

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR MANATEE ROOM  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida  
March 4, 2026**

Present were:

Xtavia Bailey, Chairperson  
Hon. Scott Brownell  
Heather Felton  
Kristin Gallagher  
Carolann Garafola  
Michelle Laughrey  
Cassandra Mitchell  
Connie Shingledecker  
Debbie Tapp, (Entered during meeting)  
Rita Smith, (Entered during meeting)

Absent was:

Jannon Pierce, Vice-Chairperson

Two seats are vacant.

Also present were:

Tracie Adams, Deputy Director, Community and Veteran's Services  
Melissa Bomar, Interim Children's Services Coordinator  
Mark Dillon, Senior Human Services Analyst  
Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst  
Hannah Bishop, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Chairperson Bailey called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Bailey.

**AGENDA and SIGN-IN SHEET**

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3. **ROLL CALL**  
A quorum was declared.
4. **MINUTES**  
A motion was made by Member Shingledecker, seconded by Member Garafola, and carried 8-0, with Vice-Chairperson Pierce and Members Smith and Tapp absent, to approve the minutes of February 25, 2026.
5. **CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER, MANATEE CHILDREN'S SERVICES**  
Program claimed priority A, Children are safe in their homes, free from abuse or neglect.  
Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for tier one.  
(Enter Member Tapp)

6. **RESIDENTIAL, MANATEE CHILDREN'S SERVICES**  
Program claimed no priority. Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for tier one.  
(Enter Member Smith)
7. **KIDS PERSONAL SAFETY, MANATEE CHILDREN'S SERVICES**  
Program claimed no priority. Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for tier one.
8. **MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION- BAKER ACT YOUTH, CENTERSTONE OF FLORIDA**  
Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for tier one.
9. **CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM, CENTERSTONE OF FLORIDA**  
Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for tier one.
10. **SEXUAL ASSAULT ADVOCACY AND CHILD THERAPY, CENTERSTONE OF FLORIDA**  
Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for tier one.
11. **YOUTH HEALTHCARE COURT, CENTERSTONE OF FLORIDA**  
Program claimed no priority. This is a new program requesting funding.
12. **CHILDREN'S COUNSELING PROGRAM, HOPE FAMILY SERVICES**  
Program claimed no priority. Program is not requesting a funding increase.
13. **SEXUAL OFFENSE & REHABILITATION, INSIGHT COUNSELING SERVICES**  
Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for tier one.
14. **STAFF UPDATES**  
Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst, observed UnidosNow, Early Learning Coalition Nemours, and Blue Butterfly with no concerns identified.

Melissa Bomar, Interim Children's Services Coordinator, conducted a compliance review for United Community Centers with no concerns identified. She reminded the Board of the importance of timeliness and kindness.

Mark Dillon, Senior Human Services Analyst, completed Results First reviews for Replay Outreach and Success4Life, with no concerns identified. He completed a Results First Review and compliance observation for Helping Young People Excel (HYPE), identified documentation deficiencies and a lack of staff observation documentation, and will follow up with the program in a few weeks

Johanna Beville, Program Analyst, informed the Board of ongoing financial concerns related to Just for Girls and noted discrepancies in the information provided.

15. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/UPDATES**  
There were no Commissioner comments or updates.

16. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Member Tapp referenced an article in the Anna Maria Island paper regarding the kiosk for life vests.

Discussion ensued regarding water safety.

17. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Victoria Kastor, Centerstone, addressed questions regarding the organization's Board of Directors.

Deirdre Geuilloton, Centerstone, provided a summary of the program and success rates.

Tara Allan, Centerstone, provided the number of citizens served annually.

Jessica Kruger, Centerstone, addressed the youth being served, the program timeline, and program goals.

Susan Maulucci, Youth Healthcare Court, provided a summary of the program.

Nathan Scott, Family Safety Alliance, addressed the significance of the program.

There being no further public comments, Chairperson Bailey closed public comments.

18. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will occur March 11, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., in the Manatee County Administrative Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue W, Bradenton, in the 5th Floor Manatee Room.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairperson Bailey adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

