



Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

April 3, 2024

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 April 3, at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present (In Person): Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Hon. Scott Brownell, Carolann Garafola, Patricia Miner, Debbie Tapp, Jannon Pierce, Dr. Constance Charles-Logan, and Rita Smith; **Absent/Excused:** Susan Miller Kelly, Melissa Leslie, and Gina Messenger; **Absent/Unexcused:** None.

Also Present: County Staff: (In Person) Tracie Adams, Kristi Hagen, Johanna Beville, Melissa Bomar, and LaWanda Timmons (Virtually) Brenda Marquez Facio; Members of the Public: (In Person) Adina Bridges, Deadre Guilloton, Emma Ballontine, Kelly Benford, Nicole Murphy, Tari Allen, Dawn Bryant, Char Young, and Drena Green; (Virtually) Ada Torres, Becky Canesse, Beth Clark, Maria Briones, Nathan Scott, Pam Hodge, Rachel Spivey, Susan Ford, Zoe Slavsén, Amanda Corcoran, and Elniv Cruz.

Call to Order/Welcome

Connie Shingledecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for March 20, 2024, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rita Smith, **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes =8, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person): Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, Carolann Garafola, Patricia Miner, Jannon Pierce, Hon. Scott Brownell, Dr. Constance Charles-Logan, and Rita Smith.

Discussion of Investment Applications

CSAB Members engaged in an open dialogue regarding the review process and scoring. Six programs were reviewed. Concerns or questions were open for discussion.

Centerstone of Florida- Children's Community Action Treatment Team (CAT): Initial CSAB Member scores were reviewed.

- Program claimed priority:
 - Priority D: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.
- Program is requesting a funding increase.

Centerstone of Florida- Mental Health Evaluation-Baker Act Youth: Initial CSAB Member scores were reviewed.

- Program claimed priority:
 - Priority D: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.
- Program is requesting a funding increase.

Xtavia Bailey entered at 3:17pm.

Centerstone of Florida- Sexual Assault (Rape Crisis) Child Advocacy and Child Therapy: Initial CSAB Member scores were reviewed.

- *Program claimed priority:*
 - *No Priority Claimed.*
- *Program is requesting a funding increase.*

Easter Seals Southwest Florida- Children's Therapy: Initial CSAB Member scores were reviewed.

- *Program claimed priorities:*
 - *Priority D: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.*
- *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*

Easter Seals Southwest Florida- Family Support Services: Initial CSAB Member scores were reviewed.

- *Program claimed priority:*
 - *No Priority Claimed.*
- *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*

HOPE Family Services, Inc.- Children's Counseling Program: Initial CSAB Member scores were reviewed.

- *Program claimed priority:*
 - *No Priority Claimed.*
- *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*

Staff Updates

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Parenting Matters planted a Pinwheel Garden at their Bradenton location (602 3rd St E) in recognition and invited CSAB Members to attend a group photo with them on Thursday, April 4th at pm, if calendar permits. With an added note to remember the Sunshine Law.
- Batch 6 final scores are due Friday, April 5.

Brenda Marquez Facio provided the following updates:

- Reviewed recent compliance visit for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast's One to One Mentoring Program and there was nothing of concern noted during the observation.

Melissa Bomar provided the following update:

- Reviewed recent compliance visit for Palmetto Youth Center's Foundation for Excellence. It was discovered that the program hasn't received any parent feedback surveys as required by their result tracking.

Johanna Beville provided the following update:

- The Manatee County Government’s Children’s Services GAP Survey is close to being released. Requested assistance from CSAB Members and funded programs to both complete the survey and disperse throughout the community.

LaWanda Timmons provided the following update:

- Reviewed recent compliance visit for HOPE Family Services, Inc.’s Children’s Counseling Program and there was nothing of concern noted during the observation.

Commissioner Comments/ Updates

None.

New/Old Business

None.

Public Comment

Agencies who verbally provided a public comment during the meeting were:

(In Person) Tari Allen, Kristie Grimer, and Char Young, (Virtually): None

- Tari Allen, Centerstone: Responded to inquiries posed by the CSAB Members regarding result achievement, staffing issues, and client barriers.
- Kristi Grimer, Easter Seals: Provided an explanation regarding the program meeting social emotional domains, how family members benefit from the program’s services, and how the sliding fee is addressed.
- Char Young, HOPE Family Services: Expressed gratitude to the CSAB Members for their continued support of the program. Mrs. Young reported that program services have been completely reinstated in the schools. Mrs. Young invited the board and community members to tour their new Children’s Counseling Center.

Next Meeting

April 10, 2024 – 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 3:45 p.m.

Approved

Connie Shingledecker, Chair

Date