



Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

March 13, 2024

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, Bradenton, Florida, 5th Floor Manatee Room on Wednesday March 13, at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present (In Person): Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Carolann Garafola, Patricia Miner, Susan Miller Kelly, Jannon Pierce, Melissa Leslie; **Absent/Excused:** Hon. Scott Brownell, Gina Messenger, Dr. Constance Charles-Logan, and Rita Smith **Absent/Unexcused:** None

Also Present: County Staff: (In Person) Kristi Hagen, Tracie Adams, Johanna Beville, Melissa Bomar, and LaWanda Timmons (Virtually) Brenda Marquez Facio; Members of the Board of County Commissioners: Amanda Ballard; Members of the Public: (In Person) Reggie Bellamy, Melissa Washington, Jonathan Evans, Drena Green, Denise McGirr, Jeanie Biak, Ann Colonna, Dawn Bryant, Derrick Randall, Jessie Garcia, Renita Houston, Lindis Cuenca, Anne LaBaron, Dequandra Hill; (Virtual) Andre Mays, Becky Canesse, Beth Clark, Char Young, Francesca Ricciardo, Jessica Nelson, Kimberly Kutch, Pepper Sellars, Sandra Richendollar, Scott Brownell, Susan Ford, Tari Allen.

Call to Order/Welcome

Connie Shingledecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for March 6, 2024, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jannon Pierce, **Seconded by** Patricia Miner, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person): Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Carolann Garafola, Patricia Miner, Jannon Pierce, Melissa Leslie.

Susan Miller Kelly entered at 3:10pm

Discussion of Investment Applications

CSAB Members engaged in an open dialogue regarding the review process and scoring. Seven programs were reviewed. Concerns or questions were open for discussion.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast- One to One Mentoring: Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.

- Program claimed priority:
 - Priority D: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.
- Program is requesting a funding increase.

Children's Home Society of Florida- Focus on Literacy After School and Summer Program: Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.

- *Program claimed priority:*
 - *Priority C: Funders, systems, policies, and practice align to ensure that our children have developmentally appropriate literacy skills.*
- *Program is requesting a funding increase.*

Myakka City Community Center (MAC)- Morning Care, After School, Camp Myakka: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*

- *Program claimed priority:*
 - *Priority D: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.*
- *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*

Palmetto Youth Center- Foundation for Excellence: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*

- *Program claimed priorities:*
 - *Priority C: Funders, systems, policies, and practice align to ensure that our children have developmentally appropriate literacy skills.*
 - *Priority D: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.*
- *Program is requesting a funding increase.*

Palmetto Youth Center- Helping Young People Excel (HYPE): *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*

- *Program claimed priority:*
 - *Priority D: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.*
- *Program is requesting a funding increase.*

Take Stock in Children of Manatee County, Inc- Mentoring Matters, Impact Over Obstacles: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*

- *Program claimed priority:*
 - *None*
- *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*

United Community Centers, Inc.- Before and After School, Summer Enrichment Plus: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*

- *Program claimed priority:*
 - *Priority D: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.*
- *Program is requesting a funding increase.*

Staff Updates

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- CSAB Members are to submit final scores no later than the Friday following the meeting. When final scores are submitted weeks later, it delays the scoring compilation.
- Batch 4 final scores are due Friday, March 15.
- Batch 5 initial scores are due Monday, March 18.
- Batches will continue to be sent out weekly and CSAB Members are to use the timeline provided to ensure they are meeting the due dates for questions and submissions.
- Clarified there is no meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 27.

- CSAB Members, Staff, and public are invited to wear blue on April 3 to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Staff are scheduled to meet with School Board representatives on Friday, March 15.

Brenda Marquez Facio provided the following updates:

- Reviewed recent compliance visit for the following program and no concerns were filed or noted.
 - Step Up Suncoast- Head Start / Early Head Start

Melissa Bomar provided the following updates:

- No New Updates

Johanna Beville provided the following updates:

- No New Updates

LaWanda Timmons provided the following updates:

- No New Updates

Commissioner Comments/ Updates

- No New Updates

New/Old Business

Ms. Hagen sought suggestions from the CSAB Members for a more substantial selection of food for the upcoming recommendation meetings. Ms. Hagen suggested considering Publix pinwheel sandwiches and pizza as possible options.

Mrs. Shingledecker reported that she completed Sleep Baby Safely training with EMS personnel with positive response from attendees.

Xtavia Bailey exited at 4:20pm

Public Comment

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

(In Person): Jeanie Baik, Rose Menard, Denise McGirr, Renita Houston, Melissa Washington, Reggie Bellamy, Derrick Randall.

- Jeanie Baik, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast: Responded to inquiries posed by the CSAB Members regarding program expansions and historic program information.
- Rose Menard, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast: Spoke on her personal experience as a program participant.
- Denise McGirr, Take Stock in Children of Manatee County: Provided an explanation to the CSAB Member's questions regarding the program's results, mentorship, and
- Renita Houston, Children's Home Society of Florida: Addressed questions the CSAB Members asked regarding the program's Board of Directors, the program's partnerships with any local schools, and the program's funding allocations.

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- Reggie Bellamy, Palmetto Youth Center: Provided an explanation regarding the program's reason for needing to expand program hours and clarified the CSAB Member's concerns about the program's Board of Directors.
- Melissa Washington, Palmetto Youth Center: Clarified outstanding questions regarding program operations, funding allocations, and staffing concerns.
- Derrick Randall, United Community Center: Provided an explanation to the CSAB Members concerning questions regarding client risk factors and the program's Board of Directors. Mr. Randall provided a brief explanation regarding the termination of D.L. Randall Foundation and expressed gratitude to the CSAB Members for their continuous support.

Next Meeting

March 20, 2024 – 3:00 pm, Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Manatee/Osprey Rooms, 5th floor.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Approved

Connie Shingledecker, Chair

Date