



Children's Services Advisory Board

May 15, 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 15, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Xtavia Bailey, Kelly Hunt, Pierrette Kelly, Jeremy Giddens, Amy Diss, Kimberly Kutch, Gail Wynne.

Absent (unexcused): George Van Buren, Cornelle Maxfield

Excused: Sandra Stone, Gina Messenger, Debbie Tapp

Also Present

County Staff: Susan Ford, Lawanda Timmons, James Slusser, Chris HandyHoneycutt; Members of the Public: Drena Green, Katrina Bellemare, Laurel Lynch, Kristina Tincher, Char Young, Beth Clark, Jessica Schubick, Nathan Scott, Bridget Haney.

Call to Order/Welcome

Xtavia Bailey, Board Member called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for May 8, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Pierrette Kelly, **Seconded by** Kimberly Kutch, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

Items were taken out of order so that a quorum would be present

New/Old Business

Susan Ford presented a request for \$25,000 from the FY2018-19 Children's Services reserves to fund a pilot Grade Level Reading program, which will fund the School District to operate the program during the summer months at Samoset Elementary School. The District is providing funding for the summer school classes from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, 5 days per week. The Children's Services funding would be used to provide the after school hours Grade Level Reading programming from 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm. The curriculum will be provided by certified teachers and includes reading and vocabulary activities, all of which the district feels is necessary to increase reading comprehension for the students. A handout was provided with the following: Who it will serve, 1 Year Target, 3 Year Results, and how the success of the program will be measured and verified. An open discussion ensued among the CSAB members of the proposal.

Motion: To fund the Pilot Program during the summer months at Samoset Elementary School, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kimberly Kutch, **Seconded by** Pierrette Kelly, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

The CSAB Members had a continued discussion on setting aside \$50,000 in funding to provide the pilot program at Samoset and add Palm View Elementary. The consensus was that the funds will not be awarded to the School District if the pilot program is unsuccessful.

Motion: To reserve FY19/20 funds in the amount of \$50,000 to fund Grade Level Reading to consider funding the pilot program at Samoset Elementary School and expanding to Palm View Elementary depending on the success of the pilot program this year, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kimberly Kutch, **Seconded by** Pierrette Kelly, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 5, No = 2, Abstain = 0). **Dissenting votes:** Gail Wynne, Jeremy Giddens.

Investment Application Discussion

A handout was provided, which included all programs that selected one of the following priorities: Children in foster care exit to a permanent home within 12 months or less of entering care; Children do not re-enter foster care within 12 months of moving to a permanent home; Families formed by adoption are stable and supported; Improved student behavior and fewer incidents of out of school suspension; or Students improve reading skills to attain grade level before 4th grade.

The CSAB Members had an open discussion, reviewed the programs and targets listed, and came to a consensus on which programs met the listed priority. Of the 28 programs, which selected a priority, 17 will be addressed under priorities in the funding recommendations process on May 22.

Jeremy Giddens exited the meeting at 3:59 pm during this discussion

The Chair introduced the plan for the funding recommendation process, which will begin with those programs whose target/result meets a priority; then move on to consider their requests for increases before moving on to the remaining requests. The remaining requests will be listed in alpha order and note both a total score and a combined result/target score. Following discussion and questions, this plan of action met the consensus of the board members present. Staff will provide handouts for the May 22 meeting to assist in the process.

Staff Updates

None

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 22, 2019, Manatee Room of the County Administrative Complex, 3:00 p.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Approved

Xtavia Bailey, Chairman

Date