



Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

November 16, 2022

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 November 16, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present (In Person): Connie Shingledecker, Hon. Scott Brownell, Kimberly Kutch, Rita Smith (Virtually) Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Xtavia Bailey, **Absent/Excused:** Debbie Tapp, Carolann Garafola; Gina Messenger, **Absent/Unexcused:** Jannon Pierce, Susan Miller Kelly

Also Present: County Staff: (In Person) Lee Washington, Kristi Hagen, Johanna Beville, and Brenda Marquez-Facio; (Virtually) Melissa Bomar; Members of the Public: (In Person) Jonathan Evans, Stephanie Rouda, Dawn Stanhope; Linda Hedrick, Tara Fager, Michael Wood, Laurel Lynch, Anne LeBaron (Virtually) Susan Ford, Renee Simon, Alexdrena Green, Melinda Thompson.

Call to Order/Welcome

Connie Shingledecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Healthy Teens, Teen Health Educators

Jonathan Evans from the Teen Health Educators Program of Healthy Teens provided a history and an update on the status of the program. Shared information on the services the program provides to clients and their hopes for their second result focused on the participants. Jonathan presented a PowerPoint and fielded questions from CSAB members.

Xtavia Bailey entered virtually at 3:14

Kim Kutch entered at 3:18

Rita Smith entered at 3:30

Xtavia Bailey exited virtually at 3:33

Step Up Suncoast, Healthy Families Manatee

Linda Hendrick from the Healthy Families Manatee Program of Step Up Suncoast provided a history and a status update. Linda also shared information on the services the program provides to clients and families, recent results from FY22, and plans for the program for FY23. Linda fielded questions from CSAB members.

Children's Annual Plan & Priorities Report-Review

Melissa Bomar provided an update on the draft of the Children's Annual Plan. Discussion ensued amongst the members and staff. It was determined the finalized report will be provided to the Board of County Commissioners and CSAB Members on December 6, 2022.

Staff Updates

Johanna Beville provided the following updates:

- FY22 Quarter 4 Results:
 - All programs have submitted their quarter 4 requirements.
 - Programs that ended their year with revenue exceeding expenditure for FY22 will be receiving invoices to pay those funds back to Manatee County Government.
- No compliance visits have been conducted for FY23 yet and staff will be working with assigned programs to begin scheduling.
- Manatee Home Visiting Coalition has invited the public to their Holiday Party that is scheduled for December 9th, 2022 from 10am to 12pm located at the 17th Street Park, Palmetto, FL 34221.

Melissa Bomar provided the following updates:

- Continues with the process of executing contracts and transitioning as the new contract manager for the assigned agreements for FY23 .
- FY22 Quarter 4 Results:
 - All programs have submitted their quarter 4 requirements.
 - Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy (SMART) was experiencing challenges with the portal.
 - Palmetto Youth Center is past due on submitting their quarter 4 demographics report despite staff's numerous attempts to provide assistance and guidance to remedy.
- Update from Boys and Girls Clubs of Manatee County regarding their ongoing challenge with IXL and the introduction of a new assessment within the schools required by the superintendent.

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- New Human Services Analyst Brenda Marquez-Facio was introduced.
- Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report and Plan will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners at their December 6 meeting.
- School nurse follow-up regarding the question from Kim Kutch about whether or not the Department of Health funds school nurses for Manatee County School Board. Confirmed with Department of Health – Manatee County there are 7 full time RNs, 3 LPNs, and 3 Health Aids employed that support student health and educational wellbeing.
- Reminder of the local law seminar. Kristi shared the registration link, if you still need it contact her. Advisory board members may watch the recording and gain their credit that way, Kristi will send the link upon receipt from the County Attorney's Office.
- FY24 application informational meeting will be held on Friday, December 16 at 9:00 a.m. at United Way in Lakewood Ranch.

Brenda Marquez-Facio, Children's Services newest Human Services Analyst, introduced herself to the CSAB Members.

New/Old Business

Kimberly Kutch shared the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) provides food assistance for individuals and families impacted by Hurricane Ian and who are not receiving food assistance benefits through the regular Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, D-SNAP is implemented by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). Qualifications still apply.

Public Comment

Dawn Stanhope, Boys and Girls Club, thanked the board and provided information on their current challenges with the recent directive from Manatee County School district's Superintendent Saunders for all students participating in after-school programs (hosted within the schools) to use a program called Lalilo to build literacy skills.

Next Meeting

December 14, 2022 – 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 5:07 p.m.

Connie Shingledecker, Chair

Date