

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR MANATEE ROOM
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
March 25, 2025**

Present were:

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

Absent was:

Connie Shingledecker

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 3:06 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 Tapp, seconded by Member Felt, and carried 9-0, with Member Shingledecker, to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026.
5. **UNITED COMMUNITY CENTERS- BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL, SUMMER ENRICHMENT PLUS (BASE+)**
Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is not requesting a funding increase.
6. **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MANATEE COUNTY- THE CLUB TEEN PROGRAM**

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Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for tier two.
(Enter Member Smith)

7. **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MANATEE COUNTY- GREAT FUTURES START HERE**
Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is requesting a funding increase, and tier three.
8. **PALMETTO YOUTH CENTER- FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE**
Program claimed B, Children develop literacy skills necessary to be successful in school. Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for tier two.
9. **PALMETTO YOUTH CENTER- HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE EXCEL (HYPE)**
Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is not requesting a funding increase.
10. **MYAKKA CITY COMMUNITY CENTER- MORNING CARE, AFTER SCHOOL, CAMP MYAKKA**
Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is not requesting a funding increase.
11. **GIRL SCOUTS OF THE GULF COAST FLORIDA- THE STATE OF THE MANATEE GIRL, PILOT INITIATIVE**
Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. This is a new program requesting funding.
12. **GENESIS HEALTH SERVICES- LEVEL UP 360 YOUTH PROGRAM**
Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is requesting a funding decrease.
13. **STAFF UPDATES**
Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst, reported The Salvation Army is in compliance and all required documentation has been received. She conducted observations for Big Brothers Big Sisters One-to-One Mentoring (BBBS) and the Early Learning Coalition's Coordinated Approach to Child Health (ELC CATCH) programs, with no concerns identified.

Melissa Bomar, Interim Children's Services Coordinator, stated Member Shingledecker will host a table on April 3 and April 11, 2026, for the Water Safety Initiative at University Town Center (UTC) during the Safe Kids Day event, as well as the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in Bradenton for Healthy Kids Day. Member Shingledecker invited members to participate if available. Staff will attend the Manatee County Health Expo on April 7, 2026, at the Convention Center in support of the Water Safety Initiative. She thanked the Board for adhering to Sunshine Law requirements and reminded members that all agency communications should go through her to ensure compliance

Mark Dillon, Senior Human Services Analyst, reported no updates.

14. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/UPDATES**

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Commissioner Ballard stated expanding services to youth ages 18 to 22 will not be considered at this time and noted she will attend a White House event on addiction and homelessness.

15. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

There was no new or old business.

16. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Omar Edward, Boys and Girls Club, requested the Board support the program's proposed funding increase for the upcoming fiscal year (FY).

Jonathan Evans, Boys and Girls Club, provided an overview of enrollment numbers, student participation, the Rubonia location, and the extension of late pickup hours for families.

Lesley Smith and Reggie Bellamy, Palmetto Youth Center, provided an overview of student enrollment, program challenges, age requirements, program timeframes, the literacy curriculum, and referral tracking, and shared a testimony.

Mary Anne Servian, Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, provided information regarding the school letter, program location, water safety, and the overall purpose of the program.

Eric Reaves, Genesis Health Services, provided an overview of anti-social behavior, program milestones, staff-to-student ratio, and the program's purpose.

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

17. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will occur April 1, 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 4:52 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____

