

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR MANATEE ROOM  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida  
April 15, 2026**

Present were:

Jannon Pierce, Vice-Chairperson  
Hon. Scott Brownell  
Heather Felton  
Kristin Gallagher  
Carolann Garafola  
Michelle Laughrey  
Cassandra Mitchell  
Connie Shingledecker  
Debbie Tapp  
Rita Smith

Two seats are vacant.

Absent was:

Xtavia Bailey, Chairperson

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  
Johanna Beville, Program Analyst  
Hannah Bishop, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Vice-Chairperson Pierce called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairperson Pierce.

**AGENDA and SIGN-IN SHEET**

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3. **ROLL CALL**  
A quorum was declared.
4. **MINUTES**  
A motion was made by Member Felton, seconded by Member Garafola, and carried 10-0, with Chairperson Bailey absent, to approve the minutes of April 8, 2026.
5. **TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN OF MANATEE COUNTY, MENTORING MATTERS:  
IMPACTS OVER OBSTACLES**  
Program claimed no priority. Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for tier one.

6. **TIDEWELL FOUNDATION, BLUE BUTTERFLY FAMILY GRIEF PROGRAM (SCHOOL BASED)**

Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is not requesting a funding increase.

7. **ALL STAR CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION, TRAUMA ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS**

Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is not requesting a funding increase.

A motion was made by Member Shingledecker, seconded by Member Garafola, and carried 10-0, with Chairperson Bailey absent, to have the program reapply as Results of Service, instead of Results First, and to complete the application for review during Batch 10.

Stephen Fancher, All Star Children's Foundation, requested the application be changed from Results First to Results of Service.

There being no further public comment, Vice-Chairperson Pierce closed public comment.

8. **ALL STAR CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION, MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY**

Program claimed C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. This is a new program requesting funding.

9. **COMMUNITY COALITION ON HOMESLESSNESS CORPORATION- TURNING POINTS, CONNECTED MANATEE**

Program claimed no priority. This is a new program requesting funding.

10. **STAFF UPDATES**

Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst, announced she will attend the Neighborhood Summit on April 16, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Bradenton Area Convention Center to distribute water alarms to the community.

Melissa Bomar, Interim Children's Services Coordinator, reported that Batch 10 has been released for Board scoring and requested timely completion due to recommendation book deadlines. She noted that quarterly reports are being submitted and finalized.

Mark Dillon, Senior Human Services Analyst, conducted a compliance observation for Family Resource, Certain Program, and no concerns were identified.

Johanna Beville, Program Analyst, reported that the Rubonia Community Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County on April 6, 2026. Program staff attended the Association's meeting to address questions regarding use of the site, and enrollment opened the following day. She stated the afterschool program will run from April 20 through May 22, 2026, with summer programming scheduled from June 8 through July 24, 2026. Residents may register online for the Rubonia Community Center program.

11. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/UPDATES**

There were no Commissioner comments or updates.

12. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Member Felton visited the Replay Outreach program.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lawrence Rose, Replay Outreach, addressed the separation of the programs, enrollment numbers, achievement goals, objectives, and mentoring components, and provided an overview of the programs.

Michael Higley, Take Stock Manatee, provided an overview of the program and addressed the waitlist and at-risk factors.

Stephen Fancher and Kristen Hoffman, All Star Children's Foundation, provided an overview of the program, and addressed the behavioral health assessment, mental health services, and associated performance metrics.

David Webster, and Kathleen Cramer, Turning Points, addressed the program location, participating schools, attendance and academic performance, housing stability, benefits, performance measurements, and provided an overview of the program's purpose.

Jenna Lank, Tidewell Foundation, discussed the intended purpose for the program, addressed the letter of support, and provided an overview of the program's purpose.

There being no further public comments, Vice-Chairperson Pierce closed public comments.

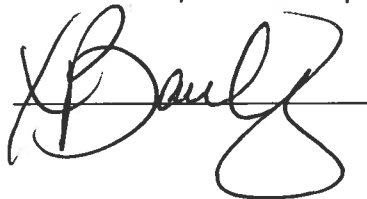
14. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on April 22, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., in the Manatee County Administrative Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue W, Bradenton, in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor Manatee Room.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Vice-Chairperson Pierce adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "X. Paul", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.