

6. **AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER CONTINUUM OF CARE, FAMILY INITIATIVE**  
Program claimed priority Status C – Mental and Behavioral Health/Wellbeing: Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in relevant environments. Program is requesting funding as a new program.
7. **DREAM OAKS CAMP, FOUNDATION FOR DREAMS**  
Program claimed priority Status C – Mental and Behavioral Health/Wellbeing: Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in relevant environments. Program is not requesting a funding increase.
8. **CHILDREN'S COUNSELING PROGRAM, HOPE FAMILY SERVICES**  
Program did not claim a priority status. Program is requesting a funding increase and eligible for tier one level.
9. **ADAPTIVE RIDING & EQUINE ASSISTED SERVICES, SMART**  
Program claimed priority Status 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 two level.
10. **BLUE BUTTERFLY SCHOOL-BASED GRIEF PROGRAM, TIDEWELL FOUNDATION**  
Program claimed priority Status 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.
11. **STAFF UPDATES**  
Johanna Beville, Senior Human Services Analyst, relayed that one of their agencies stepped up mentor another.  
  
Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst, observed Step up Suncoast Programs, Healthy Families, and Parents as Teachers with no concerns.  
  
Melissa Bomar, Human Services Analyst, observed Salvation Army with no concerns.  
  
Kristi Hagen, Children's Services Coordinator, noted the month of April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and CSAB members should wear blue for the April 2nd meeting, and the June meeting will be held on June 25, rather than the 18th due to meeting space.
12. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/UPDATES**  
There were no Commissioner comments or updates.
13. **NEW/OLD BUISNESS**  
There was no new/old business.
14. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
Amanda Corcoran, Easter Seals Southwest Florida, spoke on the questions from the Board, and reviewed the program's goals.  
  
Kristie Grimer, Easter Seals Southwest Florida, spoke on the questions from the Board, and reviewed the results of the programs and salaries.  
  
David Brown, Family Initiative, provided a summary of the program, and spoke on the questions from the Board.  
  
Dawn Bryant, Hope Family Services Inc, spoke on the questions from the Board.

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR MANATEE ROOM  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida  
March 26, 2025**

**Present were:**

Xtavia Bailey, Chairman  
Jannon Pierce, Vice-Chairman  
Barbara Byrne  
Constance Charles-Logan, (Entered during meeting)  
Carolann Garafola  
Nina Romeu, (Entered during meeting)  
Patricia Miner  
Connie Shingledecker  
Rita Smith  
Debbie Tapp

**Absent were:**

Hon. Scott Brownell  
Heather Felton

**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 3:00 p.m.

**AGENDA and SIGN-IN SHEET**

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2. **ROLL CALL**

A quorum was declared.

3. **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Member Shingledecker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Pierce, and carried 9-0, with Members Brownell and Felton absent, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2025.

(Enter Members Charles-Logan and Romeu)

4. **FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, EASTER SEALS SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

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

5. **CHILDREN'S THERAPY, EASTER SEALS SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

Program claimed priority Status 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 two level.

Ilee Finocchiaro, Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy (SMART), provided a summary of the program, and spoke on the questions from the Board.

Jenna Lank, Blue Butterfly School-Based Grief Program, spoke on the questions from the Board.

Danielle Wondrak, Blue Butterfly School-Based Grief Program, spoke on the questions from the Board.

Susan Ford, clarified SMART's numbers increased due to a merger that has since ended with Hooves and Hearts.

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

15. **MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next meeting will occur April 2, 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 5:08 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 

