



Children's Services Advisory Board-Virtual Meeting

May 27, 2020

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, Honorable Patricia M. Glass Chambers, First Floor, Bradenton, FL 34205, on Wednesday May 27, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

This meeting was conducted via Zoom Communications Media Technology as allowed under Executive Order 20-69 issued by the Office of Governor Ron DeSantis on March 20, 2020.

Roll Call

Present: Xtavia Bailey, Sandra Stone, Amy Diss, Gina Messenger, Kimberly Kutch, Kelly Hunt, Connie Shingledecker, Rita Smith, Debbie Tapp, Gail Wynne, George Van Buren. **Absent/Excused:** None. **Absent/Unexcused:** None

Also Present

County Staff: Ava Ehde, Susan Ford, Kristi Hagen, Lawanda Timmons, James Slusser, Chris Handy-Honeycutt; Members of the Public (Via Phone): Dawn Stanhope, Ann Lee, Vernon Kearney, Kim Bailey; there were also 32 unidentified phone attendees.

Call to Order/Welcome

Xtavia Bailey, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Discussion of Investment Applications

The CSAB Members had an open discussion on the new and ongoing programs listed below. Concerns or questions voiced are noted.

Sandra Stone entered @ 3:12 pm

- Manatee Children Services, Child Advocacy Center: *The Agency is focusing on one portion of their program when they offer more services.*
- Florida Center for Early Childhood: *Questions arose on who determines if cases are Manatee County. The cases are assigned by the judges based on agreed upon criteria.*
- The Salvation Army: *Question # 17 in the application did not provide the entire answer and a request was made for the Agency to provide staff with the rest of the answer.*

There were no comments or questions on the following programs:

- Boys & Girls Club, Great Futures Start Here
- Boys & Girls Club, The Club-Teens Only
- Just for Girls, Stepping Up to Success
- Palmetto Youth Center, Foundation for Excellence
- Palmetto Youth Center, Helping Young People Excel
- Replay Outreach, Success4Life Training
- The D.L. Randall Foundation, An *Uprising* in the Village
- The Myakka City Community Center, Morning, After School Care & Camp
- United Community Center, Before and After School Enrichment Plus
- Centerstone of Florida, Child Welfare Diversion

- Feeding Empty Little Tummys, Weekend Meals
- Manatee Children's Services, Emergency Shelter & Group Homes
- Meals on Wheels Plus of Manatee, Emergency Family & Baby Baskets

Amy Diss entered @ 3:23 pm

- Parenting Matters, Partners in Education & Support
- Safe Children Coalition, Family Preservation & Reunification

Discussion ensued on comparison of program results from last year to this year. Some members expressed difficulty in determining program success with the lack of data from the past year. Questions arose on how the programs were being measured, how Agencies decide on measuring services they are providing, and concern was expressed on those programs focusing on only a small portion of their services.

James Slusser, County Staff member provided a brief statement of the Results First process, how it works, and what we are look for from the Agencies.

Members expressed concern that a question may need to be added to provide more information on how participants are selected and why they need specific services. Susan Ford clarified that there is a question on barriers that, if answered correctly, should provide that information.

George VanBuren exited @ 3:48 pm

Staff Updates

Susan Ford provided the following updates:

- The next meeting will be the funding recommendations and will be held via Zoom on June 17 at 3:00 pm
- Scores will need to be finalized and submitted no later than the middle of next week so that informational charts can be provided in advance of the recommendation meeting.

Old/New Business

None

Public Comment

Agencies who submitted a public comment in writing were: None

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

- Dawn Stanhope, Boys & Girls Club: Thanked the CSAB Members on behalf of their staff and children who attend the program. In addition, provided a brief statement of their process during COVID-19 serving the community. The Agency anticipations that the Board will consider their full request for an increase of funding.
- Ann Lee, Boys & Girls Club: Thanked the CSAB Members and provided a brief statement of the services and commitment she provides to the agency in addition to the kids who are in need in their community.
- Vernon Kearney, Replay Outreach: Thanked the CSAB Members and provided a brief statement of their process during COVID-19.
- Kim Bailey, Feeding Empty Little Tummys: Thanked the CSAB Members and provided a brief statement of their process during COVID-19 and how they provided support to the children who attend the AMIKids program.

Next Virtual Meeting

June 17, 2020 – 3:00 pm, Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave, W, Bradenton, FL 34205, 1st Floor, BCC Chambers.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Approved

Xtavia Bailey, Chairwoman

Date