



Children's Services Advisory Board-Virtual Meeting

May 13, 2020

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, Honorable Patricia M. Glass Chambers, First Floor, Bradenton, FL 34205, on Wednesday May 13, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

This meeting was conducted via Zoom Communications Media Technology as allowed under Executive Order 20-69 issued by the Office of Governor Ron DeSantis on March 20, 2020.

Roll Call

Present: Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Amy Diss, Gina Messenger, Kimberly Kutch, Kelly Hunt, Connie Shingledecker, Rita Smith, Debbie Tapp, Gail Wynne, George Van Buren. **Absent/Excused:** None.
Absent/Unexcused: None

Also Present

County Staff: Ava Ehde, Susan Ford, Kristi Hagen, Lawanda Timmons, James Slusser, Chris Handy-Honeycutt; Members of the Public (Via Phone): Suzy Ardilla, Susan Cappiello, Jesse Smalley, Rachel Spivey, Kerry Gaylord, Mary Smith, Deirdre Guilloton, Lisa Howard, Lisa Davis, Paul Sharff; there were also 50 unidentified phone attendees.

Call to Order/Welcome

Xtavia Bailey, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

Discussion of Investment Applications

The CSAB Members had an open discussion on the new and ongoing programs listed below. Concerns or questions voiced are noted.

- Educational Consultants Consortium, Iron Sharpening Iron: *What is the Agency's focus and what will their request for increase be used for? Does the request for increase only reflect an additional age group or does it also include parent classes? Is there going to be additional college prep? Challenging to measure their results and commitment.*
- From Cradle to College Foundation, Operation W.I.T.: *Is this program already in existence or is this a brand new program? What was their performance from last year? Is it duplicating services? What happened to previous funding? Clarification requested between the Foundation and Early Learning Coalition. Is Foundation and ELC Executive Director one in the same?*
- Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center, Children's Program: *What is their performance measure? Will only 6 children be served?*

Debbie Tapp exited @ 3:30 pm

- Selah Freedom, Freedom for Youth: *Budgeting issues. Duplication of services. No local Board members and is lacking. Intensity of training is lacking. Serve a "captive" audience, belief is this is the reason for the high number of participant/success. Didn't provide local data, and who are they serving.*

George VanBuren exited @ 3:41 pm

- Take Stock In Children, Donate a Dollar Launch a Scholar: *Would need to make sure potential funding would follow the ordinance and CSAB understands how the money is being used.*
- School District of Manatee, STAND: *Is this supplanting? If the Agency is being funded, why was funding lost? Letters of agreement? Question regarding all board members having expertise in all areas. Unclear on how students were broken into the different barrier levels. How effective are the program results?*

George VanBuren re-entered @3:48 pm

- Centerstone of FL, Sexual Assault Child Advocacy: *Agency listed local hospital as an essential partner, but a letter of commitment was not uploaded with their application.*

George VanBuren exited @4:07 pm

There were no comments or questions on the following programs:

- *Community Coalition for Children, Alternative Path to Success;*
- *Parenting Matters, Chosen Families;*
- *Family Network on Disabilities, Manasota Parent Advocacy;*
- *AMIKids, Manatee Prevention Program;*
- *Big Brothers/Big Sisters, One to One Mentoring;*
- *Centerstone of FL, Baker Act Youth;*
- *Centerstone of FL, Children's Community Action Team;*
- *Family Resources, CERTAIN;*
- *Family Resources, SafePlace2B;*
- *Hope Family Services, Children's Counseling and*
- *Insight Counseling Services, SOAR.*

Any questions and clarifications the CSAB Members may have for the Non-Profit Agencies were suggested to be emailed to Susan Ford for request of answers from the agencies.

Staff Updates

Susan Ford provided the following updates:

- Karen Hansen, one of the child advocates on this board, has resigned since our last meeting. We will be seeking a replacement once the funding process has concluded, as it would be difficult for someone new to join and participate mid process.
- The next meeting will be to discuss batches #3 and #4. The scores for these were due April 30th. If you do not have these programs scored yet, please get them completed by Monday at the latest so we can provide you with a scoring comparison and request corrections if needed. These should be listed in your Reviewer Portal with due dates of April 16 and April 30. The meeting scheduled for May 27th will no longer be the recommendation meeting. It will be for the discussion of the final 2 batches #5 and #6, which have due dates of May 7th and May 14th. All draft scores should be in by May 25th and all scores should be finalized by May 28th. We will need to schedule the recommendation meeting at a later date when there can be an in-person meeting.

Old/New Business

None

Public Comment

Agencies who submitted a public comment in writing were:

- Deirdre Guilloton, Centerstone of Florida, Children’s Community Action Treatment Team Program.
- Mary Smith, Family Network on Disabilities of Manatee/Sarasota, Manasota Parent Advocacy Services Program.
- Kerry Gaylord, From Cradle to College Foundation, Project W.I.T. Program
- Rachel Spivey, From Cradle to College Foundation, Project W.I.T. Program
- Jesse Smalley, From Cradle to College Foundation, Project W.I.T. Program
- Susan Cappiello, Insight Counseling Services, SOAR Program
- Suzy Ardila, Manatee County School District, STAND Prevention Program

Agencies who verbally provided a public comment during the virtual meeting were:

- Kerry Gaylord, From Cradle to College Foundation, Project W.I.T. Budget provided was for PEARLS Program, previously funded by state grant. Project W.I.T. is new program to provide service over the weekend. Mr. Paul Sharff is the managing director for From Cradle to College Foundation and CEO of Early Learning Coalition.
- Paul Sharff, From Cradle to College Foundation Project W.I.T. Program provided why the Foundation started with PEARLS, which is ongoing. Project W.I.T. is a new program to expand services on the weekend. Confirmed the budget provided was for PEARLS Program.
- Rachel Spivey, From Cradle to College Foundation, Project W.I.T. Program provided a brief overview of the program.
- Dr. Lisa Davis, Family Resources, SafePlace2B Program share there are currently two Manatee County Board Members. Stated budget information and their reason for asking for an increase in funding from the County.
- Deirdre Guilloton, Centerstone of Florida thanked the County for past funding and provided current status of programs.
- Lisa Howard, Lighthouse Vision Loss Education, Children’s Program provided details about program and why they are requesting funding for only six children.

Next Virtual Meeting

May 20, 2020 – 3:00 pm, Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave, W, Bradenton, FL 34205, 1st Floor, BCC Chambers.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Approved

Xtavia Bailey, Chairwoman

Date