

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR MANATEE ROOM
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
March 5, 2025**

Present were:

Xtavia Bailey, Chairman, (entered during meeting)
Jannon Pierce, Vice-Chairman
Hon. Scott Brownell
Barbara Byrne
Constance Charles-Logan
Heather Felton
Connie Shingledecker
Rita Smith

Absent were:

Carolann Garafola
Nina Romeu
Patricia Miner
Debbie Tapp

One seat is Vacant

Also present were:

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

1. Vice-Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

AGENDA and SIGN-IN SHEET

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2. **ROLL CALL**

A quorum was declared, and it was announced that Emily Gault resigned.
(Enter Chairman Bailey, Vice-Chairman Pierce passed the gavel)

3. **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Member Pierce, seconded by Member Shingledecker, and carried 8-0, with Members Garafola, Romeu, Miner, and Tapp absent, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2025.

4. **SLEEP BABY SAFELY UPDATE**

Rachel Spivey, Director of Early Learning Coalition (ELC), utilized a slide presentation reviewing the Fourth Quarter report, updated overview, statistics, outreach events, training and materials, community and creative collaborations, expanding awareness through interdepartmental collaborations, nursing staff training, client feedback, what was learned and how it will be used, barriers to safe sleep, road blocks, action steps, thinking out of the box, social media campaign and promotional video.

Discussion ensued regarding thanking ELC for the program, the purpose of the program, and the sense of urgency for community awareness.

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5. **EARLY LEARNING COALITION, CHILD CARE SUBSIDY & MATCH**

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Program did not claim a priority status, and does not need to claim a priority due to being a Results as Service application. Program is not requesting a funding increase.

6. **EARLY LEARNING COALITION, NEMOURS READING BRIGHTSTART!**

Program claimed priority status B – Education and Literacy: Children develop literacy skills necessary to function appropriately in relevant environments. Program is not requesting a funding increase.

7. **EARLY LEARNING COALITION, SLEEP BABY SAFELY**

Program claimed priority status D – Health and Safety: Parents and caregivers have the skills and resources needed to stop preventable child death. Program is requesting a funding increase and eligible for tier three level.

8. **EARLY LEARNING COALITION, COORDINATED APPROACH TO CHILD HEALTH**

Program did not claim a priority status. Program is not requesting a funding increase.

9. **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING SYSTEM COORDINATOR**

Program claimed priority status A – Child Welfare: Children are safe in their homes, free from abuse or neglect. Program is requesting a funding increase and eligible for tier two level.

10. **AVENUE941, SCHOOL-YEAR PROGRAM**

Program claimed priority status B – Education and Literacy: Children develop literacy skills necessary to function appropriately in relevant environments.

11. **THE FLORIDA CENTER, EARLY CHILDHOOD COURT**

Program claimed priority status A – Child Welfare: Children are safe in their homes, free from abuse or neglect. Program is not requesting a funding increase.

12. **STAFF UPDATES**

Johanna Beville, Senior Human Services Analyst, had no updates.

Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst, had no updates.

Kristi Hagen, Children’s Services Coordinator, had no updates.

13. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/UPDATES**

There were no Commissioner comments or updates.

14. **NEW/OLD BUISNESS**

There was no new or old business.

15. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nathan Scott, Department of Health, spoke on the questions from the Board, reviewed the application for Child and Family Well-Being System, and provided a brief summary of the program, and best practices.

Kim Kutch, Child and Family Well-Being System , thanked the Board for all the support, and spoke on the questions from the Board.

Darrell King, Early Learning Coalition, responded to questions from the Board, and reviewed the funding for the program.

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Rachel Spivey, Director of Early Learning Coalition, addressed questions, reviewed the assessment, numbers, and goals of the program, shared a story regarding the benefit of the program, and explained the program meeting the tier three level requirements.

Brenda Critchfield, Avenue 941, addressed questions, provided a brief summary of the budget, the program currently has 14 locations, and explained the discipleship occurring at the churches.

Kelly Beavers, Early Learning Coalition, addressed questions, reviewed the fundraisers for the program, and invited CSAB Members to tour the facility.

Pam Hodge, Florida Center, provided a brief summary of the program, and addressed questions.

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


16. **MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next meeting will occur March 12, 2025, 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, Chairman Bailey adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____

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