

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

AUGUST 1, 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, August 1, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Xtavia Bailey, Jeremy Giddens, Joanne Hibbs, Pierrette Kelly, Kimberly Kutch, Sandra Stone, Debbie Tapp, Melanie Teves Bell. **Absent/Excused:** Sharon Jefferson, Gina Messenger, George VanBuren. **Also Present:** County Staff: Cheri Coryea, Deputy County Administrator, Ava Ehde, Interim Department Director, Susan Ford, LaWanda Timmons, James Slusser, Chris HandyHoneycutt, Deric Hanson, Angela Miller. **Members of Public:** Kelly Benford, Katrina Bellemere, Bridget Harry, Barbara Kopp, Runa Badal, Becky Canesse, Dora Santana, Barbara Brownell, Dawn Stanhope, Michael Wood, Nicole Murby, Jacque Ruch, Beth Clark, Char Young. Laurel Lynch, Lisa Harriman.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Kimberly Kutch, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Minutes for July 18, 2018, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Pierrette Kelly **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

REVIEW OF INVESTMENT MATERIALS

Susan Ford thanked the CSAB on behalf of the county and the staff for their time and effort they voluntarily dedicated to this year's process. Over the past few months, the members reviewed 51 applications, which is no small undertaking. Today's task is to recommend funding for FY2018-19 programs and services to meet the greatest needs of Manatee County's abused, neglected, at-risk and/or economically disadvantaged children.

In the packets provided, there is a funding recommendations chart, which lists the agency and program name, the score, and they are ranked in order of score from highest to lowest. The number in the far-left column of the chart represents the program's overall ranking. These numbers will be used when making a motion to help us keep track of the correct programs referenced in the motion. Note pads, pens, and pencils have been provided to note motions before stating it to the board. This can help restate the motion if need be, and will help the chair if she does not catch the motion the first time.

FY18/19 INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Ford provided some very important reminders on board and audience conduct for the meeting, as follows: Any and all interactions between one or more members and between board members and agency representatives must be stated on the record. Please refrain from any side bar conversations while the meeting is in session. No handouts will be accepted from agencies. It is not only important to declare conflicts and affiliations with programs/agencies, but also to do our best to keep the process fair. Actions such as greeting and conversing with agency representatives may be viewed as both inappropriate and unfair.

Susan Ford provided the following information regarding the available funds. The Financial Management Department has provided the budget, which includes \$11,314,875 available for programs and a 3% reserve of \$358,430, which is lower than the amount necessary to level fund all programs from last year. The total amount funded last year was \$11,931,932 and the total amount needed to level fund all programs is \$610,303 less than the available funds.

Kim Kutch stated since there is not enough funding to level fund all previously funded programs, she requested a funding scenario which would equitably distribute reduced funding to the lower scored programs. Susan Ford provided an explanation of the tiered funding scenario, which included level funding for the special programs and all programs scoring 80 and above; 10% reduction for programs scoring 75.22-79.33; 20% reduction for programs scoring 70.22-74.67, and 40% reduction for programs scoring under 70. This scenario would include reducing the reserve from \$358,430 to \$337,530, which would still be 3%. Discussion ensued on the use of the scenario as a starting point.

Jeremy Giddens entered @ 2:46 pm

Motion: Accept/approve the funding scenario as presented with level funding for the special programs and all programs scoring 80 and above; 10% reduction for programs scoring 75.22-79.33; 20% reduction for programs scoring 70.22-74.67, and 40% reduction for programs scoring under 70. The reserve is reduced and set at \$337,530, or 3%.

Moved by Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Pierrette Kelly.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 7, No = 1, Abstain = 0). Dissenting vote: Jeremy Giddens

Discussion ensued on the Whole Child program and its low return on investment.

Motion: Recommend no funding for the Whole Child program (#51).

Moved by: Debbie Tapp; **Seconded by** Motion not seconded; Motion failed.

Discussion ensued on the value of Selah Freedom's program. Jeremy Giddens spoke in favor of the program. The program fills a niche that is not out there. Kim Kutch stated that she echoed the value of the program and supports funding it even though it is a poorly written application.

Motion: Recommend no funding for Selah Freedom, My Life My Choice program (#50).

Moved by Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp.

Vote: Motion failed (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 6, Abstain = 0). Dissenting votes: Xtavia Bailey and Debbie Tapp.

Motion: Recommend funding programs 1-14 @ level funding . . . [motion was not fully stated]

Moved by: Xtavia Bailey; **Seconded by** Motion not seconded; Motion failed. Discussion ensued. It was determined by the mover this motion was duplicative of prior action.

Discussion ensued on the percentage of reserves. Questions were asked on the expected amount of reserve, which is normally 20%; and the amount of reserve last year, which was 9%. Jeremy Giddens asked if there are any expected funds that will be coming back into the reserves. Cheri Coryea stated that an estimated \$125,000 could roll back in. The amount will not be known until about January of 2019 when the books are closed out for the fiscal year. Joanne Hibbs asked how the changes in real estate taxes would affect the fund. Cheri Coryea responded that part of the reason why the amount of available funds is lower is that the Board of County Commissioners has held back money from all funding sources in anticipation of the

increased homestead exemption for the past two years. This hold back/reserve can be used to offset or prevent large cuts when those revenues decrease.

Cheri Coryea emphasized that they CSAB spent a considerable amount of time the new rating matrix, the results first work, and the work that the advisory board has been doing to transition from funder to investor. She stated that the observers may think it appears that the vote to accept these recommendations may seem like it was made without much thought, but a lot of work has gone into the review and scoring of these programs on your own time. Also, at the July 18th meeting the time was spent on discussion and review of each program and concerns were addressed. Those who scored lower provided weak or low results, and those agencies need to spend time working hard on their results to improve them if they want to be considered to this funding.

Motion: Accept all recommendations as final; total allocated for programs - \$11,335,775 and a 3% reserve of \$337,530.

Moved by: Jeremy Giddens, **Seconded by** Xtavia Bailey. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**summary:** Yes = 8, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

STAFF UPDATE

Ms. Ford reported that the CEO, Brittany Birken, of the Florida Children's Council is coming to spend time with our staff tomorrow, and to lend a hand with any issues Manatee might be having in terms of procedures and data. She reminded members whose terms are expiring have been sent a link to the advisory board application. The deadline for applications is August 16th.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Debbie Tapp request a report back on results statements for programs that received reductions once the staff has worked with the agencies on how the program will proceed with less funding.

Cheri Coryea updated the board on the next steps in the process. The funding recommendations will go before the County Commissioners. Staff will send out the date and time of the meeting when they will be considered once it is known. It will likely be the last BOCC meeting in August or the first one in September. Members may attend the meeting if desired. Staff also provides briefings to the Commissioners on the recommendations and gets answers to any questions that may arise. The funding recommendations must be considered prior to the final adoption of the County budget in mid-September.

Xtavia Bailey expressed her gratitude to the staff. In addition, she reiterated what Cheri stated in that the CSAB didn't come today, vote, and leave without spending a lot of time in preparing ahead of time for the decisions made today. Results have become very important in our work and our mindset shift from funding programs to investing in the results of the programs.

Kim Kutch also expressed her thanks to the board and the staff for all their hard work this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

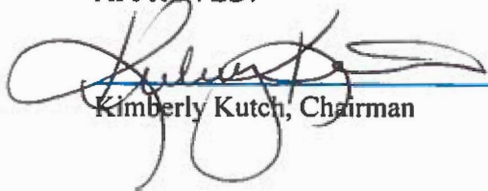
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 15, 2018, Manatee Room of the County Administrative Complex, 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

APPROVED:



Kimberly Kutch, Chairman

September 19, 2018

Date

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

FY2018-19 Children's Services Investment Recommendations - August 1, 2018

Ranking	Agency	Program	FY2017-18 Investments	FY2018-19 Requested Investment	Rating Score	FY2018-19 Recommended Investments	Funding Level
SPECIAL PROGRAMS							
2	Exchange Club - Parenting Matters	Chosen Families (Adoption RFP)	\$366,500	\$366,500	95.67	\$366,500	Level Funding
SP	Florida Department of Health	Child Welfare System Advocate	\$41,000	\$41,000	N/A	\$41,000	
Subtotal Special Programs			\$407,500	\$407,500		\$407,500	
OTHER PROGRAMS FOR CONSIDERATION							
1	Feeding Empty Little Tummys	Weekend Meals	\$100,000	\$100,000	96.56	\$100,000	Level Funding
3	Exchange Club - Parenting Matters	Partners in Education & Support	\$222,520	\$222,520	94.44	\$222,520	
4	SMART	Therapeutic Horseback Riding	\$13,500	\$13,500	94.11	\$13,500	
5	Centerstone of Florida	Child Welfare Diversion	\$282,904	\$282,904	93.56	\$282,904	
6	Easter Seals of SW Florida	Children's Therapy	\$61,257	\$61,257	93.22	\$61,257	
7	Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee	Emergency Family & Baby Baskets	\$33,385	\$33,385	93.22	\$33,385	
8	Foundation for Dreams	Dream Oaks Camp	\$205,000	\$205,000	92.44	\$205,000	
9	Centerstone of Florida	Children's Community Action Team	\$660,916	\$660,916	92.33	\$660,916	
10	Insight Counseling	SOAR (Sexual Offender, Abuse & Rehab)	\$85,720	\$85,720	92.00	\$85,720	
11	Sarasota Family YMCA	Family Preservation & Reunification	\$226,967	\$226,967	91.11	\$226,967	
12	Educational Consultants Consortium	Iron Sharpening Iron	\$114,790	\$114,790	90.89	\$114,790	
13	Step Up Suncoast (MCAA)	Healthy Families Manatee	\$218,750	\$218,750	90.78	\$218,750	
14	Step Up Suncoast (MCAA)	Head Start/Early Head Start	\$100,000	\$100,000	90.22	\$100,000	
15	Sarasota Family YMCA	Early Childhood Court	\$329,287	\$329,287	89.33	\$329,287	
16	HOPE Family Services, Inc.	Children's Counseling Program	\$231,315	\$231,315	89.22	\$231,315	
17	PACE Center for Girls	Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Project	\$184,276	\$184,276	88.67	\$184,276	
18	United Community Centers	Before & After School Enrichment Plus	\$345,326	\$345,326	88.11	\$345,326	
19	School District of Manatee County	It's Your Choice	\$201,000	\$201,000	87.63	\$201,000	
20	Early Learning Coalition	Early Care & Education	\$2,260,143	\$2,260,143	86.89	\$2,260,143	
21	Centerstone of Florida	Baker Act Youth	\$130,441	\$130,441	86.22	\$130,441	
22	Family Resources	Safe Place2B-Manatee	\$60,000	\$60,000	85.89	\$60,000	
23	Step Up Suncoast (MCAA)	HIPPY	\$179,825	\$179,825	85.89	\$179,825	
24	The Family Network on Disabilities	Parent Mentoring & Support	\$14,000	\$14,000	85.78	\$14,000	
25	The Family Network on Disabilities	Sarasota/Manatee Respite	\$40,000	\$40,000	85.78	\$40,000	
26	Step Up Suncoast (MCAA)	Parents as Teachers	\$100,000	\$100,000	85.11	\$100,000	

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27	Family Resources	CERTAIN	\$217,711	\$217,711	83.89	\$217,711	Level Funding - Reduced by 10%	
28	Step Up Suncoast (MCAA)	Teaching Our Toddlers	\$91,955	\$91,955	83.33	\$91,955		
29	Manatee Children's Services, Inc.	Child Advocacy Center	\$775,000	\$775,000	81.89	\$775,000		
30	Manatee County Girls Club, Inc. dba JFG	Girls Alternative Program for Success	\$244,439	\$244,439	81.78	\$244,439		
31	Community Coalition for Children & Youth db	APS (Alternative Path to Success)	\$75,000	\$75,000	81.67	\$75,000		
32	Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Suncoast	One to One Mentoring	\$45,000	\$45,000	81.44	\$45,000		
33	The Salvation Army	Homeless Women and Children's Shelter	\$69,949	\$69,949	81.33	\$69,949		
34	Centerstone of Florida	Rape Crisis Child Advocacy & Therapy	\$99,747	\$99,747	81.22	\$99,747		
35	Centers for Success (Tallevast Community Center)	After-School Enhancement	\$90,000	\$90,000	80.44	\$90,000		
36	Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Suncoast	Juvenile Justice Mentoring Initiative	\$35,000	\$35,000	79.33	\$31,500		Level Funding - Reduced by 10%
37	Manatee County Girls Club, Inc. dba JFG	GIRLS Stepping Up to Success	\$858,047	\$858,047	79.11	\$772,242		
38	The Myakka City Community Center	MAC	\$132,002	\$132,002	78.00	\$118,802		
39	Replay Outreach	Job Xceleration	\$75,000	\$75,000	77.56	\$67,500		
40	Palmetto Youth Center	Teen Hype	\$114,029	\$114,029	76.67	\$102,626		
41	Palmetto Youth Center	Foundation for Excellence	\$282,565	\$282,565	76.44	\$254,309		
42	Easter Seals of SW Florida	Project Rainbow	\$48,000	\$48,000	75.22	\$43,200		
43	AMikids Manatee, Inc.	Manatee Prevention Program	\$75,000	\$75,000	74.67	\$60,000		
44	Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee	The Club - Teens only	\$194,508	\$194,508	73.89	\$155,606	Level Funding - Reduced by 20%	
45	School District of Manatee County	ATOSS	\$230,379	\$230,379	73.13	\$184,303		
46	Step Up Suncoast (MCAA)	CATCH Speech/Language Eval & Therapy	\$91,393	\$91,393	72.67	\$73,114		
47	The D.L. Randall Foundation, Inc.	An Uprising in the Village	\$150,000	\$150,000	71.67	\$120,000		
48	Manatee Children's Services, Inc.0	Residential Programs	\$200,000	\$200,000	71.22	\$160,000		
49	Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee	Great Futures Start Here	\$610,000	\$610,000	70.22	\$488,000		
50	Selah Freedom, Inc.	My Life My Choice	\$60,000	\$60,000	66.11	\$36,000		
51	Step Up Suncoast (MCAA)	Whole Child Manatee	\$251,582	\$251,582	62.78	\$150,949		Level less 40%
	Community Haven for Adults and Children wi	Selby Therapists	\$6,804	Did Not Apply	N/A			
	Subtotal Other Programs		\$11,524,432	\$11,517,628		\$10,928,275		
	TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS		\$11,931,932	\$11,925,128		\$11,335,775		
	PROGRAM RESERVES				3%	\$337,530		
	TOTAL BUDGET					\$11,673,305		