

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

January 17, 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, January 17, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Richard Aubry, Xtavia Bailey, Jeremy Giddens, Joanne Hibbs, Kimberly Kutch, Gina Messenger, Debbie Tapp, Melanie Teves Bell, George VanBuren. **Excused:** Sharon Jefferson, Pierrette Kelly, Sandra Stone. **Also Present:** County Staff: Cheri Coryea, Deputy County Administrator, Susan Ford, LaWanda Timmons, James Slusser, Chris Handy-Honeycutt, Deric Hanson. **Members of Public:** Richard Green, Nathan Scott, Kristin Olsen, Isabella Batalla, Beth Clark, Michael Wood, Holly Mulcahy, Kristie Skoglund, Lynette Herbert, Laurel Lynch.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Minutes for December 13, 2017, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Debbie Tapp, **Seconded by** Melanie Teves Bell **Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

STAFF UPDATES

Susan Ford introduced new staff and each provided some background. The new staff are: James Slusser, Chris Handy-Honeycutt, and Deric Hanson. LaWanda Timmons provided an update on the number of contracts that have been written and executed for FY17-18. We are working with Hal on Results First and will be working with all of the agencies and their programs to get to a final product for each program.

EARLY CHILDHOOD COURT

Kim Kutch reported on a bill in the legislature that will fund the coordinator positions for Early Childhood Court projects that are already operating in the counties. Nathan Scott, Child Welfare System Advocate, provided the bill numbers, which are SB1442 and HB1351.

Ms. Kutch introduced Isabella Batalla, the Early Childhood Court coordinator for Manatee County who reported the project is currently working with 25 children and a total of 12 families. The program works in partnership with The Florida Center for Early Childhood. Program capacity is 40 children and they are in the process of screening cases as they come in to see if they are candidates for the program. Kristie Skoglund from the Florida Center stated the project is going well and they hope to have some great results to report soon.

Xtavia Bailey entered @ 3:10 pm

George VanBuren entered @ 3:30 pm

Debbie Tapp temporarily assumed the role of Chair so Kim Kutch could prepare to present a video on Early Childhood Court.

RESULTS FIRST

Ms. Tapp introduced Hal Williams, Results First consultant. Mr. Williams reported on the progress made since his last visit with the board. The application questions are complete and each includes guidance and examples. The questions have been reviewed by five of the agencies and Manatee Community Foundation. Their feedback has been provided and some changes were made as a result of some of the suggestions. Manatee Community Foundation is using most of the questions in their application process now. The matrix (handout provided) has also been completed and directly relates to the application. When the web based application software is procured then the system will put those questions. The system, from a very experienced provider, is polished and unlike the previous systems the county has used. A conversational workshop on Results First was held on December 7 and was very well attended by local non-profits. The room at the convention center was filled to capacity. We are continuing on with the non-profit agency side in building, not just an awareness of Results First, but an ability to use the concept of what happens when you start by stating the results and then design your program to achieve it.

In December, this board looked at a new process for reviewing applications (handout provided). There are also some tips on the mindset of a funder vs an investor (handout). This may need some tweaking once the application software is in place, but it is otherwise ready for use.

He spoke about the value added dimensions portion of the new results-based application (handout provided) which seemed to be a point of concern at the December meeting. The four areas covered were: 1) Reaching the underserved; 2) Innovation; 3) Neighborhood Based; and 4) Tracking to success. Basic descriptions were provided of each area with examples of how they might be used. Board discussion ensued on the impact of the value added scoring area. Cheri Coryea reiterated that Results First is a countywide initiative.

Debbie Tapp asked for a timeline on the application process. Ms. Coryea responded that the county is moving forward with the purchase of a new web based application system. There is no plan for a roll out meeting where we explain the application because it now will have guidance and examples with each question, which was never available in the past. The timeline has shifted a little and will start later than January and February this year. Ms. Ford provided an example timeline of the review process, which was also provided at the December meeting. There will be no agency interviews, which allows agencies to use their time providing program services. The meetings are public, so agencies may attend, but they will not be required to come and answer questions. If members have questions as they are reviewing a program, they can provide them to Susan and she will get the answer and provide it to all members. At each of the meetings, members will be provided a summary of the scores for each program and have the opportunity for discussion rather than waiting until the end of the process to discuss them all.

Kim Kutch reassumed the role of Chair

EARLY CHILDHOOD COURT (continued)

Technical difficulties kept us from being able to view the full video Ms. Kutch brought to show the board. Staff will email a link to the members so it can be viewed at their convenience.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Kim Kutch provided some information about the Food for Florida program that occurred after Hurricane Irma. The Department of Children and Families provided disaster food stamps which brought \$21.5 million back into the county, \$15.5 million for Sarasota County, and \$3.5 million for DeSoto County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

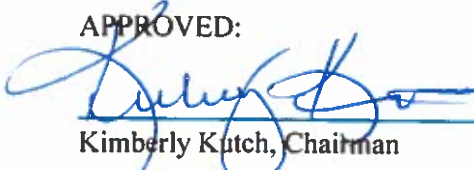
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 21, 2018, Manatee Room of the County Administrative Complex, 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

APPROVED:



Kimberly Kutch, Chairman

February 21, 2018

Date

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