



## Children's Services Advisory Board-Virtual Meeting

June 17, 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 27, 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.

**Also Present:** County Staff: Ava Ehde, Susan Ford, Kristi Hagen, Lawanda Timmons, James Slusser, Chris Handy-Honeycutt; Members of the Public: Tony Stephens, Alexdrena Green, Becky Canesse, Kelly French; Members of the Public (Via Phone): Paul Sharff, Dawn Stanhope, Jennifer Radebach, Michelle Grimsley, Hal Williams; there were also 57 unidentified phone attendees.

### Call to Order/Welcome

*Xtavia Bailey, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.*

### Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Minutes for February 19, 2020, May 13, 2020, May 20, 2020, and May 27, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kim Kutch, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

### Review of Investment Materials

Susan Ford provided information about the materials included in the board packets. The handouts included: FY20-21 Children's Services Investment Recommendations – Sorted by Priority and Score (high score 89.11, lowest score 56.22, average score 78.09); Special Programs and Other request for Investment. Request for increase FY20-21, listing the explanations for increase requested, Programs requesting investment – non-priority.

Susan Ford provided the following on declaring a Conflict of Interest. The Form 8B (Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County Public Officers) has been provided prior to the meeting. It is to be completed when you have a conflict of interest or affiliation with an agency that has requested an investment. Abstain from discussion, votes, or rating of programs when a conflict exists. No discussion or voting on that program or agency.

### FY20-21 Investment Recommendations

Xtavia Bailey provided some very important reminders for the purpose of tackling the business at hand, procedures and ground rules developed which should help both the members and the staff, as follows:

- It is not only important to declare conflicts and affiliations but also do our best to keep the process fair.

- When making a motion, please state it clearly; meaning that it is understood by all members and staff. To avoid confusion, please jot down your proposed motion before you state it. If the Chair needs clarification on the motion, you can then refer to your notes if necessary.
- The Chair will repeat the motion prior to calling for the question or official vote.
- Any member may make a motion to fund an individual program, with the following exceptions:
  - The Chair must turn over her Chair responsibilities to the Vice-Chair to make a motion. Once a vote has been taken on her motion, she may then resume Chair responsibilities.
  - If a member has a voting conflict with the program, they may not make a motion to fund that program.
  - "Blanket" motions, or including more than one program in a motion, are discouraged. This is a change from previous years, but a necessary one as we are required to obtain the rationale for the recommendations made today.
- All members are required to vote on motions unless a voting conflict has been declared for a program included in the motion. With a conflict, you must abstain from voting and complete a conflict form.
- Prior to any vote, the Chair will allow for public comment on the motion. This is a procedure we are required to adopt to be in line with the County's policies and procedures for advisory boards.
- Once a motion to fund a program or programs is passed, staff will update the Funding Recommendation Chart projected on the screen. Susan Ford will be performing this task.

The Financial Management Department has set the reserve at \$1,438,717, which leaves \$12,100,644 available to fund programs. The total amount needed to level fund all programs is \$11,934,100, which is \$166,544 less than the available funds. Both the available dollars and the set reserve are reflected on the Funding Recommendation Chart on the screen. As you make recommendations, the available dollars will decrease in the display. The scores ranged from 56.22 to 89.11. Average score = 78.09.

**.Motion:** Recommend requested funding in the amount of \$366,500 for Priority program #1, Parenting Matters, Chose Families program, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kim Kutch, **Seconded by** Gina Messenger, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, community need, highest score (89.11), good long-term results for a comprehensive adoption stabilization program.

**Motion:** Recommend requested funding in the amount of \$329,287 for Priority program #2, The Florida Center, Early Childhood Court program, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kim Kutch, **Seconded by** Gina Messenger, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, community need, above average score (83.11), evidence-based program resulting in child safety well-being and promotes permanency.

**Motion:** Recommend funding in the amount requested of \$340,000 for Priority program #3, Safe Children Coalition, Family Preservation and Reunification, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kim Kutch, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, community needs, average score (79.00), intensive family centered, solution-focused program resulting in reunification within 12 months of removal.

**Motion:** Recommend funding in the amount requested of \$130,441 for Priority program #11, Centerstone of Florida, Baker Act Youth Services, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kim Kutch, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, average score, Baker Acts have increased in our community and it is important to provide a secure environment for stabilization.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$610,000 for Priority program #4, Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, Great Futures Start Here, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Debbie Tapp, **Seconded by** Gail Wynne, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared; Rita Smith has an affiliation as a board member. **Rationale:** Meets

priority, high score (85.25), serves lots of children, and addresses 2 CSAB priorities. Did not recommend the requested increase simply because of lack of available dollars, not the quality of the program.

***Chair duties handed to Sandra Stone, Vice-Chair***

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$2,510,143 for Priority program #18, Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Early Care and Education, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, community need, above average score (81.78), helps to prepare our children for early learning, used as match funding. **Public Comment:** Paul Sharff thanked the board; Susan Ford read the public comment submitted by Mr. Sharff prior to the meeting into the record, which included a withdrawal of the request for an increase in funding due to funds leveraged from the federal and state government. Level funding is necessary to meet the match requirement.

***Chair duties returned to Xtavia Bailey, Chairman***

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$254,309 for program #47, Palmetto Youth Center, Foundation for Excellence, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp. **Motion withdrawn, 2<sup>nd</sup> withdrawn.**

Discussion ensued on recommendations for program listed under priorities before moving on to non-priority funding requests.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$102,626 for Priority program #10, Palmetto Youth Center, Helping Young People Excel (HYPE), **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, community need, above average scoring (80.00) program with a good success rate.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$155,606 for program #5, Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, The Club- Teens Only, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Debbie Tapp, **Seconded by** Xtavia Bailey, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared; Rita Smith has an affiliation with the agency as a board member. **Rationale:** Meets priority, community need, high score (85.00), helps teens with college and career course and workforce skills

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$75,000 for program #6, Community Coalition for Children and Youth, Inc. dba New Path Academy, Inc., Alternative Path to Success (APS), **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kimberly Kutch, **Seconded by** Xtavia Bailey, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, community need, high score (85.00), good results, uses innovative teaching and learning methods, and know how to leverage other funds.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$366,658 for Priority program #7, Just for Girls, GAPS - Girls Alternative Program for Success, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Sandra Stone, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, above average score (82.44), community needs, fills a niche in serving high risk girls with good results for services provided.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$80,000 for Priority program #8, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, One to One Mentoring Program, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Gail Wynne, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, community need, above average score (82.00), low cost for return on investment, high performance.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$80,000 for Priority program #9, AMIkids Manatee Inc., AMIkids Manatee Prevention Program, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Gail Wynne, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, community impact, above average score (80.22), high success rate.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$150,000 for Priority program #17, Step Up Suncoast, Head Start/Early Head Start, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Debbie Tapp, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, community need, above average score (82.33), early learning opportunity for low income children.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$13,500 for Priority program #13, Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy, Therapeutic Horseback Riding and Equine Assisted Services, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Gail Wynne, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, community need, below average score (74.78), high performance, and good return for value.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$33,385 for program #28, Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Emergency Family Food Baskets and Baby Baskets, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** High score (87.33), great community need

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$100,000 for program #29, Feeding Empty Little Tummys, Weekend Meals Program, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Sandra Stone, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** High score (86.56), great community need, helps feed children at risk of food insecurity.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$41,000 for program #27, Florida Department of Health- Sarasota, Child Welfare Systems Advocate, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kimberly Kutch, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** This position is a special initiative and funding is split between Manatee and Sarasota Counties for oversight of the child welfare system by a neutral party in our circuit.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$172,586 for Priority program #19, Step Up Suncoast, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschoolers and Youngsters, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, above average score (81.56), community need and impact, successful results.

**George VanBuren exited @ 4:44pm**

Discussion ensued on moving forward with motions based on priority, non-priority, and the average score of 78.09.

**Motion:** Consider priority programs rated above 70 and non-priority programs rated above 70 before considering any other programs for investment **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Sandra Stone, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Fairness of the process.

**George VanBuren re-entered @ 4:47pm**

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$267,220 for Priority program #20, Parenting Matters (Exchange Club Family Partnership Center of Manatee County, Inc. d.b.a. Parenting Matters), Partners in Education and Support, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Debbie Tapp, **Seconded by**

Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 1, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Amy Diss, Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Gail Wynne. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, above average score (81.00), community need; working with economically disadvantaged families.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$90,000 for Priority program #12, Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County, Teen Health Educator/Mentoring Program, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Gina Messenger, **Seconded by** Gail Wynne, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, community need, average score (75.78); unique mentorship program that allows teens to build leadership skills.

***George VanBuren exited @ 5:00 pm***

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$132,002 for program #23, Myakka City Community Center, Morning, After School Care & Camp Myakka, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kimberly Kutch, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, below average score (73.56), community need; grass roots program that serves an outlying community.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$184,276 for program #30, Pace Center for Girls, Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Project, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10 No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, high score (88.22), community need and impact, good success rate.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$91,955 for program #21, Step Up Suncoast, Teaching Our Toddlers, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Gail Wynne, **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Motion passed unanimously. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, average score (76.33), solid performance rate, cost per gain is low.

***Chair duties handed to Sandra Stone, Vice-Chair***

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$122,815 for Priority program #14, Educational Consultants Consortium, Iron Sharpening Iron, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Kimberly Kutch, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 1, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Amy Diss, Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Gail Wynne. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, below average score (70.89), good success rate; helps neighborhood youth north of the river find jobs and keeps the kids off the streets. **Public Comment:** Michelle Grimsley thanked the CSAB Members for considering the application and stated it may not be the best on paper, but the program does a great a job with the kids.

***Chair duties returned to Xtavia Bailey, Chairman***

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$345,326 for program #24, United Community Centers, Before and After School, Summer Enrichment Plus (BASE+), **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Gail Wynne, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, below average score (72.67), community need, good success rate.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$772,242 for program #22, Just for Girls, Stepping Up to Success - Out-of-School Program, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Debbie Tapp, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 8, No = 2, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt,

Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Amy Diss, Gail Wynne. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, average score (75.22), community need; a long time, well run organization.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$60,000 for program #31, Family Resources, SafePlace2B, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kimberly Kutch, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, high score (85.89), well run organization that provides counseling for high risk youth, good at leveraging other funding.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$205,000 for program #33, Foundations for Dreams, Dream Oaks Camp, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Sandra Stone, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, above average score (84.44), good results, provides a unique service for children with multiple disabilities.

**Motion:** Recommend increasing investment from level funding to the requested amount of \$99,322 for program #34, Insight Counseling Services, SOAR Program(Sexual Offense & Abuse Rehabilitation), (**Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kimberly Kutch, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 1, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Amy Diss, Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Gail Wynne. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, above average score (84.00), high need in the community for this unique service for youth sexual offenders, good long- term results, sole source in the community for this type of program.

**Motion:** Recommend requested funding in the amount of \$660,916 for program #32, Centerstone of Florida, Children's Community Action Team, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kimberly Kutch, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Motion passed unanimously. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, high score (85.22), high community need; provide intense mental health services for very high risk kids; avoids Baker Act.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$775,000 for program #35, Manatee Children's Services, Child Advocacy Center, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Connie Shingledecker, **Seconded by** Kimberly Kutch, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared; Kelly Hunt has an affiliation as a board member. **Rationale:** Non-priority, above average score (83.22), extremely important program in our community; helps physically and sexually abused children with exams and psychological counseling in a one stop center.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$353,135 for program #36, Centerstone of Florida, Child Welfare Diversion, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kimberly Kutch, **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets a priority (but applicant did not select one); above average score (82.78), high community need; positive results, also gets funded through insurance; assists MSO investigators and keeps children out of the child welfare system.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$160,000 for program #41, Manatee Children's Services, Emergency Shelter and Group Homes (Residential Programs), **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Connie Shingledecker, **Seconded by** Kim Kutch, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared; Kelly Hunt has an affiliation as an agency board member. **Rationale:** Non-priority, above average score (81.22), high community need for housing abused and neglected children; Manatee County has a high rate of removals.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$67,382 for program #37, Easter Seals SW Florida, Children's Therapy, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Sandra Stone, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, above average score (81.78), community need, good results, leverage other funds, serves challenging population of children.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$140,626 for program #46, Step Up Suncoast, Whole Child Manatee, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Kimberly Kutch, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, average score (76.11), community need, good success rate

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$254,309 for program #47, Palmetto Youth Center, Foundation for Excellence (FFE), **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** None.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$99,747 for program #40, Centerstone of Florida, Sexual Assault (Rape Crisis) Child Advocacy and Therapy, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Connie Shingledecker, **Seconded by** Sandra Stone, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, above average score (81.22), high community need for sexual assault treatment

**George VanBuren re-entered @ 6:10pm**

**Chair duties handed to Sandra Stone, Vice-Chair**

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$231,315 for program #48, HOPE Family Services, Children's Counseling Program, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Motion passed unanimously. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, below average score (74.33), high community need; domestic violence is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest reason for children being removed from their homes.

**Chair duties returned to Xtavia Bailey, Chairman**

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$218,750 for program #42, Step Up Suncoast, Healthy Families Manatee, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Kimberly Kutch, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, above average score (81.11), community need, successful program.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$244,636 for program #39, Family Resources, C.E.R.T.A.I.N., **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Debbie Tapp, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, above average score (81.33), community need for challenging population of truants; keeps kids off the streets and in school.

**Chair duties handed to Sandra Stone, Vice-Chair**

**Motion:** Recommend requested funding in the amount of \$210,000 for Priority program #26 From Cradle to College Foundation, Operation W.I.T (Whatever It Takes), **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Rita Smith, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 7, No = 4, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Amy Diss, Debbie Tapp, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Connie Shingledecker, Gail Wynne, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets a priority; although it has a low score (59.78), it focuses on children who are behind in reading; specifically helps African American children and their parents in Title I school areas. **Public Comment:** Paul Sharff, managing director stated he understands their program scored low due to being a new program, but wants to assure that it will be assisted by ELC, which has a proven track record. Helps children that ELC cannot help above the age of 5.

**Chair duties returned to Xtavia Bailey, Chairman**

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$88,764 for program #43, Step Up Suncoast, Parents as Teachers, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Debbie Tapp, **Seconded by** Rita Smith, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared.

**Rationale:** Non-priority, above average score (80.67), community need; goes into the home and teaches parents how to be their child's first teacher.

**Motion:** Recommend requested funding in the amount of \$190,102 for new program #38, Take Stock in Children of Manatee County, Donate a Dollar~ Launch a Scholar, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Gail Wynne, **Seconded by** Rita Smith, **Vote:** Motion failed (**Summary:** Yes =4, No = 7, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Amy Diss, Gail Wynne, Gina Messenger, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, George VanBuren, Kelly Hunt. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, Program is a good concept; above average score (81.44) concern about how our funds would be used vs. how they are already funded; a nationally known program that should have access to alternative funds; concern that sufficient funds may not be available at this cost.

**Gail Wynne exited @ 6:39 pm**

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$40,000 for program #44, The Family Network on Disabilities of Manatee/Sarasota, Sarasota/Manatee Respite Services, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, average score (78.33); highly needed for avoiding abuse of disabled children who are isolated with parents and at high risk.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$51,840 for program #49, Easter Seals SW Florida, Family Support Services, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Sandra Stone, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 1, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Amy Diss. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, below average score (73.11); highly needed for avoiding abuse of disabled children who are isolated with parents and at high risk; also provides wrap around services for these very challenging children.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$254,309 for program #47, Palmetto Youth Center, Foundation for Excellence (FFE), **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Debbie Tapp, **Seconded by** Rita Smith, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 1, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Amy Diss. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets reading priority, below average score (74.56); fills a niche in the North River area; expressed concern for too much dependence on county funding. **Public Comment:** Tony Stephens expressed his appreciation for the support from the CSAB Members and County Staff, their program should have been listed as a priority and all the comments made about their program will be addressed with Agency's Board.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$120,000 for program #25, The D.L. Randall Foundation, An Uprising in the Village, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 1, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Amy Diss. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets priority, low score (66.44); serves Rubonia area where other services are not available; poorly written application but provides good services.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$69,949 for program #53, The Salvation Army – Manatee, Family Shelter Case Managed Program, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kelly Hunt, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 1, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Amy Diss.

**Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, low score (69.00), necessary program; this is a sole source providing shelter and stabilization for homeless parents and their children.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$89,110 for program #45, Step Up Suncoast, Collaborative Action Therapy for Children's Health, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Debbie Tapp, **Seconded by** Rita Smith, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, average score (77.33), community need; accepts insurance and county funds are payor of last resort for the screening and therapy services.

**Motion:** Recommend requested funding in the amount of \$20,000 for program #52, Mana-sota Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. (Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center), Children's Program, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** George VanBuren, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 7, No = 3, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Connie Shingledecker, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Amy Diss, Debbie Tapp, Kimberly Kutch. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, below average score (70.00), community need; serves blind children; sole source in community for this type of service; small dollar request for a new program, sufficient funds available.

**Motion:** Recommend increasing investment from level funding to the requested amount of \$90,000 for program #8, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, One to One Mentoring, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Kimberly Kutch, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 7, No = 3, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Amy Diss, Connie Shingledecker, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Debbie Tapp. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Priority program, above average score (82.00), prevention program, increase to fund additional mentors and mentoring opportunities, \$10,000 increase requested, sufficient funds available.

**Motion:** Recommend increasing investment from level funding to the requested amount of \$195,000 for program #5, Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, The Club-Teens Only, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Amy Diss, **Seconded by** George VanBuren, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 6, No = 4, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Amy Diss, Connie Shingledecker, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Debbie Tapp. **Conflicts:** None declared; Rita Smith has an affiliation as a board member. **Rationale:** Priority program, high score (85.00) addition of a full-time Graduation and Career Coach, which is crucial for success of the young people served; \$39,394 increase requested, sufficient funds available. **Public Comment:** Dawn Stanhope stated they appreciate the consideration of increase funding, because graduation and career coaching is important to our teens who are falling through the cracks as they continue to support them with this crucial service.

***Chair duties handed to Sandra Stone, Vice-Chair***

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$50,000 for program #15, Replay Outreach, Success4Life Training, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 1, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Amy Diss. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Meets a priority, low score (68.78), leverage funds in addition to county dollars, good reports from the Department of Juvenile Justice, serves very high risk population, results are improving, are now more strenuous, and want to give them a chance to keep moving forward.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding in the amount of \$14,000 for program #51, The Family Network on Disabilities of Manatee/Sarasota, Parent Mentoring and Support Program, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No =

1, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Amy Diss. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Non-priority, below average score (70.22), program highly needed for parents of disabled children to navigate the special needs services in the school system.

***Chair duties returned to Xtavia Bailey, Chairman***

**Motion:** Recommend requested funding in the amount of \$15,000 for program #50, The Family Network on Disabilities of Manatee/Sarasota, Manasota Parent Advocacy Services, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 8, No = 2, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Connie Shingledecker, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Amy Diss, Debbie Tapp. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** New program, non-priority, below average score (72.22), community need; supports disabled children and their parents, small request of \$15,000 with sufficient funds available.

**Motion:** Recommend increasing investment from level funding to the amount of \$200,000 for program #41, Manatee Children's Services, Emergency Shelter and Group Homes (Residential Programs), **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Kimberly Kutch, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared; Kelly Hunt has an affiliation as a board member. **Rationale:** Requested increase of \$60,000 for an additional staff person. Non-priority, above average score (81.22), community need, moved to provide partial increase of \$40,000 of the \$60,000 additional requested.

**Motion:** Recommend increasing investment from level funding to the requested amount of \$74,120 for program #37, Easter Seals SW Florida, Children's Therapy, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Requested increase of \$6,738 to serve more children; Non-priority, above average score (81.78), community need; providing speech and language therapeutic services for disabled children. These services are not often funded with insurance. The county is the funder of last resort when insurance is not available.

**Motion:** Recommend use of remaining available funds (\$3,143) to increase investment to \$54,983 for program #49, Easter Seals SW Florida, Family Support Services, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 8, No = 2, Abstain = 0). **Assenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Connie Shingledecker, George VanBuren, Gina Messenger, Kelly Hunt, Rita Smith; **Dissenting Votes:** Amy Diss, Debbie Tapp. **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Requested increase to provide an increase number of respite services, Non-priority, below average score (73.11), available funding without accessing reserves.

**Motion:** Recommend level funding to be taken from the reserves in the amount of \$184,303 for program #16, The School District of Manatee County, Alternative To Out of School Suspension (ATOSS) Program, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Sandra Stone, **Seconded by** Amy Diss, **Vote:** Motion failed (**Summary:** Yes = 1, No = 8, Abstain = 1). **Assenting Votes:** Sandra Stone; **Dissenting Votes:** Xtavia Bailey, Amy Diss, Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, George VanBuren, Kelly Hunt, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith. **Conflicts:** A voting conflict was declared by Gina Messenger who is a paid School Board Member with the School District of Manatee County. **Rationale:** Meets a priority, however, very low score (59.50), no long-term results measured; there may be an opportunity for suspended students to be educated by teachers via virtual classes. Funds would have to come from reserves, no budgeted dollars remain.

Discussion ensued on the Selah Freedom program which was not recommended for investment. The rationale for not funding was as follows: very low score, not a priority, the same services (sexual assault prevention and human trafficking prevention) are available through the Manatee Children’s Services Child Advocacy Center funded through the county. There is possible supplanting as the agency chose to apply to Children’s Services funding when they had not applied last year and did not need this funding to run the program. When applying this year, the agency no longer used the prior funding sources available to them.

**Motion:** Adopt FY21 investment recommendations totaling \$12,100,644, and \$1,438,717, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Connie Shingledecker, **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

### Staff Updates

None

### Old/New Business

Kim Kutch thanked the board and the staff for the process.

### Public Comment

Agencies who submitted a public comment in writing were: The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Paul Sharff. This was read on the record during the recommendation motion to fund this program by Susan Ford.

Agencies who verbally provided a public comment were:

- Manatee Children Services, Gigi Kelly: Expressed sincere thanks for funding for the lifesaving services provided, and the additional funding recommended that will be used for foster children.
- Community Coalition for Children and Youth, Inc. dba New Path Academy, Jennifer Radebach: The families served greatly appreciate the funding from the county. She expressed concerns about the process and funds not being provided for increases.

### Next Meeting

July 15, 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 8:17 p.m.

Approved

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Xtavia Bailey, Chairwoman

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Date