

FY25 Priorities

Subcommittee Meeting 11/7/2023

CSAB members in attendance: (in person) Gina Messenger, and (virtually) Jannon

Staff in attendance: Melissa Bomar and Kristi Hagen

Meeting started at 10:04 a.m. at the Manatee County Administration Building, Dolphin Room

FY24 Priorities Reviewed –

- A. Children in foster care gain a permanent, stable, and nurturing home within 12 months of entering care and remain there.
- B. Children remain in their homes free of abuse and neglect and do not enter or re-enter foster care.
- C. Funders, systems, policies, and practice align to ensure that our children have developmentally appropriate literacy skills.
- D. Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.

Discussion to combine Priority A and B –

Determined combining the priorities could be done without concerns in changing the intended goal for either priority and it will maintain the targets that have been established.

Priority A: Children in foster care gain a permanent, stable, and nurturing home within 12 months of entering care, ensuring they remain there and do not re-enter foster care, while other children remain in their homes free of abuse and neglect.

Targets:

- Children in foster care exit to a permanent home within 12 months of entering care.
- Children exit to a permanent home within 12 months for those in care 12-23 months.
- Children remain in their homes free of abuse and neglect and do not re-enter foster care.
- Reduce the number of children who enter foster care.

Changing the FY24 Priority C to Priority B and Priority D to Priority C accordingly.

Discussion on consideration of a new priority related to Health and Safety

Determined the subcommittee should come up with some options to present to the Children's Services Advisory Board for consideration and discussion at the next regular CSAB meeting.

Priority D (options to present):

1. Preventable childhood deaths will be reduced.
2. Through health and safety measures, preventable childhood deaths will be reduced.
3. Preventable childhood deaths will be reduced through health and safety initiatives.

Targets:

- Decrease the number of preventable childhood deaths by drowning.
- Decrease the number of preventable childhood deaths by unsafe sleep.
- Decrease the number of preventable childhood deaths by overdose (or drug poisoning).

The statement needs to be determined along with which target or targets to include in the focus.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.