



## Children's Services Advisory Board

April 10, 2019

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, April 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** Sandra Stone, Amy Diss, Jeremy Giddens, Pierrette Kelly, Cornelle Maxfield, Debbie Tapp, Gail Wynne, Gina Messenger.

**Absent (unexcused):** George Van Buren.

**Excused:** Xtavia Bailey, Kimberly Kutch, Kelly Hunt.

### Also Present

County Staff: Susan Ford, LaWanda Timmons, James Slusser, Chris HandyHoneycutt;  
Members of the Public: Drena Green, Andi Watson, Dee Danmeyer, Tony Stephens, Becky Canesse, Char Young, Laurel Lynch, Jacque Ruch, Christi Haley, Nicole Murby, Brenda Bell, Elena Cassella, Anna Maria Carleton, Michael Wood, Beth Clark, Bridget Harry, Gigi Kelly, Melinda Thompson, Katrina Bellemare, Mary Smith, Rhiannon Blaney, Barbara Patten.

### Call to Order/Welcome

Sandra Stone, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Minutes for April 3, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Pierrette Kelly, **Seconded by** Jeremy Giddens, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 8, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

### Agency Introductions/Overview

Susan Ford announced that the Agencies have been sent invitations to come to these meetings and will be provided three minutes for the agency representatives to introduce themselves and give a brief overview of the programs they are proposing for investment. Agencies are not required to speak and there is no scoring attached to the introductions of program overviews. There are 10 programs being reviewed today and 8 agencies were invited to speak today. If they are unable to attend today's meeting, they may have three minutes at another one of the funding review meetings.

**Agency:** Boys & Girls Club of Manatee, Inc.

**Program:** The Club- Teens Only – **Amount Requested:** \$194,508

**Agency Representative:** Beth Clark

**Agency:** Easter Seals Southwest, Inc.

**Program:** Children's Therapy – **Amount Requested:** \$67,382

**Agency Representative:** Nicole Murby

**Agency:** Easter Seals Southwest, Inc.  
**Program:** Family Support Services (Project Rainbow) – **Amount Requested:** \$51,840  
**Agency Representative:** Jacque Ruch

**Agency:** Foundation for Dreams, Inc.  
**Program:** Dream Oaks Camp – **Amount Requested:** \$230,000  
**Agency Representative:** Elena Cassella, Anna Maria Carleton

**Agency:** Manatee County Girls Club, Inc., dba Just for Girls  
**Program:** Girls Alternative Program for Success (GAPS) – **Amount Requested:** \$422,517  
**Agency Representative:** Drena Green

**Agency:** PACE Center for Girls, Inc.  
**Program:** Teenage Pregnancy Prevention – **Amount Requested:** \$184,276  
**Agency Representative:** Cristi Haley

**Agency:** Palmetto Youth Center, Inc.  
**Program:** H.Y.P.E.= Helping Young People Excel – **Amount Requested:** \$144,663  
**Agency Representative:** Tony Stephens, and Miya Allgood, program youth participant

**Agency:** Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy  
**Program:** Therapeutic Horseback Riding and Equine Assisted Learning – **Amount Requested:** \$13,500  
**Agency Representative:** Dee Danmeyer

**Agency:** The Family Network on Disabilities  
**Program:** Parent Mentoring and Support – **Amount Requested:** \$14,000  
**Agency Representative:** Mary Smith

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**Program:** Sarasota/Manatee Respite Services – **Amount Requested:** \$40,000  
**Agency Representative:** Mary Smith

### Investment Application Discussion

Prior to the discussion of applications, Susan Ford asked if there were any conflicts on the agencies/applications to be discussed at this meeting. No conflicts were declared by the members present for the above-noted agencies or programs.

Members brought up questions and concerns on individual programs. Susan Ford requested CSAB members email her all questions on proposals that may need clarification or response from the agencies. She will follow up with the agency and provide the members with the

responses to all questions. Members may delay the submission of their reviews/scores until the clarification has been provided.

Overall topics of concern included: clarification from the agencies on what populations the agencies are serving, program descriptions, administrative costs, program budgets, requests for increased investment, number of people the agencies/programs are serving, clearly defining what increased funds will be used for, define the milestone, results and how are they being measured, proposed waitlists, programs that don't reach their proposed numbers, accurate numbers within the responses, duplication of services and possible collaborations between agencies, and statement of meeting a priority that does not match with the purpose of the program or the results. An additional concern addressed was that the application, now results-based, does not require the agencies to list activities. This was intentional in the move from funder in programs to investor in results.

### Staff Updates

Susan Ford reported an intern has been hired to compile demographic data and results data gathered from quarterly reports and provide a presentation. The Human Services Analyst position vacated by Deric Hanson in December is being upgraded to a Senior Human Services Analyst position. Once the Human Resources department has finalized the change, we will be able to hire a replacement.

### New/Old Business

Members expressed concern on the responses Question #14, which asks, "If your program did not exist, how many of the participants you serve would reasonably have achieved the same result?" It appears that many applicants did not understand the question, and we may need our consultant to work on the guidance. In addition, Question #5, which asks for key organization-level trends appear to be getting a mixture of organization-level responses to some data and program-level responses to other data (i.e., # of clients served).

### Public Comment

None

### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 17, 2019, Manatee Room of the County Administrative Complex, 3:00 p.m.

### Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Approved

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Chair/Vice-Chair

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Date