

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR MANATEE ROOM  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida  
April 2, 2025**

Present were:

Xtavia Bailey, Chairman  
Jannon Pierce, Vice-Chairman  
Constance Charles-Logan  
Nina Romeu  
Patricia Miner  
Connie Shingledecker  
Rita Smith  
Debbie Tapp

Absent were:

Carolann Garafola  
Hon. Scott Brownell  
Heather Felton

One Seat is vacant.

Also present were:

Tracie Adams, Deputy Director, Community and Veteran's Services  
Kristi Hagen, Children's Services Coordinator  
Johanna Beville, Senior Human Services Analyst  
Melissa Bomar, Human Services Analyst  
Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst  
Hannah Bishop, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court

1. Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**AGENDA and SIGN-IN SHEET**

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2. **ROLL CALL**

A quorum was declared, and it was announced that Barbara Byrne resigned.

3. **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Member Shingledecker, seconded by Member Pierce, and carried 8-0, with Members Garafola, Brownell, and Felton absent, to approve the minutes of March 26, 2025.

4. **COMMUNITY EFFORT TO REDUCE TRUANCY BY ASSESSING INDIVIDUALIZED NEEDS, FAMILY RESOURCES**

Program did not claim a priority. Program is requesting a funding increase and eligible for tier one level.

5. **SAFEPLACE2B, FAMILY RESOURCES**

Program claimed priority A – Child Welfare: Children are safe in their homes, free from abuse or neglect. Program is requesting a funding increase and eligible for tier one level.

6. **Sexual Offense & Abuse Rehabilitation, Insight Counseling Services**

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Program claimed priority C – Mental and Behavioral Health/Wellbeing: Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in relevant environments. Program is requesting a funding increase and eligible for tier one level.

7. **ADOLESCENT DIVERSION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE OF THE SUNCOAST**

Program claimed priority C – Mental and Behavioral Health/Wellbeing: Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in relevant environments. This is a new program requesting funding.

8. **COMMUNITY YOUTH RESPONSE SERVICE, JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF THE SUNCOAST**

Program claimed priority C – Mental and Behavioral Health/Wellbeing: Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in relevant environments. This is a new program requesting funding.

9. **SUCCESS4LIFE TRAINING & MENTORING, REPLAY OUTREACH**

Program claimed priority C – Mental and Behavioral Health/Wellbeing: Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in relevant environments. Program is requesting a funding increase and eligible for tier three level.

10. **EMPOWERING YOUTH: PREVENTION EDUCATION TO COMBAT SEX TRAFFICKING, SELAH FREEDOM**

Program claimed priority C – Mental and Behavioral Health/Wellbeing: Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in relevant environments. This is a new program requesting funding.

11. **STAFF UPDATES**

Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst, completed a compliance visit for Step Up Suncoast: Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) program with no findings or concerns.

Melissa Bomar, Human Services Analyst, completed compliance visits for Child Advocacy Center and SMART with no findings of concern, and asked that Children's Services Advisory Board (CSAB) members turn their recommendation meeting food menu selection to her.

Kristi Hagen, Children's Services Coordinator, had no updates, and stated the Subcommittee can provide updates during new/old business.

12. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/UPDATES**

There were no Commissioner comments or updates.

13. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Member Shingledecker spoke on the Drowning Prevention program.

Member Tapp stated she is requesting help from partner agencies to get the Drowning Prevention items out in the community and encouraged community partners to monitor updates from Children Services staff concerning how to assist in distributing the alarms and other drowning prevention items.

Chairman Bailey thanked the Agencies who have answered the call to provide services that align with the initiative the CSAB creates to meet a vital need in the community and announced an event starting at 7:00 p.m., at State College of Florida, regarding the extreme storms that have occurred.

14. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

James McCloud, CEO Genesis Health Services, asked questions or concerns regarding the program's application, be emailed to the contract manager prior to the April 16, 2025 meeting.

Lisa Davis, CEO of Family Resources, spoke on the questions by the Board, and provided a summary of the program.

Abby Krause, Adolescent Diversion and Assistance Program, Jewish Family and Children's Service of The Suncoast (JFCS), spoke on the questions by the Board.

Trisha Kauffman, JFCS, spoke on the questions from the Board.

Lawrence Rose, Replay Outreach, spoke on the questions from the Board.

Tim Frost, Replay Outreach, introduced Quinton Rivers, and provided a summary of the program.

Quinton Rivers, Student, Replay Outreach, shared his story and the impact the program has had on his life.

Hilda Arreola, Selah Freedom, spoke on the questions from the Board.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Bailey closed public comments.

15. **MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next meeting will occur April 9, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., in the Manatee County Administrative Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue W, Bradenton, in the 5th Floor Manatee Room.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Bailey adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 



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