcement

representative) at the CSAB retreat. Bradenton Police are seeing youth getting into trouble due to lack of parental supervision.

In general discussion of this area of the Annual Plan, Xtavia Bailey asked if the agencies would be scored on the priority area selected in the application. Susan Ford responded that the agencies will answer a new application question, which asks them to select which one of the indicators their program results will fall under. This answer is used for data sorting and system report purposes; however, it is not used as an area to be scored on the matrix. The agency may select "none of the above" as a response, and is not expected or encouraged to try to move the needle on one of the listed indicators if they do not have the expertise to do so. The desired result areas listed in this plan are basically a replacement for the former purpose categories and will not be included in the application.

Cheri Coryea explained that the Children's Services Ordinance requires a rigid schedule well in advance of the funding process, but that it does not restrict the CSAB to priorities set in the plan. If at the time of application reviews something more prevalent, not known when the plan was adopted, but is concerning to you as a board, it can be considered an investment priority and included in the recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. Also, as has happened in the past, you may see a correlation that ties to indirectly to an indicator in the plan but is not directly addressing the issue, you can consider it an investment priority for recommendations. Susan explained that for issues where there is no set indicator data available, we should rely on the program to measure a program level baseline and compile data for a specific result. Cheri stated this is another transitional year. We are getting closer to where the results-based applications will lead you to the next year's results that you are going to be looking for. There is a full year of results data for the prototype group, while others have not yet determined or measured their results. When the mainstream group applies for investment this year, there will not be much data history available because our staff and Hal Williams are just beginning to work with them, moving them to the new Results First mindset.

**Motion:** Approve the Children's Services Annual Plan for FY18/19 with requested changes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Debbie Tapp, **Seconded by** Melanie Teves Bell. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

#### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Kim Kutch provided information on the new Results First focused funding proposal CSAB review procedures and the scoring matrix, which were written by consultant Hal Williams. Handouts of the procedures and matrix were provided to members. In summary, members will be provided a list of a set number of programs to rate on Friday each week and will have until the following Thursday to enter scores on line. The following Wednesday, at the CSAB meeting, staff will provide a summary of scores entered and members will discuss the scores. While no names are provided with scores, this process will give a member, who gave a different score than the majority, the opportunity to voice why they did so. The point is to generate insight and over time align the factors that board members consider when scoring. Members will be provided the opportunity to change scores at this point only. After the weekly meeting, scores for that week will be updated and finalized. The high and low overall scores for each program will be dropped and the balance averaged. Agencies will not be required to come to the meetings and make presentations or answer questions during the funding cycle. Instead, as members are reviewing program applications, if

there is an absolute need to get an answer to a member's question that is directly related to the operation of the program, it should be funneled through Susan so that the response can be provided to all members. Otherwise, all information for scoring will be provided through the applications. Another handout from Mr. Williams provided tips to CSAB members on the mindset of the investor vs. the funder. The handout also included his advice on approaching the questions in terms of scoring them to help insure great discussions among reviewers before a group decision on score. Discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

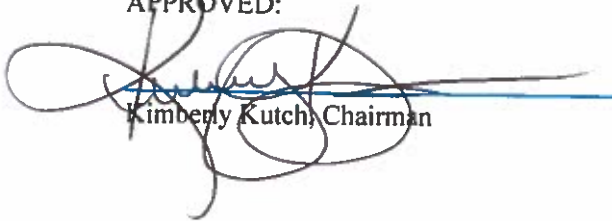
**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 17, 2018, Manatee Room of the County Administrative Complex, 3:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Kimberly Kutch, Chairman

January 17, 2018

Date

**EACH MEETING OF THIS BOARD IS RECORDED. THESE RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPON REQUEST.**