



Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

April 27, 2022

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 27, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present (In Person): Debbie Tapp, Connie Shingledecker, Hon. Scott Brownell, Jennifer Hamey, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Kutch, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, Kelly Hunt, Xtavia Bailey, and Rita Smith (Virtually): George VanBuren. **Absent/Excused:** Jannon Pierce; **Absent/Unexcused:** None.

Also Present: County Staff: (In Person), Kristi Hagen, LaWanda Timmons, Charles Lee, Chris Handy-Honeycutt, and Johanna Beville, (Virtually) Lee Washington; Members of the Public: (In Person) Laurel Lynch, Jonathan Evans, Char Young, Nicole Leslie, Ann Colonna, Anne LeBaron, Tim Frost, MaryAnn Legler, Teri Giles, Laura Kielmann, Lawrence Rose, and Danilee Cossgrrove, (Virtually) Drena Green, Becky Canesse, Bridget Harry, Dawn Bryant, Sean Saffieri, Derrick Randall, Katrina Bellamare, Michelle Wieser, Renee Simon, Lisa Davis, and Zoya (no last name provided virtually).

Call to Order/Welcome

Debbie Tapp, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for April 20, 2022, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carolann Garafola, **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person): Debbie Tapp, Connie Shingledecker, Hon. Scott Brownell, Jennifer Hamey, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Kutch, Carolann Garafola, Kelly Hunt, Xtavia Bailey, and Rita Smith.

Discussion of Investment Applications

The CSAB Members had an open discussion on the review process and scoring. Six programs reviewed and listed below. Concerns or questions voiced are noted.

- Healthy Teens– Teen Health Educator Program: *Initial CSAB members scores were reviewed.*
 - *Program claimed priority: Youth decrease symptoms of behavioral health issues as identified objectively by a measure of level of functioning as determined by the program. CSAB members will consider as a priority by members consensus.*
 - *Program is requesting a funding increase and may be considered for an increase.*

George VanBuren entered at 3:07 pm

Susan Miller Kelly entered at 3:12 pm

- Replay Outreach– Success 4 Life: *Initial CSAB members scores were reviewed.*
 - *Program claimed priority: Decrease the number of incidents of referrals for aggression, bullying/harassment, and out of school suspensions. CSAB members will consider as a priority by members consensus.*

- *Program is requesting a funding increase and will be considered for an increase.*
- Take Stock in Children– Mentoring Matters: *This is a new program applying for funding from the Manatee County Children's Millage. Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
 - *Program claimed no priority.*
- Family Resources– Community Effort to Reduce Truancy by Addressing Individualized Needs (CERTAIN): *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
 - *Program claimed no priority.*
 - *Program is requesting a funding increase and may be considered for an increase.*
- Family Resources– Safe Place 2B: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
 - *Program claimed priority: Children remain in their homes free of abuse and neglect and do not enter or re-enter foster care. CSAB Members will consider as a priority by members consensus.*
 - *Program is requesting a funding increase and may be considered for an increase.*
- North River Care– BUMP Program: *This is a new program applying for funding from the Manatee County Children's Millage. Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*
 - *Program claimed priority: Children remain in their homes free of abuse and neglect and do not enter or re-enter foster care. CSAB Members will not consider as a priority by motion.*

Motion: CSAB will not grant priority status to the program and removed priority, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jennifer Hamey, **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 11, No = 1, Abstain = 0). (In Person): Debbie Tapp, Connie Shingledecker, Hon. Scott Brownell, Jennifer Hamey, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Kutch, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, Kelly Hunt, Xtavia Bailey, and Rita Smith (Virtually): George VanBuren.
Public Comment: None.

Staff Updates

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- Please make sure to SUBMIT batches 1-5
- Batch 6 scores due April 29, 2022
- Questions batch 7 due today, April 27, 2022
- Initial Scores batch 7 due today, April 27, 2022
- Batch 7 review will be next Wednesday, May 4, 2022
- Buffer meeting May 11, 2022

Charles Lee provided the following updates:

- Today is his last day working with Manatee County Government.

Johanna Beville provided the following updates:

- Quarter 2 Requirements are due on April 30 and many programs are submitting their reports.
- Clarified a statement made during a previous meeting concerning The Early Learning Coalition being the only program providing VPK: Step Up Suncoast's Head Start/Early Start program also receives Manatee County Children's Millage Funding and has historically provided VPK services and funding. They currently have 6 classrooms in operation for this school year and plan to have 1 in operation over the summer.
- The following program contracts will be assigned to her after Charles' departure:
 - Replay Outreach- Success 4 Life
 - Family Resources- CERTAIN

- Family Resources- SafePlace2B

LaWanda Timmons provided the following updates:

- Reviewed recent compliance visits for the following programs and there was nothing of concern noted during the observations:
 - Safe Children's Coalition
 - Family Preservation & Reunification
- The following program contracts will be assigned to her after Charles' departure:
 - Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Suncoast-One to One Mentoring
 - Florida Department of Health- Child Welfare System Advocate

New/Old Business

Xtavia Bailey shared her Angel Watchers event is scheduled for May 18, 2022, from 11:30am to 1pm at the Manatee Performing Arts Center.

Debbi Tapp provided a brief outline of what will be discussed and determined at the buffer meeting including the protocol for establishing a new CSAB Initiative, parameters for funding recommendations and motions, and the order of funding recommendations.

Public Comment

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

(In Person): Jonathan Evans, Danilee Cossgrove, Anne LeBaron, Larry Rose, Tim Frost, Nicole Leslie;
(Virtually): Lisa Davis.

- Jonathan Evans, Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee: Thanked the CSAB Members for their review of the funding application. Spoke about seeking diversity of funding, the application answer concerning clients with barriers, and the second result.
- Danilee Cossgrove, Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee: Reviewed her background and her experience with Healthy Teens and transitioning into a paid Young Adult Leader.
- Anne LeBaron, Take Stock in Children: Spoke on the budget error submitted, current funding sources, and reasoning behind requested funding from the Children's Millage. Reviewed scholarship funds are matched by the state and provided an overview on program participation and eligibility criteria for clients.
- Larry Rose, Replay Outreach: Thanked the CSAB Members for their remarks. Spoke on changes made and the growth the program is experiencing. Reviewed the support community partners provide to the program and Tim Frost's, Program Training Coordinator, success in his work with the clients and the program.
- Tim Frost, Replay Outreach: Provided a success story on a client and the level of needs the vast majority of the clients participating in the program have. Spoke about the upcoming launch of the girl's program and the staff. Thanked the CSAB Members for their review of the application and praise. He plans to follow the recommendation to track/document the referrals being provided by the schools
- Nicole Leslie, Family Resources: Thanked the CSAB Members for their consideration and review of the funding application. Spoke on the reimbursement paid back to Manatee County from FY20/21 and the reasoning behind it being due to having a 25% vacancy rate in positions. Reviewed how committed the staff are, including the are committed, all the way up to the CEO. Review process and the feedback provided during the review.
- Lisa Davis, Family Resources: Addressed the CERTAIN program being supported by Children's Millage and spoke on the FSFIN and the need is from the county. Spoke on the high need in the

community. Thanked Healthy Teens for their services to children in the shelter and the important role they provide to the children in the shelter.

Next Meeting

May 4, 2022 – 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 5:07 p.m.

Approved

Debbie Tapp, Chair

Date