

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

July 18, 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, 18, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Xtavia Bailey, Jeremy Giddens, Joanne Hibbs, Pierrette Kelly, Kimberly Kutch, Gina Messenger, Sandra Stone, Debbie Tapp, George VanBuren. **Absent:** Sharon Jefferson, Melanie Teves Bell.

**Also Present:** County Staff: Cheri Coryea, Deputy County Administrator, Ava Ehde, Interim Department Director, Susan Ford, LaWanda Timmons, James Slusser, Chris HandyHoneycutt, Deric Hanson. **Members of Public:** Katrina Bellemare, Kelly Benford, Bridget Harry, Holly Mulcahy, Beth Clark, Becky Canesse, Michael Wood, Barbara Brownell

### CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Kimberly Kutch, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion:** Minutes for May 16, 2018, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Joanne Hibbs, **Seconded by** Xtavia Bailey **Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

### STAFF UPDATE

Susan Ford provided the following update. Richard Aubry has resigned. His term expires on 9/30/2020, so the remainder of the term will need to be filled. There are 5 other members whose term will be ending on 9/30/2018; two child advocates (Joanne Hibbs and Sandra Stone); Kim Kutch the DCF representative; the Licensed Mental Health professional (Melanie Teves Bell); and the United Way representative Debbie Tapp. Melanie Teves Bell will not be reapplying for her position. The application will be made available soon to those who wish to reapply for their position.

### FY 18/19 Funding Process Discussion

A review of the agency funding applications took place, with the members reviewing their scores, asking clarifying questions and providing board member dialogue. The members were given the opportunity to modify scores at this time before they are finalized for the recommendations. A discussion ensued for each application of interest. The review of applications was completed at this meeting and the board did not feel it was necessary to meet on the tentative meeting date of July 25, 2018. The funding recommendations will be finalized at the August 1, 2018 meeting.

### NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Deputy County Administrator, Cheri Coryea, explained the details of the projected November ballot request which calls for another \$25,000 homestead exemption for property owners. Voters will have the opportunity to determine whether they approve this option. If passed, the additional exemption will affect the annual overall county budget general fund and other accounts for County based services and programs in the future. Being proactive, the County Administrator has been planning for the potential impact if passed, by placing a projected amount into the reserve of amounts across the County Budget for the past

two years. This reserve will allow the Children's Services funds to maintain a level that will hold it close or equal to the current year. The November vote has significance on the Children's Services funds because they are a dedicated millage. Currently set at 1/3 of a mill the outcome of the vote will determine the amount of change for the millage. This is one of the main reasons why no applications for new programs were accepted this coming year. All this considered, there will be less funds available for fiscal year 2018/19 programs. It is essential for the CSAB to carefully consider which programs receive level funding and those that may not be funded or receive less than the current year. The work being done within the **Results First** model should be strongly considered when determining the true amount necessary to achieve positive human gain for the client and their families within the funding process.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

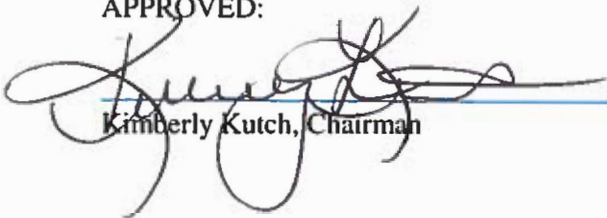
**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 1, 2018, Manatee Room of the County Administrative Complex, 2:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Kimberly Kutch, Chairman

August 1, 2018

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Date

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