



Children's Services Advisory Board

March 31, 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, 5th Floor Manatee Room on Wednesday March 31, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: (In Person) Debbie Tapp, Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Hon. Scott Brownell, Amy Diss, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Hutch, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, George Van Buren; (Virtually) Kelly Hunt and Gail Wynne; **Absent/Excused:** None. **Absent/Unexcused:** None

Also Present: County Staff: Kristi Hagen, Lawanda Timmons, Chris Handy-Honeycutt, Johanna Beville; **Members of the Public** (In Person): Stacey McKee, Laurie Lynch, Kelly Stasurak, (Virtually) Amy Wick Mavis, Becky Canesse, Char young, Dan Campbell, Drena Green, Sue Cappiello, Evelyn Almodovar. Dilan Desir, Joy Mahler, Kristina Tincher, Mary Ann Legler, Marquel Simmons, Sean Stafferi, and Kaitlyn Delgadillo.

Call to Order/Welcome

Debbie Tapp, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for March 17, 2021, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Connie Shingledecker, **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person) Debbie Tapp, Connie Shingledecker, Hon, Scott Brownell, Amy Diss, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Hutch, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith; (Virtually) Kelly Hunt and Gail Wynne.

Discussion of Investment Applications

CSAB Members had an open discussion on the review process and scoring. Programs (7) reviewed are listed below. Concerns or questions voiced are noted.

A discussion regarding the process of scoring took place with the final consensus being each individual member needs to be consistent in how they rate across all applications reviewed rather than the board determining how scoring should be completed.

CSAB members were encouraged to review their scores. If scored numbers are outside of the scoring range or if they are missing members need to edit accordingly. If a member submitted their scores for a review and it requires an edit they may inform Kristi via email, if it's prior to the final due date the review can be sent back for editing and resubmission but members are encouraged to limit these occurrences.

The use of 1) *Priority Selection Comparison to Results* worksheet to determine if the priority the agency selected and tracks for the results correlate, 2) *Decision-Making Guide* to determine if a request for an increase in investment meets the criteria to be considered for an increase will be use throughout the investment review process.

Xtavia Bailey entered @ 3:08 pm

George VanBuren entered @ 3:10 pm

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters – One to One Mentoring: Objective verification could be better; agency uses a self-created assessment completed by staff as the objective verification as evidence for clients achieving the result (noted by another member these self-created assessments are common). Members would like to see additional objective verification to demonstrate the agency is effective beyond staff subjective opinion. Agency utilized national statistics; members would like to see local statistics. Members questioned what the agency means in their results statement when they say their clients are “at risk of negative social and behavioral development” and clarification for what behaviors qualify as being negative.
 - Agency claimed priority: At-risk youth demonstrate age-appropriate social and behavioral skills and result. CSAB will consider as a priority by member consensus.
- Educational Consultants Consortium, Iron Sharpening Iron: The agency's budget was discussed, focusing on how the income changes impacts the finances for the program. The result statement focuses on academics rather than age-appropriate social and behavioral skills as noted in the priority. The number achieving was discussed because 100 of 150 served would reach the result, some saw this as good while others thought it was low. Members would like the agency to work on wording of their result statement to reflect what their stated priority is so that it is clear the objective is met through the result.
 - Agency claimed priority: At-risk youth demonstrate age-appropriate social and behavioral skills and result. CSAB will consider as a priority by member consensus.
 - Agency requested an increase in investment and reasoning for request. CSAB utilized Decision Making Guide-Request for Increased Investment. CSAB unanimously determined that they will consider for increase.
- Healthy Teens Coalition – Teen Health Educators: CSAB member Charlie Kennedy disclosed that his wife is on the Board of Directors for Healthy Teens yet shared what the program does. The requirements for clients to participate does not require being “at-risk”. Public comments from program staff addressed this concern. Result 2 is vague, it is unclear how the agency will track this result, who tracks the peers that the Teen Health Educators present to. Members would like the agency to utilize community resources for free training opportunities.
 - Agency claimed priority: At-risk youth demonstrate age-appropriate social and behavioral skills and result. CSAB will consider as a priority by member consensus.
 - Agency requested an increase in investment and reasoning for request. CSAB utilized Decision Making Guide-Request for Increased Investment. CSAB determined that they will not consider for increase.
- Hope Family Services – Children's Counseling: Concern about how to make a home safe for a child when it is not safe for the parents. The child becomes a primary focus of treatment when they experience domestic violence or are the victim of domestic violence. Members were pleased with the Agency's progress in their performance improvement process from last year's application to this year. Agency worked to improve performance by compressing the process to create a measurement for the milestones.
 - Agency is not claiming priority.
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George VanBuren exited @ 4:31 pm

- Insight Counseling - SOAR: Concern about leadership sustainability with the acting CEO continuing as a Clinical Consultant while there is no Program Director. The agency continues to search for a Program Director. Discussion on the application and priority listing. Agency claimed no priority, however, the CSAB feels the agency does have a priority and that the results speak to the priority of “At-risk youth demonstrate age appropriate social and behavioral skills”. **Motion**: change

*the priority from none to priority of “At-risk youth demonstrate age appropriate social and behavioral skills”; **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kim Kutch, **Seconded by** Hon. Scott Brownell, **Vote:** Motion passed (Summary: Yes = 11, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person) Debbie Tapp, Connie Shingledecker, Hon, Scott Brownell, Amy Diss, Charlie Kennedy, Kimberly Hutch, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, and Xtavia Bailey; (Virtually) Kelly Hunt and Gail Wynne.*

- *CSAB declared priority: At-risk youth demonstrate age-appropriate social and behavioral skills and result. CSAB will consider as a priority by member consensus.*
- *Pace Center for Girls – Teenage Pregnancy Prevention: Clarified reason for the 90-day commitment and tracking results in the pregnancy prevention program. The Florida state office of Pace Center for Girls has expanded this program into Georgia. Program runs in a stand-alone school that does not have the resources that other schools in the district do. Clarification that the first milestone measures the clients at the 90-day mark after enrolling in the program, yet the program is ongoing.*
 - *Agency is not claiming priority.*
 - *Agency requested an increase in investment and reasoning for request. CSAB utilized Decision Making Guide-Request for Increased Investment. CSAB determined that they will not consider for increase.*
- *Replay Outreach – Success4Life Training & Mentoring: Members voiced budget concerns and quality of the application completion. Agency made contradictory statements about not being dependent on other entities yet state their interactions and coordination with other agencies on that portion of application. There were questions about the number of children they are serving for the result and would like to see more children served the coming contract year.*
 - *Agency claimed priority: At-risk youth demonstrate age-appropriate social and behavioral skills and result. CSAB will consider as a priority by member consensus.*

Staff Updates

Kristi Hagen provided the following updates:

- Susan Ford's Retirement Celebration is to be held tomorrow. Details provided to CSAB who requested to be in attendance.
- Batch scores are due the Friday after the Wednesday meeting in which they are discussed. Scores for Batch 1 are due on Friday, April 2nd, Batch 2 are due April 9th.
- The next meeting will be to discuss Batch 2. The initial scores for Batch 2 will be due March 26th. If you do not have these programs scored yet please get them completed by Friday, April 2 at the latest so the scoring comparison can be compiled. Batch 2 application reviews are listed in your Reviewer Portal with due dates of March 26th.
- Batch 4 will be sent out to the members today.

Old/New Business

Kim shared that April is child abuse prevention month and encouraged everyone to wear blue to raise awareness.

Xtavia would like to do a program on child abuse prevention and would like to bring all the different organizations together that have input.

Charlie spoke about Step Up Suncoast and provided clarification on the plan of transition as the agency's CEO, Barbara Patten, plans to retire in August 2021. Charlie disclosed that he serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Step Up Suncoast, and that his spouse is on the Board of Directors for Healthy Teens. Earlier in March 2021, Children's Services Staff had requested an opinion from Manatee County Attorney's Legal regarding the potential conflict of interest and are awaiting response.

Public Comment

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

(In Person): None, (Virtually):

- Evelyn Almodovar, Program Director for Healthy Teens Coalition: Thanked the CSAB Members and provided information of how they recruit teens for their program. Discussed the clientele that they recruit and that being at-risk is not a requirement for participation in the Health Teens Program. Further reviewed reason for requested increase and provided additional information on the Trauma Training and program.
- Dilan Desir, Paid Intern for Healthy Teens Coalition: Spoke about not receiving Healthy Teens Services himself but, became a member of the team in early 2020 and spoke on program and the sense of community he has with Healthy Teens.
- Marquel Simmons, Adult Leader for Healthy Teens Coalition: Spoke about being an 18-years old and being recruited for the program. Discussed his long-term commitment to the program and how he feels it has benefited him over the last 7 years.
- Kaitlyn Delgadillo, Healthy Teens Coalition: Spoke about participating in the program for the last year and the ways in which she has found it to be beneficial to her across numerous domains and even helped her achieve her community services hours.

Next Virtual Meeting

April 7, 2021 – 3:00 pm, Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, 5th Floor Manatee Room.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Approved

Debbie Tapp, Chairwoman

Date