

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR MANATEE ROOM
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
April 17, 2024**

Present were:

Connie Shingledecker, Chairman
Xtavia Bailey, First Vice-Chairman
Hon. Scott Brownell
Rita Smith (entered early in meeting)
Constance Charles-Logan
Carolann Garafola
Susan Miller Kelly
Melissa Leslie
Patricia Miner
Jannon Pierce
Debbie Tapp

Absent were:

Gina Messenger
Amanda Ballard (excused)

Also present were:

Tracie Adams, Deputy Director, Community and Veteran's Services
Kristi Hagen, Children's Services Program Coordinator
Johanna Beville, Senior Human Services Analyst
Melissa Bomar, Human Services Analyst
Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst (attended via Zoom)
Denise Nelson, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Absent was:

Lawanda Timmons, Senior Human Services Analyst

Chairman Shingledecker called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Johanna Beville, Senior Human Services Analyst, read opening comments regarding the procedures for the meeting and declared a quorum.

AGENDA

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MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Pierce, seconded by Member Kelly and carried 10 to 0, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2024.

(Enter Member Smith)

REVIEW DISCUSSION

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- Feeding Empty Little Tummies, Inc. - Weekend Meals: Initial CSAB Member scores were reviewed.
 - Program claimed priority: No Priority applicable.
 - Program is requesting a funding increase.
- Florida Department of Health/Sarasota - Child and Family Well-Being System Coordination Program: Initial CSAB Member scores were reviewed.
 - Program claimed priority: 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.
- Foundation for Dreams – Dream Oaks Camp: Initial CSAB Member scores were reviewed.
 - Program claimed priority: No priority applicable.
 - Program is requesting a funding increase.
- Healthy Teens Inc – Teen Health Educators: Initial CSAB Member scores were reviewed.
 - Program claimed priority: Children demonstrate improved behavioral functioning.
 - Program is requesting a funding increase.
- Meals On Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Inc. – Emergency Family Food and Baby Baskets: Initial CSAB Member scores were reviewed.
 - Program claimed priority: No priority applicable.
 - Program is not requesting a funding increase.
- The Salvation Army – Housing-Focused Shelter for Families (Family Shelter): Initial CSAB Member scores were reviewed.
 - Program claimed priority: No priority applicable.
 - Program is not requesting a funding increase.

STAFF UPDATES

Kristi Hagen, Children’s Services Program Coordinator, provided the following updates

- Batch 8 is due on Friday
- Batch 10 questions are due on Monday
- Recommendation meetings are May 20 and May 22nd
- The last review meeting is May 1st, week off on May 8th, buffer meeting is May 15th
- She reported that Manatee County has an app and the QR code is located on the sign-in table for our guests.

Johanna Beville, Senior Human Services Analyst, provided the following updates

- No updates

Melissa Bomar, Human Services Analyst, provided the following updates

- No updates

Via zoom, Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst, provided the following updates

- No updates

MEMBER COMMENT/UPDATES

Commissioner Ballard was not present for any updates.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Xtavia Bailey, Vice Chair, requested beginning discussions on water safety/wellness issue.

Discussion followed regarding the need to get information out to the public, if there are specific age groups that are more prone to drowning, private pools, public beaches, determine what type of program to use, pool safety information, prevention committee volunteers, toddlers under the age three and under, problem with autistic children that have drowned, interested in being on the committee and focusing on the drowning prevention in the County, item will be tabled until June, revisit and collect more data, have subcommittee look at more preventable drownings, and what is the role of the committee.

Xtavia Bailey, First Vice-Chairman, advised that if anyone is interested in roads and transportation information, she is a member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and will be attending the meeting on May 23, 2024.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Sandra Richendollar, Public Health Services Manager, Sarasota County Department of Health, thanked the CSAB and staff for years of support given to the Systems Advocate's Program. She explained Nathan Scott's role and provided a status report on what he has accomplished in the program.

Nathan Scott, Florida Department of Health, addressed the question regarding the Safety Alliance Board in regards to membership positions. He thanked CSAB for their support over the past years. Other matters were parents for parents outreach, children with criminal violent behavior, mental health substance abuse, technical assistance targeting pregnant moms, and will bring more information in June.

Kelly French, The Salvation Army, thanked CSAB for their time and support. A letter of support from Turning Points has been emailed, and in terms of leveraging, she will email a number tomorrow.

Jonathan Evans, Executive Director, Healthy Teens, thanked the Board for their service to the children and youth of Manatee County. He noted design changes have been made, and responded to questions discussed in the meeting.

Erline Constant, Teen Health Educator, Healthy Teens, explained her positive experience on her journey with Healthy Teens. She highly recommended the program to any teen in the county.

Valerie Green, Program Director, Healthy Teens, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak today and for the work done with the children in the community. She highlighted the importance of the peer education model.

Virtual Public Comments

Elena Cassella, Executive Director, Foundation for Dreams, thanked the Board for their continued support over the past years. She commented on issues of funding, grants, employees pay scale, and staff retention rate.

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Jessica Ryherd, Executive Director, Feeding Empty Little Tummys, thanked the Board for their hard work, and responded to questions asked earlier in the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Children's Services Advisory Board will take place on April 24, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., in the 5th Floor, Manatee Room, Manatee County Administrative Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Shingledecker adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____