



## Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

March 20, 2024

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, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Manatee Room on Wednesday March 20, at 3:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present** (In Person): Connie Shingledecker, Hon. Scott Brownell, Carolann Garafola, Patricia Miner, Debbie Tapp, Jannon Pierce, Dr. Constance Charles-Logan, and Rita Smith; **Absent/Excused**: Xtavia Bailey, Susan Miller Kelly, and Melissa Leslie; **Absent/Unexcused**: Gina Messenger

**Also Present**: County Staff: (In Person) Tracie Adams, Kristi Hagen, Johanna Beville, Melissa Bomar, and LaWanda Timmons (Virtually) Brenda Marquez Facio; Members of the Public: (In Person) Dawn Bryant, Char Young, Katie Becker, Larry Rose, Valarie Green, and Drena Green; (Virtually) Andrew Colbe, Becky Canesse, Susan Ford, Nathan Scott, Francesca Ricciardo, Nicole Leslie, Pepper Sellars, Sean Staffieri, Susan Cappiello, Susan Miller Kelly, Tari Allen, Zoe Slavsén, and Dr. Lisa Davis.

### Call to Order/Welcome

Connie Shingledecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

**Motion**: Minutes for March 13, 2024, **Action**: Approve, **Moved by** Jannon Pierce, **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote**: Motion passed (**Summary**: Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person): Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, Carolann Garafola, Patricia Miner, Jannon Pierce, Jannon Pierce, Dr. Constance Charles-Logan, and Rita Smith

### Discussion of Investment Applications

CSAB Members engaged in an open dialogue regarding the review process and scoring. Six programs were reviewed. Concerns or questions were open for discussion.

Family Resources, Inc.- Community Effort to Reduce Truancy by Assessing Individual Needs (CERTAIN): *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*

- *Program claimed priority:*
  - *No Priority Claimed*
- *Program is requesting a funding increase.*

Family Resources, Inc.- SafePlace2B: *Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.*

- *Program claimed priority:*
  - *Priority B: Funders, Children remain in their homes free of abuse and neglect and do not enter or re-enter foster care.*
- *Program is not requesting a funding increase.*

**Jannon Pierce entered at 3:16 p.m.**

**Tracie Adams entered at 3:19 p.m.**

Insight Counseling Services, Inc- Sexual Offense and Abuse Rehabilitation (SOAR Program): Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.

- Program claimed priority:
  - Priority D: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.
- Program is not requesting a funding increase.

Pace Center for Girls, Manatee- Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program: Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.

- Program claimed priorities:
  - Priority D: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.
- Program is not requesting a funding increase.

Replay Outreach- Success4Life Training: Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.

- Program claimed priority:
  - Priority D: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.
- Program is not requesting a funding increase.

**Dr. Constance Charles-Logan entered at 3:30 p.m.**

Tidewell Foundation, Inc.- Blue Butterfly Family Grief Program: Initial CSAB Members scores were reviewed.

- Program claimed priority:
  - Priority D: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.
- Program is requesting a funding increase.

## **Staff Updates**

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- There is no meeting on Wednesday, March 27.
- Batches will continue to be sent out weekly, so please use the timeline to ensure you are meeting the due dates for questions and submissions.
- Handle with Care grant expires in September – School District used the grant to fund the position that oversees this program. There may be an Emergency Funding request being submitted for CSAB Member consideration for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.
- Batch 5 final scores are due Friday, March 22.
- Batch 6 initial scores are due Monday, April 1.

Brenda Marquez Facio provided the following updates:

- No New Updates

Melissa Bomar provided the following updates:

- No New Updates

Johanna Beville provided the following updates:

- No New Updates

LaWanda Timmons provided the following updates:

- No New Updates

### **Commissioner Comments/ Updates**

None.

### **New/Old Business**

Mrs. Shingledecker provided information on the upcoming Safe Kids of Manatee and Sarasota program taking place on March 29, 2024, at the University Town Center.

Mrs. Tapp shared the United Way will be accepting volunteers to assist the community with United Week of Caring. This event will take place April 21, 2024, through April 27, 2024. To volunteer or gain additional information, please contact the United Way.

### **Public Comment**

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

(In Person): Danielle Wonderall, Larry Rose, and Christi Haley; (Virtually) Tari Allen, Dr. Lisa Davis, and Nicole Leslie.

- Danielle Wonderall, Tidewell Foundation, Inc.: Responded to inquiries funding allocations and the different internal programs being funded by the Manatee County Children's Millage.
- Larry Rose, Replay Outreach: Provided an explanation regarding the program's result statistics and outcomes and current partnerships within the community.
- Christi Haley, Pace Center for Girls: Offered clarification regarding how the program tracks participants who age out of the Children's Ordinance parameters. Mrs. Haley also provided clarification that there is no existing affiliation with Planned Parenthood.
- Tari Allen, Centerstone of Florida: Expressed gratitude to the CSAB Members and Children's Team for recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ms. Allen also shared April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Centerstone will be holding their 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sexual Assault Awareness event on April 10 at the 13<sup>th</sup> Ave Dream Center, from 4pm to 7pm.
- Dr. Lisa Davis, Insight Counseling Services, Inc.: Conveyed appreciation to the CSAB Members. Dr. Davis clarified how the program is continuously adjusting to meet the needs of the community.
- Nicole Leslie, Family Resources, Inc.: Explained the program's outcomes and monitoring.

### **Next Meeting**

April 3, 2024 – 3:00 pm, Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Manatee/Osprey Rooms, 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**Approved**

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Connie Shingledecker, Chair

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