CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING COUNTY ADMINISTRATION RUILDING 5TH ELOOP MANATEE PO

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR MANATEE ROOM

1112 Manatee Avenue West Bradenton, Florida August 21, 2024

Present were:

Connie Shingledecker, Chairman Xtavia Bailey, Vice-Chairman Hon. Scott Brownell Carolann Garafola Susan Miller Kelly Constance Charles-Logan Jannon Pierce Rita Smith (entered during meeting) Debbie Tapp

Absent were:

Patricia Miner

There are three seats vacant.

Also present were:

Commissioner Amanda Ballard, Board Liaison
Tracie Adams, Deputy Director, Community and Veteran's Services
Kristi Hagen, Children's Services Program Coordinator
Johanna Beville, Senior Human Services Analyst
Melissa Bomar, Human Services Analyst
Lawanda Timmons, Senior Human Services Analyst
Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst
Vicki Tessmer, Board Records Supervisor, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Chairman Shingledecker called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

1. AGENDA AND SIGN-IN SHEET

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2. **ROLL CALL**

Roll Call was completed and a quorum was declared. It was noted Members Leslie and Messenger resigned.

3. **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Member Pierce, seconded by Member Miller Kelly, and carried 8 to 0, with Members Smith and Miner absent, to approve the minutes of June 19, 2024.

4. **SLEEP BABY SAFELY INITIATIVE UPDATE**

Rachel Spivey, Early Learning Coalition (ELC), used a slide presentation to provide an update on the Sleep Baby Safely program including valuable insights on their startup of the program and efforts to get the training and information out to community partners.

Kelly Beavers, ELC, introduced herself and the initiative's lead.

Ms. Spivey continued the presentation to introduce team members Willona Milton and Vicki Morgan, via recording.

(Enter Member Smith during discussion)

5. <u>DISCUSSION OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS</u>

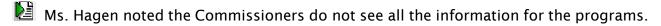
Rubonia Youth Program

Kristi Hagen, Children's Services Coordinator, stated the FY24 Rubonia Youth Program was approved despite the CSAB recommendation to not fund the program.

CSAB Recommendations to the BOCC

Kristi Hagen, Children's Services Coordinator, stated the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved three additional programs: Prodigal Daughters, Manatee County Summer Blast Camp, and Isaiah 117. The Advisory Board did not recommend funding for these programs. She responded that funding these programs will not affect other programs that were not funded.

Discussion ensued that the BOCC has the privilege to amend recommendations regarding funding. As with all programs, staff will monitor and ensure agencies provide required agency and program documentation, if programs are unable to meet requirements the program may decline the funding. A joint work session with the BOCC on the Children's Services Ordinance, the CSAB, and process that guides the group was recommended. In the past there have been such meetings but were removed by the BOCC.



Commissioner Ballard requested all the application information be provided to the BOCC, Commissioners should know the amount of work that goes into the recommendation process, and the BOCC needs to know the process. It is important for Commissioners to know the programs and see the reason a program does not receive a recommendation.

Discussion ensued regarding the decision regarding Summer Blast Camp scholarships, how to support new programs when they reach out with questions, the CSAB complex review process, the amount of money being invested. New programs need to consider partnering with established organization to enhance their applications. A special joint meeting to review applications and discuss the reasons for or against a program's investment recommendation will be beneficial. This will also be an appropriate time for the BOCC to accept the recommendations or, based on conversation, amend the recommendations.

6. **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

Drowning Prevention

Chairman Shingledecker, shared data on Florida's high drowning rate and, on behalf of the subcommittee, determine door alarm and sliding door lock may help in the prevention of child drowning deaths in Manatee County. Through new legislation, the Florida Department of Health is also working on education through swim lessons voucher, but it takes a long time to teach a child to swim.

The recommendation is to purchase \$200,000 worth of alarms and door locks. The door alarms are \$30 for a four pack, and the locks are \$20 for a two pack. Partnerships with volunteers throughout the community will be established, such as task forces, nonprofit agencies, and County. Registration will be required to support reporting on distribution.

There being no public comment, Chairman Shingledecker closed public comment.

A motion was made by Member Miller Kelly, seconded by Member Garafola, and carried 9-0, with Member Miner absent, to set aside \$200,000 to purchase alarms and door locks to distribute to families with pools.

Application/Review

Member Tapp reviewed the notes from the Application and Funding Process Review subcommittee meeting on August 12, 2024, noting the FY2025 application and funding review process, Agency responses, Children Services Advisory Board (CSAB) Member responses, prep for discussion during the annual retreat, and tasks for the regular CSAB meeting.

Kristi Hagen, Children's Services Coordinator confirmed an abbreviated (multi-year) application can be created for high scoring agencies.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS/UPDATES

At this time there were no Member updates.

8. **STAFF UPDATES**

Lawanda Timmons, Senior Human Services Analyst, noted all agencies have completed third quarter reports and there were no concerns.

Johanna Beville, Senior Human Services Analyst, explained all agencies have completed third quarter reports and there were no concerns. Staff will meet with newly funded agencies regarding requirements.

Melissa Bomar, Human Services Analyst, noted all agencies are working on third quarter reports. There are staff changes with Healthy Teens, and there is an interim director. SMART and AMI Kids are also in search of a new director.

Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst, stated all third quarter reports were submitted with no concerns. She also met with Sleep Baby Safely, and there were no concerns. Feeding Empty Little Tummies (FELT) is also looking for a new director, and Salvation Army has a vacant position as well.

Discussion ensued regarding funding for SMART was based on the executive director who is no longer there, CSAB members can reach out to staff with questions.

Kristi Hagen, Children's Services Coordinator, requested assistance with retreat planning. Advisory Board Member applications will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on September 24, 2024.

9. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Judge Brownell, noted Manatee County is ranked 50th in the State for pay rates for case workers.

Debbie Tapp noted there are funds available for grants through United Way.

A motion was made by Member Bailey to reconsider funding Creative Arts Academy at \$107,000. The motion was seconded by Member Garafola.

Discussion ensued regarding this is not appropriate as the Director was unresponsive to questions, and the score was 55.3 with a vote of 3-8 to not fund.

Susan Ford stated she reached out to Mr. Ruiz to offer support, and he has not responded.

There being no further public comment, Chairman Shingledecker closed public comment.

The motion failed 2-7 with Chairman Shingledecker, and Members Brownell, Charles-Logan, Miller Kelly, Pierce, Smith and Tapp voting nay.

Genesis Health Services

A motion was made by Member Miller Kelly and seconded by Member Brownell to fund Genesis Health Services, at the Rubonia Youth Center, to service 36 students at \$266,455.

Discussion ensued regarding the FY25 application is better, issue with the term "avoid", goal of the program is to not have any student expulsions or suspensions, issues with what the program entails, per child cost, there are no other services in Rubonia, part of cost is transportation, application is ambitious, and offers mental health support, transportation is out-sourced at \$15,000, everyone on the Board is an employee of the agency, look for other funding, unclear on activities, is this a typical after school program, counseling is available, and some families may not want counseling.

Johanna Beville, Senior Human Services Analyst, noted Staff is working with Genesis on drafting their FY24 contract to clearly identify clients, risk factors, program details. She shared the mental health professional is an intern and not licensed. The program is moving forward, this is a new application, County Commissioners approved the retroactive funding, and this is for October 2024 to September 2025.

(Depart Member Garafola)

Discussion ensued regarding what are the programs for before school, there may not be results for before school, the result is for 30 kids, how are kids included if they are not participating in counseling, the funding is for program operation for eligible clients, and could this be tabled.

Ms. Beville explained the program has been narrowed down to summer and out of school time programming to include behavioral health modification.

Discussion ensued regarding if there is something for kids to do when they are not in counseling.

James McCloud, Genesis, reviewed the menu of services, including preparation to transport to school, after school programs for ages 5 to 15, structure includes tutoring, and

traditional after school programs including outdoor activities, tablet time, games, and counseling.

There being no further public comment, Chairman Shingledecker closed public comment.

The motion carried 5-3, with Chairman Shingledecker and Members Miller Kelly and Charles-Logan voting nay. (Depart Member Miller Kelly)

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

James McCloud, Genesis Health Services, thanked the Advisory Board for their time and assistance.

There being no further public comment, Chairman Shingledecker closed public comment.

11. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Children's Services Advisory Board will take place September 18, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., in Manatee Room, 5th Floor, Manatee County Administrative Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton.

ADJOURN

There being no	o further busine	ss, Chairman Rahr	adjourned the i	meeting at 5:38 p.m.
Minutes Appro	oved:			