



Children's Services Advisory Board Subcommittee Meeting

August 14, 2023

A meeting of the Children's Services Advisory Board Subcommittee of Manatee County, Florida, was held at the Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, 5th Floor Osprey Room on Wednesday August 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present (In Person): Carolann Garafola, Susan Miller Kelly, and Rita Smith

Also Present: County Staff: (In Person), Kristi Hagen and Melissa Bomar

Public Present: None

FY24 Application and Funding Review Process: Agency Survey Results

The subcommittee reviewed and discussed the FY24 application and funding review process. Agencies were encouraged to complete a survey that captured strengths and weaknesses within the Children's Services Millage application and funding review process, to better meet the needs of the agency programs. Program staff were able to comment on specific questions. The survey consisted of 16 questions. 28 responses were captured.

Application Process

Through previous annual seminars from Manatee County staff and the requests of the programs, it was determined that an annual application seminar will take place again for the FY24 application. This seminar will allow program staff to learn how to navigate the application better. The Children's Service's Team has been working on updating the grant application to allow the application to flow better and make it more user friendly. If there are additional questions following the seminar, a question-and-answer session will be provided as well.

Application and Funding Review Process

Subcommittee members discussed the feedback that was provided by the programs regarding the application and review process. 68% of the programs felt that the process

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District 5

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At Large

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At Large

was fair. The other 32% that felt that the process was not entirely fair, provided concerns regarding the CSAB's personal comments, biases, and suggestions for more public comment. Some programs were dissatisfied with the scoring process and outcomes. Programs also had questions regarding the cost-of-living increase requirements. The Children's Services team will update the guidance form and update the website to reflect appropriate changes.

Summary

The subcommittee did not finish addressing all the program's concerns and will schedule the next meeting to complete this task. The next meeting will be utilized to complete the survey response observation, recommend any additional application changes, and modify any corresponding documentation needed to support the programs and their missions.

Next Meeting

August 28, 2023 – 1:00 p.m., Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Osprey Room, 5th floor