



Children's Services Advisory Board

November 14, 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, on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 3 p.m.

Roll Call

Kimberly Kutch, Xtavia Bailey, Jeremy Giddens, Amy Diss, Cornelle Maxfield, Gina Messenger, Debbie Tapp, Kelly Hunt, Sandra Stone (via telephone).

Excused: Pierrette Kelly, Gail Wynne. **Unexcused:** George VanBuren.

Also Present

County Staff: Ava Ehde, Department Director, Susan Ford, LaWanda Timmons, James Slusser, Chris HandyHoneycutt, Deric Hanson. Members of the Public: Becky Canesse, Kristina Tincher, Bridget Harry, Char Young, Laurel Lynch.

Call to Order/Welcome

Kimberly Kutch, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for September 19, 2018, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Gina Messenger, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 8, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

Nominations & Election of Officers

Nominations were taken from the floor for Chair. Xtavia Bailey and Sandra Stone were nominated. **Vote:** Xtavia Bailey elected (**Summary:** For Xtavia Bailey = 6; For Sandra Stone = 2)

Nominations were taken from the floor for Vice-Chair. Sandra Stone was the only nomination. **Vote:** Sandra Stone elected (**Summary:** Yes = 8, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

CSAB Retreat Follow-Up

Susan Ford provided a hand-out with the priority statements compiled from the CSAB Retreat. The goal was narrowing down the priorities of the CSAB down to 3 or 4 most important priorities to focus on. In these priority areas, with Results First in mind, we are tracking local statistics to 'move the needle'. Discussion ensued in establishing priorities.

Kelly Hunt entered @ 3:38 pm

Motion: Priority – Funders, systems, policies and practice align to ensure that our children read on grade level by 4th grade. Target – To increase percent of Manatee County low-income students able to read on grade level by 4th grade to 65% by the 2021/2022 school year.

Moved by Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Gina Messenger.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously. (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 0, Abstain = 0)

Motion: Priority – Stable social, behavioral and emotional well-being for our children. Target – To reduce the number of school disciplinary referrals and suspensions by 20% by the 2021/2022 school year.

Moved by Jeremy Giddens, **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously. (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 0, Abstain = 0)

Motion: Priority – Children in foster care gain a permanent, stable, and nurturing home within 12 months of entering care and remain there. Target – To meet or exceed the following child welfare state/federal placement stability targets by FY2021/2022: 40.50% (or higher) of children in foster care are exiting to a permanent home within 12 months of entering care; and 43.60% (or higher) of the children exiting to a permanent home within 12 months for those in care 12-23 months.

Moved by Jeremy Giddens, **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously. (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 0, Abstain = 0)

Motion: Priority – Children remain in their homes free of abuse and neglect and do not enter foster care. Target – To meet or exceed the following federal child welfare prevention targets by FY2021/2022: 91.70% (or higher) of children do not re-enter care within 12 months of moving to a permanent home; and 4.12% (or lower) placement moves per 1,000 days in foster care.

Moved by Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Gina Messenger.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously. (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 0, Abstain = 0)

Staff Update

James Slusser spoke on the Teen Health Coalition. This is a community network meeting that sheds light on some of the teen health problems facing Manatee County. One major topic of discussion at the last meeting was drawing awareness to children with AIDS in Manatee County.

Susan Ford spoke on the efforts of the Florida Children's Council, which adopted the 2019 Children's Council Public Policy Agenda to benefit the children, youth and family. The public policies include: two-generational strategies; early learning programs; out of school time programs; healthy development; children with unique abilities; child protection; and juvenile justice.

New/Old Business

Department of Justice has new projects being implemented. School Safety has chosen Manatee County to hold the regional training, which will be held on February 6, 2019 from 8:30 – noon in the Longboat Key Room of the Bradenton Area Convention Center.

There has been a long-standing vacancy for the Judge's position on the CSAB board. One possible solution is to consider changing the position to someone who has extensive knowledge working with children with disabilities. This would provide a knowledgeable source when considering these children's specific needs.

There is no longer a concern on the financial impact of an additional homestead exemption on the Children's Services Dedicated Millage because the Florida voters did not pass Amendment One in November.

The development of the BlackBaud web-based funding application is approximately 99% complete and will be demonstrated at the January meeting.

The tentative 2019 meeting schedule was provided. Discussion ensued on whether or not to have agencies do presentations in the upcoming funding review process. No presentations were done in the 2018 cycle as they were not found to be valuable by the board. No decision was made at this meeting, but this will be an item of discussion at the December meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 12, 2018, Manatee Room of the County Administrative Complex, 3:00 p.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Approved

Xtavia Bailey, Chairman

Date