



Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

February 14, 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, 1st Floor, Board of County Commissioners' Chambers, on Wednesday February 14, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Patricia Miner, Melissa Leslie, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, Constance Charles-Logan, **Absent/Excused:** Hon. Scott Brownell, Gina Messenger; **Absent/Unexcused:** None

Also Present: County Staff: (In Person) Tracie Adams, Kristi Hagen, Johanna Beville, Melissa Bomar, and LaWanda Timmons (Virtually) Brenda Marquez Facio, Members of County Commissioners: Amanda Ballard, Members of the Public: (In Person) Lane Ruise, Char Young, Dawn Bryant, Jonathan Evans, Francesca Riaciardo, Rebekah Prieto, Allison Minardi, James McCloud, Eric Reaves, Alisha Pavacich, Sandra Richendollar, Michelle Gains, Tamara McNesby, Linda Harradine, Dreena Green, Alex DeMartino, Lucero Guzman, Carlos Portillo, Samantha Kolbe, Hilda Arreola, Katie Becker, Jennifer Powers, Elizabeth Melendez, Evelyn Almodovar, Karlee Hudson, Mark Wiles, (Virtually) Susan Ford, Becky Canesse, Sean Staffieri

Call to Order/Welcome

Connie Shingledecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for January 17, 2024 **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Susan Miller Kelly, **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person): Debbie Tapp, Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Patricia Miner, Melissa Leslie, Jannon Pierce, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, Constance Charles-Logan

Rita Smith entered at 3:12pm

Amanda Ballard entered at 3:16pm

SLEEP BABY SAFELY DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Kristi Hagen provided the score range for Early Learning Coalition's initiative application. CSAB Members engaged in open discussion regarding ELC's submitted Sleep Baby Safely application. Rachel Spivey was present on the behalf of Early Learning Coalition, the only applicant for the initiative. Ms. Spivey fielded questions from the CSAB Members. **Motion:** Approve recommendation to Board of County Commission to fund Early Learning Coalition for the Sleep Baby Safely Initiative of Manatee County in the amount of \$175,000 for one year, **Action:**

Approved, **Moved by** Carolann Garafola, **Seconded by** Rita Smith, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0)

NEW PROGRAM PRESENTATION- CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY

Lane Ruise of Creative Arts Academy was accompanied by two program students. Mr. Ruise provided a summary of Creative Arts Academy, offering a concise introduction to the program's objectives, goals, and outcomes. Following the presentation, Mr. Ruise and the students fielded questions from the CSAB Members.

NEW PROGRAM PRESENTATION- ISAIAH 117 HOUSE

Alisha Pavacich presented Isaiah 117 House. Ms. Pavacich provided a program introduction that spotlighted the program's objectives, goals, and current statistics. Following the presentation, Alisha fielded questions from the CSAB Members.

NEW PROGRAM PRESENTATION- GENESIS HEALTH SERVICES, CHILDREN'S WHOLE HEALTH PROGRAM

Eric Reaves and James McCloud introduced Genesis Health Services, Children's Whole Health Program. The presentation provided an overview of the program's objectives, goals, and outcomes. Following the presentation, Mr. Reaves and Mr. McCloud fielded questions from the CSAB Members.

NEW PROGRAM PRESENTATION- LEGAL AID OF MANASOTA, LEGAL LIFELINE FOR YOUTH

Linda Harradine presented the Legal Lifeline for Youth program of Legal Aid of Manasota. Ms. Harradine offered an introduction to the program's history, objectives, goals, and outcomes. Following the presentation, Ms. Harradine fielded questions from the CSAB Members.

NEW PROGRAM PRESENTATION- MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, SUMMER BLAST CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Allison Minardi presented the Summer Blast Camp Scholarship program of Manatee County Government. Ms. Minardi provided details regarding which Manatee County citizens would benefit from this program investment. She also shared program components, goals, and purpose of the request.

NEW PROGRAM PRESENTATION- PARENTING MATTERS, MUSICAL MOTIONS

Katie Becker presented the Musical Motions program of Parenting Matters. Ms. Becker offered an introduction to the program's objectives, goals, and outcomes. Following the presentation, Ms. Becker fielded questions from the CSAB Members.

NEW PROGRAM PRESENTATION- PRODIGAL DAUGHTERS, PATH TO REUNIFICATIONS: NUTURING FAMILY UNITY

Karlee Hudson presented the Path to Reunification Nurturing Family Unit program of Prodigal Daughters. Ms. Hudson offered a concise introduction to the program's objectives, goals, and outcomes. Following the presentation, Ms. Hudson fielded questions from the CSAB Members.

NEW PROGRAM PRESENTATION- SAFE CHILDREN COALITION, YOUTH INTERVENTION SERVICES

Michelle Gains and Tamara McNesby presented the Youth Intervention Services program of Safe Children Coalition. Ms. McNesby offered a program introduction which included the program's objectives, goals, and outcomes. Following the presentation, Tamara fielded questions from the CSAB Members.

NEW PROGRAM PRESENTATION- SELAH FREEDOM, PREVENTION TRAINING FOR MANATEE COUNTY YOUTH

Samantha Kolbe and Hilda Arreola presented the Prevention Training for Manatee County Youth program of Selah Freedom. Ms. Kolbe and Ms. Arreola provided an introduction to the various agency program component. Additionally, they provided the program's objectives, goals, and outcomes. Following the presentation, Ms. Kolbe and Ms. Arreola fielded questions from the CSAB Members.

NEW PROGRAM PRESENTATION- SUNCOAST YOUTH FOR CHRIST, JUVENILE JUSTICE MINISTRY

Mark Wiles and Carlos Portillo presented the Juvenile Justice Ministry program of Suncoast Youth for Christ. Mr. Wiles provided a brief introduction to the agency history. Mr. Portillo provided examples of clients served by the program. Mr. Wiles shared the program's objectives, goals, and outcomes. Following the presentation, Mr. Wiles and Mr. Portillo fielded questions from the CSAB Members.

NEW PROGRAM PRESENTATION- UNIDOSNOW, FUTURE LEADERS ACADEMY

Evelyn Almodovar presented the Future Leaders Academy program of Unidosnow. Evelyn offered a concise introduction to the program's objectives, goals, and outcomes. Following the presentation, Evelyn fielded questions from the CSAB Members.

Staff Updates

LaWanda Timmons provided the following updates:

- Reviewed recent compliance visits for the following programs and there was nothing of concern noted during the observations:
 - Easter Seals, Family Support Services
 - Easter Seals, Children's Therapy
 - Parenting Matters, Parent Partner Program
 - Parenting Matters, Chosen Families
 - Early Learning Coalition, CATCH Program
 - HOPE Family Services, Children's Therapy
 - Pace Center for Girls
 - Tidewell Foundation, Blue Butterfly Grief Program

Johanna Beville provided the following updates:

- Reviewed recent compliance visits for the following programs and there was nothing of concern noted during the observations:
 - Take Stock, Mentoring Matters

Melissa Bomar provided the following updates:

- 1st Quarter requirements have all been submitted with the exception of Palmetto Youth Center. Both HYPE and FFE have outstanding requirements.
- Reviewed recent compliance visits for the following programs and there was nothing of concern noted during the observations:
 - Manatee Children’s Services, Residential
 - AMIkids, Prevention

Brenda Marquez Facio provided the following updates:

- Reviewed recent compliance visits for the following programs and there was nothing of concern noted during the observations:
 - Safe Children Coalition, Child Welfare
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters, One to One Mentoring
 - Step Up Suncoast, HIPPY
 - Centerstone, Sexual Assault
 - Centerstone, Baker Act Youth
 - Step Up Suncoast, Healthy Families

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- No new updates at this time

Commissioner Comments/Updates

None

New/Old Business

None.

Public Comment

Becky Canesse shared her gratitude to the CSAB Members and Children’s Services team.

Next Meeting

February 21, 2024 – 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 6:40 p.m.

Approved

Connie Shingledecker, Chair

Date