



Children's Services Advisory Board-Virtual Meeting

December 16, 2020

A meeting of the Children's Services Advisory Board of Manatee County, Florida, was held at the Bradenton Area Convention Center, 1 Haben Boulevard, Palmetto, FL 34221, Longboat Key Room on Wednesday December 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: (In Person) Debbie Tapp, Xtavia Bailey, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Kutch, Jannon Pierce, Sandra Stone, Amy Diss, George Van Buren, Rita Smith; (Virtually) Kelly Hunt, Connie Shingledecker Gail Wynne. **Absent/Excused:** None

Also Present

County Staff: Susan Ford, Kristi Hagen, Lawanda Timmons, Chris Handy-Honeycutt; Members of the Public (In Person): Kelly Stasurek, Laurel Lynch, Stacey Schaeffer, Kathleen Cowan, Kim Ross, Maribel Garcia; (Via Zoom) Stephanie Harris, Kristina Tincher, Marina Bunch, Silvia Cruz, Char Young.

Call to Order/Welcome

Debbie Tapp, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for November 18, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Charlie Kennedy, **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

Whole Child Update

Kim Ross provided an update for Step Up Suncoast's Whole Child program. Whole Child Manatee provides referral resources to families with children birth – 17 years old through their client-directed online referral system, one-on-one Whole Child Advisor referral assistance, or by providing resource information at community events (pre-COVID). During COVID-19, program staff created a work plan to continue serving families of Manatee County. At the end of fiscal year 2019/2020, Step Up Suncoast's Whole Child program exceeded their targeted result, which was, *"Of the 105 families with children anticipated to be served, who have barriers to receiving support services, 90 will gain access and utilize services to meet at least one of their needs as specified on their Whole Child plan"*. Advisors had served 106 families with one-on-one referral assistance of which 96 met the result as stated. Overall serves more than 360 participants in the program. Another service offered through Whole Child Manatee are provider networking meetings for non-profit and other organizations that provide support services to families of Manatee County. Currently the monthly networking meetings are offered through Zoom with more than 50 participants. Ms. Ross responded to member questions.

Xtavia Bailey entered @ 3:23 during the above update

Unite US/Unite FL

Stephanie Harris presented information on the Unite US/Unite FL system, and responded to member questions regarding coordination with Whole Child.

George VanBuren, M.D. entered @ 3:36 pm during the above presentation

Safe Children Coalition Emergency Funding Request

The item was introduced by Susan Ford. The agency had been funded for the first quarter through the CARES Act fund and now is seeking funding for the balance of the year through the Emergency Funding process. Susan shared with the CSAB, there are sufficient FY20-21 funds left over from what was originally awarded to the Centerstone Child Welfare Diversion program which ended December 2020.

Stephanie Schaeffer from Safe Children Coalition gave a brief overview of the program and answered questions from the CSAB members.

Motion: To approve the staff's recommended motion: Recommend to utilize the unused funds awarded to Centerstone for Child Welfare Diversion program to fund the Safe Children Coalition's In-Home Child Welfare Prevention and Diversion program in the amount of \$263,783 for the period of December 8, 2020 through September 30, 2021, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Kim Kutch, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 12, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

School District Data Update

Charlie Kennedy provided an update on questions asked at the November 18th CSAB meeting. The following data was also provided: An overview of the systemic issues in the community, information on trauma informed care reports and details on what the training will entail, Centerstone mental health support work to families and the suspension procedure. Charlie provided handouts to support his discussion of:

- 2015-2019 Discipline Data, listing date for Referral for procedural violation by school year, Office discipline referrals by schools year, SESIR Incidents (School Environment Safety Incident Reports) by school year, Student Suspension Out of School and OSS Actions and Students assigned to ATOSS and total ATOSS actions
- 3 Years 1st Semester trend for OSS, 5 Years trend for OSS 2015-2019
- Chart of OSS by Race- Individual students and total actions
- Student Out of School Suspension by demographic

George VanBuren, M.D. exited @ 4:53 pm during the above update

Charlie Kennedy also suggested that we invite school district staff to speak at the January or February meeting.

Staff Updates

Susan Ford stated CSAB meetings will return to the County Administration Building and be held in the new Manatee and Osprey Rooms on the 5th floor. An email will be sent to inquire on members' availability to participate in a number of CSAB meetings that do not fall on regularly Wednesdays due to an issue with the availability of the meeting space. Members were asked to respond the same day so that the room reservations could be finalized.

New/Old Business

Kim Kutch provided a brief statement that Myflorida.com is another referral source for families. They have incorporated a faith base organization called Aunt Bertha and created an App for families to access.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

January 20, 2021 – 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 5:11 p.m.

Approved

Debbie Tapp, Chair

Date