



Children's Services Advisory Board Meeting

May 17, 2023

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, 5th Floor Manatee Room on Wednesday May 17, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present (In Person): Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, (Virtually): None. **Absent/Excused:** Carolann Garafola, Gina Messenger; **Absent/Unexcused:** None.

Also Present: County Staff: (In Person) Tracie Adams, Kristi Hagen, Johanna Beville, Melissa Bomar, and Brenda Marquez Facio (Virtually) LaWanda Timmons, Members of Manatee County Commission: (Virtually); Members of the Public: (In Person) Kimberly Kutch, Deirdre Guilloton, Alexdrena Green, Char Young, Jennifer Powers, Lane Ruise, Beth Clark, Jonathan Evans, Dawn Bryant, Barbara Harvey, Cori Perry, Kelly Benford, Katie Becke, Kristie Geimer, Reggie Bellamy, Dawn Stanhope, Rachel Spivey, Bridget Harry, Nicole Murby, Tari Allen, (Virtually) Elizabeth Brin, Lawrence Rose, Pepper Sellars, Becky McDonough, Sean Staffieri, Kerry Gaylord, Veronica Valery, Tina Trivers, Ann Colonna, Amanda Corcoran, Kelly Beavers, Ann LeBaron, Mary Brown, Jennifer Powers, Katelyn Disbro, Elena Cassella, Ashley Williams, Julia Robertson, Chianti, Susan Ford, Kaylen Hage, Marcus Francis, Susan Cappiello, Kelly French, Celeste Martens, Briana Irwin, Nathan Scott, Denise McGirr, Lizzy Lane, Elizabeth Lanr, Kim Ross, Jeanie Baik, Melinda Thompson, Charyl Andrews, Martinez, Kimberly Griffin, Ciara Cosby, Becky Canesse, Zoya Shcherbinina, Megan Smith, and Tiffanee McNair.

Call to Order/Welcome

Connie Shingledecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for May 3, 2023, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Hon. Scott Brownell, **Seconded by** Xtavia Bailey, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person): Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Kelly Hunt, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith. **Public Comment:** None.

Susan Miller Kelly entered at 3:11pm

CSAB Increase Considerations

Connie Shingledecker reviewed there are 31 programs seeking an increase in investment for FY24. Encouraged CSAB Members to utilize the *CSAB Decision Making Guide - Request for Increased Investment* to assist in making a final determination if a program qualifies for consideration for a recommendation of increased investment. Mrs. Shingledecker facilitated the CSAB members' review and discussion regarding programs seeking an increase in investment for FY24 to determine if they are eligible to be recommended with final determinations below:

- Great Futures- Boys and Girls Club: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it is **not** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.

Janet Vestal entered at 3:20 pm

- The Club Teen Program- Boys and Girls Club: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it is **not** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Children's Community Action Treatment (CAT) - Centerstone of Florida: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Sexual Assault (Rape Crisis) Child Advocacy & Therapy- Centerstone of Florida: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Mental Health Evaluation (Baker Act Youth)- Centerstone of Florida: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Focus on Literacy Afterschool Tutoring Program- Children's Home Society of Florida: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it is **not** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Children's Therapy- Easterseals of SWFL: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Family Support Services- Easterseals of SWFL: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Iron Sharpening Iron- Educational Consultants Consortium: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- CERTAIN- Family Resources: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **may be** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Child and Family Well-Being Policy Coordination Program - Florida Department of Health: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Dream Oaks Camp- Foundation for Dreams: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Children's Counseling Program- HOPE Family Services: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- SOAR Program- Insight Counseling: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **may be** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Girls Alternative Program to Success- Just for Girls: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **may be** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.

- Stepping Up to Success- Just for Girls: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **may be** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Child Advocacy Center- Manatee Children's Services: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **may be** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Kids Personal Safety- Manatee Children's Services: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Emergency Family Food and Baby Baskets- Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Project- Pace Center for Girls: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Helping Young People Excel- Palmetto Youth Center: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **may be** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Parent Partner Program- Parenting Matters: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Success4Life Training & Mentoring- Replay Outreach: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Child Welfare Prevention Program- Safe Children Coalition: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Adaptive Riding- Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it is **not** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Healthy Families- Step Up Suncoast: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Collaborative Action Therapy for Children's Health- Step Up Suncoast: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Parents as Teachers- Step Up Suncoast: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **may be** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters- Step Up Suncoast: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.
- Head Start/Early Head Start- Step Up Suncoast: Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **may be** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.

- Whole Child- Step Up Suncoast: *Program is requesting a funding increase and CSAB Members determined it **is** eligible to be recommended for an increase investment for FY24 by member consensus.*

Discussion of Recommendation Process

The CSAB Members had an open discussion on the review process, scoring, and funding recommendation possibilities. Kristi Hagen shared score ranges for investment applications for FY24 are as follows with two applications scoring in the 40s, the rest are 66 or higher:

- Highest 93.44
- Lowest 40.33
- Average 81.24
- Median 83.89

Motion: Action: For the process of providing funding recommendations for Children's Millage funds for FY24: To follow the order established the previous year where CSAB members considered programs for investment recommendations as follows: Day 1 Investment Recommendation meeting consider priority programs in score order (high to low) for level funding or less, Day 2 Investment Recommendation meeting (May 24, 2023) all other programs to be considered for recommendation in score order at level funding or less and concluding with consideration of increased investments. Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce.

Motion: Amend the previous motion for the Children's Services Millage investment recommendations for FY24 to follow the order established the previous year and as follows, CSAB members will consider and recommend level funding or new funding for priority programs in order of ranking (high score to low), followed by level funding or new funding for other programs in order of ranking (high score to low). They will continue through the list, getting through as many recommendations as time permits on the first day. The second day will resume where new or level funding recommendations left off and conclude with consideration and recommendations for increased investments for programs based on the CSAB's previously determined eligibility. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey, **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce. **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person): Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Kelly Hunt, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, and Janet Vestal. **Public Comment:** None.

Kristi Hagen encouraged CSAB Members to consider determining the cost-of-living increases and requested clarification on when the Board would like to address the issue. Discussion ensued among CSAB members. Final determination, by CSAB member consensus, is the cost-of-living increases will be discussed and determined when the CSAB members have concluded level funding recommendations before recommendations for increased investments begins.

Staff Updates

Kristi Hagen, on behalf of LaWanda Timmons, provided the following updates:

- All assigned programs have submitted 2nd Quarter Results
- Reviewed recent compliance visit for Family Resources- CERTAIN program and there was nothing of concern noted during the observation.

Johanna Beville provided the following update:

- Shared the Funding Recommendation Motions Template provided to the CSAB members in their meeting packet.

Melissa Bomar provided the following updates:

- Reviewed recent compliance visits for AMIKids-Manatee Prevention Program with nothing of concern noted during the observation.
- Boys & Girls Club of Manatee (Teen Only program and Great Futures Start Here program) are currently constructing a Corrective Action Plan. Contract Manager will update CSAB once the resolutions have been determined.

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:
 - Big Brother's Big Sister's One to One Mentoring
 - Easter Seals Children's Therapy
 - Safe Children Coalition In Home Child Welfare Prevention

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- You can find the information on your own, but Brenda provided the following to me. The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers increase 6.4% from January 2022 to January 2023. While the 2022 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) was 5.9%, government inflation data showed costs grew at a faster pace for much of last year. Now, the 8.7% COLA for 2023 is outpacing current inflation, with a 5.8% increase over the past 12 months for the Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers.
- During their Tuesday, May 23, 2023, meeting, the Board of County Commissioners will review the application for the Department of Children and Families representative seat that is currently open for the Children's Services Advisory Board. It is requested they move to approve the appointment.
- The Child and Family Well-Being Policy Coordinator will be presenting during the June 21, 2023, CSAB meeting.

New/Old Business

Xtavia Bailey shared there is a new superintendent of schools, Dr. Jason Wysong. Also shared she has recently reviewed the literacy statistics for Manatee County children and there is visible progress. Shared in her excitement the evidence is demonstrating the benefit of investing Children's Millage funding toward literacy-focused programs as it is moving the needle in the right direction. Ms. Bailey feels this further shows the progress to be made when programs, whether it's out of school time or inside of the school, and schools come together to help the children make gains.

Public Comment

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

(In Person): Dawn Stanhope, Deirdre Guilloton; (Virtually): Julia Robertson, Becky Canesse, Amanda Corcoran, and Elena Costella.

- Dawn Stanhope, Boys and Girls Clubs Manatee County: Thanked the staff for working with the program on addressing measurement challenges in respects to literacy outcomes and strategies to make improvements in the tracking of results. Spoke on the challenges stemming from the School District of Manatee County changing their requirements. Discussed both funded programs showing substantial needs from families to extend service hours and their past results.
- Deirdre Guilloton, Centerstone of Florida: Thanked the CSAB members for their support. Shared how the increase in funding for FY23 provided the program with the capability to add a caregiver advocate position and spoke on the impact it is having on the clients and their families. Spoke on the recent staff resignations this fiscal year.
- Julia Robertson, Manatee Children's Services: Address the question regarding the \$35,000 increase for the Child Advocacy Center program as it reflects the 7% cost of living adjustment for 10 staff. Thanked CSAB members for their consideration and support.
- Becky Canesse, Just for Girls: Clarified items on the Just for Girls' applications for both programs. Spoke on the important role transportation plays for both programs, and the increase in cost of doing business including staffing, and health and safety practices.
- Amanda Corcoran, Easter Seals: Provided further detail on the request for the increase for Family Support Services Program as there is a high need for the services in the community to provide care for those families who have a child with disabilities. Reviewed how the agency and program are hoping to serve as many families as possible and feels a funding increase will provide the opportunity to hire more staff and having additional training for staff to provide quality care for those families.
- Elena Costella, Foundation for Dreams: Thanked all members for the work done for the children and families of Manatee County and for the CSAB member's consideration of funding increase to safely provide services to the children. Spoke on the request for additional investment of \$20,000 to hire, train, and retain highly qualified staff to be able to meet and exceed the number served of those that are achieving results.

Next Meeting

May 22, 2023 – 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 5:52 p.m.

Approved

Connie Shingledecker, Chair

Date