



## Children's Services Advisory Board-Virtual Meeting

January 20, 2021

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, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Manatee Room on Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** (In Person) Debbie Tapp, Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Kelly Hunt, Charlie Kennedy, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, George VanBuren; (Virtually) Sandra Stone, Gail Wynne, Kimberly Kutch.  
**Absent/Excused** Amy Diss.

### Also Present

County Staff: (via Zoom) Ava Ehde (In Person), Susan Ford, Kristi Hagen, Lawanda Timmons, Chris Handy-Honeycutt, Johanna Beville; Members of the Public (In Person): Hal Williams, Kelly Stasurak, Alexdrena Green; (Via Zoom) Char Young, Kristina Tincher, Laurel Lynch.

### Call to Order/Welcome

Debbie Tapp, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes, as presented, contained an error. Kimberly Kutch was recorded as absent but had been in attendance at the meeting. The minutes will be corrected to state she attended.

**Motion:** Minutes for December 16, 2020 as amended, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gail Wynne, **Seconded by** Charlie Kennedy, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

### Funding Application Update

An open discussion ensued between the CSAB Members on the purpose of application questions 1 through 12, and scoring guidance provided by Hal Williams, the Results First consultant. Application questions cannot be changed at this time, as the application will be released to the public on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Williams and Susan Ford fielded questions as they arose on the purpose and scoring areas. There were no recommendations to make changes to those areas discussed. These areas on Questions 13 through 31 will be discussed at the February 17, 2021 meeting.

***Xtavia Bailey entered @ 3:23 pm during the discussion above for question 3 a  
George VanBuren, M.D. exited the meeting following this discussion @ 4:20 pm***

### Staff Updates

Susan Ford provided the following updates:

- We are pleased to introduce Johanna Beville, the newest Human Services Analyst, who started on January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- After years of having a vacancy in the judicial seat, we have now received an application for the Honorable Scott Brownell who is up for appointment by the BOCC on January 26<sup>th</sup>. He will be

joining us at the February meeting. After much negotiating with the Chief Judge, we were granted permission to take applications from retired judges who are not active in the court.

- With much sadness, we are sharing the passing of Mary Smith, the Executive Director of Family Network on Disabilities who was a hero for the disabled children and their families in this community. Mary battled many bouts with cancer and was no longer able to fight when it spread throughout her body. Mary leaves behind a dedicated husband and three adult children, two of which had special needs. She will be greatly missed in our community.

### New/Old Business

Debbie Tapp reminded the board that an updated CSAB Meeting Schedule 2021 was provided in the meeting materials. Future meetings will be held in the Manatee/Osprey Room, County Admin-5<sup>th</sup> floor. She also noted that some meetings will be held on days other than Wednesdays and encouraged members to note these meetings on their calendars.

Susan Ford and Debbie Tapp are working with United Way to provide data from Manatee County School Board. George Schrier, a staff member from the Manatee County School District, will attend the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide data and information on school suspensions, especially for elementary students.

Xtavia Bailey stated would she has a podcast and invited a Children's Services Staff Member to join a segment to discuss the process of the Manatee County FY2022 Non-Profit Investment Application Release & Information. Kristi Hagen agreed to participate.

### Public Comment

None

### Next Meeting

February 17, 2021 – 3:00 pm, Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Manatee/Osprey Rooms, 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

### Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Approved

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Debbie Tapp, Chair

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Date