

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

September 19, 2018

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, September 19, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Xtavia Bailey, Jeremy Giddens, Pierrette Kelly, Kimberly Kutch, Gina Messenger, Sandra Stone, Melanie Teves Bell, Gail Wynne. **Absent Unexcused:** Sharon Jefferson, George VanBuren. **Absent Excused:** Joanne Hibbs, Debbie Tapp. **Also Present:** County Staff: Ava Ehde, Interim Department Director, Susan Ford, LaWanda Timmons, James Slusser, Chris HandyHoneycutt, Deric Hanson. Members of Public: Char Young, Beth Clark, Laurel Lynch, Nathan Scott.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Kimberly Kutch, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Minutes for August 1, 2018 & August 15, 2018, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Pierrette Kelly, **Seconded by** Xtavia Bailey **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 8, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

CSAB APPOINTMENTS

Susan Ford provided an update on the new members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners on September 11, 2018. Gail Wynne has been appointed to fill the Child Advocate position vacated by Richard Aubry. Amy Diss, appointed as a Child Advocate, 3-year term begins October 1, 2018. Kelly Hunt was appointed as the Licensed Mental Health Professional, replacing Melanie Teves Bell, with a 3-year term beginning October 1, 2018. Kimberly Kutch was reappointed for a 3-year term as the DCF representative; Debbie Tapp was reappointed for a 3-year term as the United Way representative; and Sandra Stone was reappointed for a 3-year term as a Child Advocate. Ms. Gail Wynne, whose term began September 11, introduced herself and was welcomed to the Board.

STAFF UPDATE

Susan Ford provided the staff update. The Board of County Commissioners approved the funding recommendations except for the cut in funding for Myakka City Community Center. The BOCC recommended that the MAC program at Myakka City Community Center receive level funding with no reduction. Xtavia Bailey spoke about her experience in presenting the recommendations to the BOCC and reporting on how the CSAB arrived at their decisions.

The election of the new officers for the CSAB will take place during our October 17 meeting. The current chair and vicechair have served 2-year maximum consecutive terms.

LaWanda Timmons gave a brief description of the Mental Health First Aid training the staff attended recently. The training workshop focused on teen suicide and prevention practices and included

demonstrations on certain situations in which a child needs help either because of family depression, bullying, or the constant overwhelming feeling we all encounter in life. The training was considered a success by all the team members who took part in the training.

The CSAB annual retreat is scheduled for Friday, October 5, 2018 from 8:30 to 4:00. The main objective is to formulate the priorities for FY19-20. Consultant, Hal Williams, highly suggested the priorities be narrowed down to no more than three that are trackable and measurable; and to keep those priorities for a period of three or more years. Priority Statement forms and an example were provided to the board in preparation for the retreat. Members were asked to bring their completed Priority Statements to the retreat.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Kimberly Kutch provided information and invited the members to a meeting of funders on October 26, 2018 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the McClure Center in Lakewood Ranch. There will be a screening of *Resilience*, and a discussion on building a Trauma Informed Community and addressing adverse childhood experiences. The collaborating agencies are Department of Children and Families, Department of Health, and Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto County governments. DCF has held some trainings locally regarding resiliency and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) testing instrument is used to rate a child's experiences and calculates the adversity a specific child has endured, giving insight into working with that child. The next step planned is to work with funders throughout the three counties. Zackary Gibson, from the Governor's Office will be speaking on what is coming out of the Governor's office in terms of working toward trauma informed communities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at * p.m.

APPROVED:

Kimberly Kutch, Chairman

November 14, 2018

Date

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