



## Children's Services Advisory Board

April 17, 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 17, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** Sandra Stone, Amy Diss, Kelly Hunt, Pierrette Kelly, Kimberly Kutch, Gina Messenger, Debbie Tapp, Gail Wynne.

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

**Excused:** Xtavia Bailey, Jeremy Giddens, Cornelle Maxfield.

### Also Present

County Staff: Susan Ford, Lawanda Timmons, James Slusser, Chris HandyHoneycutt; Members of the Public: Breanna Brown, Gemma Clayson, Charmian Miller, Gigi Kelly, Julia Robertson, Cheryl Andrews, Melinda Thompson, Celine Daniel, Todd Markel, Kristie Skoglund, Sean Staffieri, Char Young, Michael Wood, Tari Allan, Kristina Tincher, Laurel Lynch, Jane Roseboro, Bridget Harry, Sean Gingras, Kelly Benford, Katrina Bellemare, Rhiannon Blaney, Beth Clark.

### Call to Order/Welcome

Kimberly Kutch, Board Member called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Minutes for April 10, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Pierrette Kelly, **Seconded by** Gail Wynne, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

*Sandra Stone entered at 3:05 pm and presided over the remainder of the meeting.*

### 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 8 programs being reviewed today and 6 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:** Centerstone of Florida, Inc.

**Program:** Child Welfare Diversion – **Amount Requested:** \$353,135

**Agency Representative:** Gemma Clayson; Tari Allan

**Agency:** Manatee Children's Services, Inc.

**Program:** Residential Programs – **Amount Requested:** \$206,873

**Agency Representative:** Melinda Thompson

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**Program:** Child Advocacy Center – **Amount Requested:** \$775,000  
**Agency Representative:** Melinda Thompson

**Agency:** Parenting Matters, Inc.  
**Program:** Chosen Families – **Amount Requested:** \$366,500  
**Agency Representative:** Katrina Bellemare

**Agency:** Parenting Matters, Inc.  
**Program:** Partners in Education and Support – **Amount Requested:** \$267,220  
**Agency Representative:** Katrina Bellemare

**Agency:** Replay Outreach, Inc.  
**Program:** Success4Life Training – **Amount Requested:** \$50,000  
**Agency Representative:** None

**Agency:** Sarasota Family Young Men's, Inc.  
**Program:** Family Preservation and Reunification – **Amount Requested:** \$340,000  
**Agency Representative:** Sean Staffieri

**Agency:** The Florida Center for Early Learning  
**Program:** Early Childhood Court – **Amount Requested:** \$ 329,287  
**Agency Representative:** Kristie Skoglund

### 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. Kelly Hunt declared a conflict with Manatee Children's Services by the members present for the above-noted agencies or programs.

Members brought up questions and concerns on individual programs which were clarified by other members during the meeting. 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 topic of concern included: Clarification on the Child Welfare Diversion funding proposal for the numbers of clients to be served, Chosen Families only serving clients with many barriers, low targets/success rate for the Partners in Education and Support program, Replay Outreach planning to serve less youth, and Sarasota YMCA's low board representation from Manatee County.

### Staff Updates

None

**New/Old Business**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 24, 2019, Manatee Room of the County Administrative Complex, 3:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

**Approved**

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Sandra Stone, Vice-Chairman

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