



Children's Services Advisory Board

May 8, 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, May 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Jeremy Giddens, Amy Diss, Cornelle Maxfield, , Kimberly Kutch, Gina Messenger, Debbie Tapp, Gail Wynne.

Absent (unexcused): George Van Buren

Excused: Kelly Hunt, Pierrette Kelly.

Also Present

County Staff: Ava, Ehde, Susan Ford, Lawanda Timmons, James Slusser, Chris HandyHoneycutt, Kristi Hagen; Members of the Public: Jometa Roberts, Beth Clark, Kim Bailey, Susan Cappiello, Char Young, Laurel Lynch, Elsa Hanna, Kristina Tincher, Charmian Miller, Cindy Sloan, Rhiannon Blaney, Sean Allison, Jessica Schubick.

Call to Order/Welcome

Xtavia Bailey, Board Member called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for May 1, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kimberly Kutch, **Seconded by** Gail Wynne, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 7, 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 9 programs being reviewed today and 5 agencies were invited to speak today. If they are unable to attend today's meeting, they were given an opportunity to speak at prior funding review meetings.

Gina Messenger entered at 3:03 pm

Agency: Centerstone of Florida, Inc.

Program: Baker Act Youth Services – **Amount Requested:** \$ 130,441

Agency Representative: See April 17, 2019 Minutes

Sandra Stone entered at 3:06 pm

Agency: Centerstone of Florida, Inc.
Program: Children's Community Action Team (CAT) – **Amount Requested:** \$ 660,916
Agency Representative: See April 17, 2019 Minutes

Agency: Centerstone of Florida, Inc.
Program: Rape Crisis Child Advocacy and Treatment – **Amount Requested:** \$ 99,747
Agency Representative: See April 17, 2019 Minutes

Agency: Community Coalition for Children & Youth, Inc.
Program: Alternative Path to Success (APS) – **Amount Requested:** \$ 75,000
Agency Representative: None

Agency: Educational Consultants Consortium, Inc.
Program: Iron Sharpening Iron – **Amount Requested:** \$ 122,815
Agency Representative: See May 1, 2019 Minutes

Agency: HOPE Family Service, Inc.
Program: Children's Counseling – **Amount Requested:** \$ 231,315
Agency Representative: Laurel Lynch

Agency: Insight Counseling Services, Inc.
Program: SOAR – **Amount Requested:** \$ 92,750
Agency Representative: None

Agency: Feeding Empty Little Tummies, Inc.
Program: Weekend Meals – **Amount Requested:** \$ 100,000
Agency Representative: Kim Bailey

Agency: Meals on Wheels Plus of Manatee, Inc.
Program: Emergency Family Food Basket and Baby Baskets – **Amount Requested:** \$ 33,385
Agency Representative: Cindy Sloan

Investment Application Discussion

Members brought up questions and concerns on individual programs which were clarified by other members during the meeting. Susan Ford will send the questions to 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 Centerstone of Florida, Baker Act prior year targets are higher than their proposed; Centerstone of Florida, Children's Community Action Team what are they committing to achieve; Centerstone of Florida, Rape Crisis Child Advocacy and Treatment what are the number of children that will make it through the program (question #14); Clarification on HOPE Family Services, Children's Counseling what is the intensity and duration of their services to their clients, what are the number of sessions the clients receive; Clarification on Insight Counseling Services, SOAR Program as to why they requesting an increase in funding; questions on Feeding Empty Little Tummies, Weekend Meals Program included if the Agency has any discretion in selecting participants and why all board members are

not listed in their application. Agency Representatives from Manatee County Family, YMCA presented their answers to the Board from question previously asked by CSAB Members.

Staff Updates

Susan Ford reported that the county is in the hiring process for the open Sr. Human Services Analyst position and should have someone in place soon.

New/Old Business

Kim Kutch noted the reasons that Take Stock in Children's proposed program is not eligible for funding through this source. Discussion ensued on keeping the application in the process or declining it now.

Motion: To remove Take Stock In Children of Manatee from the funding process, because their Program does not qualify for funding, **Action:** Denied, **Moved by** Kimberly Kutch, **Seconded by** Jeremy Giddens, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 8, No = 1, Abstain = 0). Dissenting vote: Gail Wynne.

Debbie Tapp voiced her concern, and other members agreed, there was not a clear understanding of the response from Early Learning Coalition on the match dollars in relation to the request for an increase in funding. The match and other state funding is a very complicated formula that is difficult to explain and it does not appear that a follow-up question would make it any clearer to those of us who do not work with it directly.

Discussion ensued on concerns with the Manatee YMCA proposal and their response to CSAB questions that were not answered. Gina Messenger reported that the Superintendent had met with the YMCA representatives and approved use of the portables on the former Harlee Middle School campus to be used on Monday through Thursday from 8-1 during the summer months. There was no request or approval to use the campus during the school year for an afterschool program. This does not align with what is in the proposal/request or what was stated at this meeting of expanding the program for full day during the summer and operating during the school year in the afterschool hours.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 15, 2019, Manatee Room of the County Administrative Complex, 3:00 p.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Approved

Xtavia Bailey, Chairman

Date