



Children's Services Advisory Board

April 28, 2021

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 April 28, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: (In Person) Debbie Tapp, Xtavia Bailey, Hon. Scott Brownell, Amy Diss, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Kutch, Kelly Hunt, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith; (Virtually) Connie Shingledecker and Gail Wynne; **Absent/Excused:** George Van Buren, **Absent/Unexcused:** None.

Also Present: County Staff: Kristi Hagen, Lawanda Timmons, Chris Handy-Honeycutt, Johanna Beville; Members of the Public (In Person): Kelly Stasurak, Sharon Oakes, Darrell King, Alexdrena Green, Stacey McKee, Char Young, Laurel Lynch, and Paul Scharff, (Virtually): Andi Watson, Ann Colonna, Anne Heller, Becky Canesse, Katelyn Disbro, Kristina Tincher, Marie O'Connell, Jennifer Radebach.

Call to Order/Welcome

Debbie Tapp, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for April 21, 2021, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Charlie Kennedy, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person) Debbie Tapp, Xtavia Bailey, Hon. Scott Brownell, Amy Diss, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Kutch, Kelly Hunt, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith; (Virtually) Connie Shingledecker and Gail Wynne.

Discussion of Investment Applications

The CSAB Members had an open discussion on the review process. Seven programs were reviewed and scored. Comments, concerns, or questions voiced are noted.

- AMikids Manatee- AMikids Manatee Prevention Program: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
 - o *Program claimed priority: At-risk youth demonstrate age-appropriate social and behavioral skills and result. CSAB will not consider as a priority by member vote. **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 1, No = 10, Abstain = 0).*
 - o *Program not requesting an increase in investment.*
- Community Coalition for Children and Youth, Inc. dba New Path Academy, Inc.- Alternative Path to Success (APS): *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
 - o *Program claimed priority: At-risk youth demonstrate age-appropriate social and behavioral skills and result. CSAB will consider as a priority by member consensus.*

- o *Program requested an increase in investment and reasoning for request. CSAB utilized Decision Making Guide-Request for Increased Investment. CSAB determined that they will not consider for increase.*
- Palmetto Youth Center- Helping Young People Excel (HYPE): *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
 - o *Program claimed priority: At-risk youth demonstrate age-appropriate social and behavioral skills and result. CSAB will consider as a priority by member consensus.*
 - o *Program requested an increase in investment and reasoning for request. CSAB utilized Decision Making Guide-Request for Increased Investment. CSAB determined that they will not consider for increase and will review again at buffer meeting and determine at final.*
- Palmetto Youth Center- Foundation for Excellence: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
 - o *Program claimed priority: At-risk youth demonstrate age-appropriate social and behavioral skills and result. CSAB will consider as a priority by member consensus.*
 - o *Program not requesting an increase in investment.*
- Take Stock in Children of Manatee County, Inc.- Mentoring Matters- Impact Over Obstacles: *This is a new program for the Manatee County Children's Millage. Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
 - o *Program claimed no priority.*
 - o *Program not requesting an increase in investment.*
- The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc- Early Care and Education Child Care Subsidy and Match Program: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed. Staff clarified that currently this program is under one contract and agency pulled programs apart to apply for funding separately at staff's recommendation.*
 - o *Program claimed priority: At-risk youth demonstrate age-appropriate social and behavioral skills and result. CSAB will not consider as a priority as written by member consensus and to reviewed at determination meeting.*
 - o *Program requested an increase in investment and reasoning for request. CSAB utilized Decision Making Guide-Request for Increased Investment. CSAB determined that they will not consider for increase at this time and will review again during the buffer meeting.*
- The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc- Early Care and Education Provider, Child, and Family Initiatives: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed. Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed. Staff clarified that currently this program is under one contract and agency pulled programs apart to apply for funding separately at staff's recommendation.*
 - o *Program claimed priority Children (birth-pre-K) demonstrate age-appropriate literacy skills predictive of becoming successful in kindergarten. CSAB will consider as a priority by member consensus.*
 - o *Program requested an increase in investment and reasoning for request. CSAB utilized Decision Making Guide-Request for Increased Investment. CSAB determined that they may be consider for increase.*

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

Staff Updates

Johanna Beville provided the following updates:

- Healthy Teens Program Manager, Evelyn Almodovar's is leaving the agency and her last day is today. For the time being Mary Ann Legler and Amy Algustowski will be working together to meet program supervision and reporting requirements.
- Step Up Suncoast's HIPPIE program hired Altagracia Lajara de Parades as a program manager, and she will be starting on May 1.

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- Scores for Batch 5 are due on Friday, April 30.
- Initial scores for batch 7 are due on April 30.
- The next meeting on May 5, will be to discuss Batch 6.

Old/New Business

Debbie Tapp reviewed the response from Easter Seals concerning their increase and the typo on the amount of the increase, it is a request for \$6,300 increase, not \$33,000.

Xtavia Bailey reshared Tiger Bay Meeting details.

Public Comment

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

(In Person): Sharon Oakes, Paul Scharff; (Virtually): Jennifer Radebach and Nicole Murby.

- Sharon Oakes, Early Learning Coalition: Spoke on the program's achievement of results despite challenges COVID presented. Provided additional information on the Nemours program and the plan to expand into more classrooms. Thanked CSAB for ongoing support and consideration of programs for funding next year.
- Paul Scharff, Early Learning Coalition: Reviewed the work done with staff to apply for funding this year and reasoning behind agency pulled programs apart to apply for funding separately. Spoke on the funding that was previously received, how it was spent, and the results. Thanked the CSAB for their support of the programs and agency.
- Jennifer Radebach, New Path Academy: Explained the request for her program's increase in funding and why. Provided details pertaining to the levels of barriers the clients are facing and how it was listed in the application. Thanked the CSAB for their consideration of funding for the program.
- Nicole Murby, Easter Seals Children's Therapy: Clarified the details and reasoning for the requested increase for investment for her program (reviewed last week). Thanked CSAB members for their service to the children of Manatee County.

Next Virtual Meeting

May 5, 2021 – 3:00 pm, Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, 5th Floor Manatee Room.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Approved

Debbie Tapp, Chairwoman

Date