



MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2023

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Children's Services Advisory Committee Meeting held at
Indian River County Administration Building A, Conference Room A2-230 Vero Beach, FL
5:00 PM on Monday, June 12, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miranda Swanson called the June 12, 2023 meeting of the Children's Services Advisory Committee to order at 5:01 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Miranda Swanson, Chair
Bob McPartlan, Department of Children and Families Appointee
Bob Schlitt, Jr., Member at Large
Amber Cerda, Member at Large
Eric Flowers, Sheriff - Law Enforcement, Ex-Officio
Kyra Schafte, School District IRC, Ex-Officio
Michelle Morris, District 2 Appointee
Katie Mieras, District 3 Appointee
Michele Falls, District 4 Appointee
Hope Woodhouse, District 5 Appointee
Ann Marie Suriano, Hospital District Appointee
Doug DeMuth, BCC Accountant Appointee
Laura Moss, BCC Voting Member

Members Absent

Victoria Griffin Judge, Ex-Officio
Dr. David Moore, Superintendent, School District IRC, Ex-Officio
Kerry Bartlett, District 1 Appointee

Also Present

Michael Zito, IRC County Administration
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
Beth Powell, IRC Acting General Services Director

Leigh Anne Uribe, IRC Human Services Division
Natalie Novak, IRC Recording Secretary
Caryn Toole, CSAC Grants Subcommittee
Sherri Kolodziejczak, CSAC Grants Subcommittee
David Erickson, CSAC Grants Subcommittee
Anthony Brown, CSAC Grants Subcommittee
Susan Mehiel

Quorum was met.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sheriff Eric Flowers made a motion, seconded by Michele Morris, to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2023 Meeting of the Children's Services Advisory Committee Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beth Powell provided an update on the Human Services Managing Director position.

5. GRANT REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

- **2023-2024 Children's Services Funding Recommendations**

On June 8 and June 9, 2023, the Grant Subcommittee met to interview all agencies that applied for funding for FY 2023-2024. On June 10, 2023 the Grant Subcommittee met to determine the amount to award each agency. Bob Schlitt, Chair of the CSAC Grants Subcommittee, discussed each program and reported on the grant funding recommendations made by the Grants Subcommittee. See table.

AGENCY	PROGRAM	2023/24 REQUEST	2023/24 AWARD	+ / -
Ballet Vero Beach Inc.	Student Matinee Series/Stage to Page	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	-50%
Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County	Community-Based Mentoring	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	0%
Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County	Passport to Early Literacy	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	0%
Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County	BGC After School & Summer Programs	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	-20%
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach, Inc.	Samaritan Center	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	0%
Childcare Resources of Indian River	Children in Centers	\$ 300,000	\$ 250,000	-17%
Childcare Resources of Indian River	Community & Family Services	\$ 273,472	\$ 152,478	-44%
Children's Home Society of Treasure Coast	Dodgertown Community Partnership School	\$ 50,000	\$ 37,500	-25%
Children's Home Society of Treasure Coast	Teen Life Choices	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	-50%
Crossover Mission, Inc.	Independent Study for High-Risk Student Athletes	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,000	-40%
Crossover Mission, Inc.	Building the Future of Crossover Mission	\$ 120,000	\$ 100,000	-17%
Education Foundation of Indian River County, Inc.	STEP into Kindergarten	\$ 173,098	\$ 173,098	0%
Environmental Learning Center	ELC STEAM Explorers Program	\$ 11,650	\$ 11,650	0%
Feed the Lambs Enrichment Program, Inc.	Feed the Lambs Enrichment Programs	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	0%
Gifford Youth Achievement Center, Inc.	After School Education Program (ASEP)	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000	0%
Gifford Youth Achievement Center, Inc.	Youth Employability Program (YEP)	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,500	-25%
Gifford Youth Orchestra	Staging for Success	\$ 75,000	\$ 45,000	-40%
Guardians For New Futures, Inc.	Children's Advocacy Center	\$ 50,000		
Helping Hands Program of South County	Helping Hands School Year Program	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	-50%
Helping Hands Program of South County	Helping Hands Summer Program	\$ 20,000		
Hibiscus Children's Center, Inc.	SafeCare - Parenting Education Home Visitation	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	0%
Hope for Families Center	Children's Services Advisory Committee Grant	\$ 41,500	\$ 41,500	0%
Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition	Babies and Beyond	\$ 62,650	\$ 62,650	0%
Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition	Care Coordinator - Doula Services	\$ 62,650	\$ 37,500	-40%
Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition	Coordinated Intake and Referral/PEPW	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	0%
Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition	Fatherhood Program	\$ 50,000	\$ 15,000	-70%
Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition	Healthy Families IRC	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000	0%
Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition	Nurse Family Partnership	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	0%
Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition	Parents As Teachers	\$ 116,450	\$ 116,450	0%
Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition	PEACE	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0%
Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches & Treasure Coast	Junior Achievement for Elementary and High School	\$ 40,000	\$ 15,000	-63%
Miss B's Learning Bee's Inc.	Family Engagement Program	\$ 30,000		
Miss B's Learning Bee's Inc.	Project COAEP	\$ 45,000	\$ 30,000	-33%
Miss B's Learning Bee's Inc.	Transportation Service	\$ 10,000		
New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, Inc.	Student Assistance Program	\$ 45,193		
OCP Community Outreach, Inc.	Purpose Driven Youth	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000	-17%
Pelican Island Audubon Society	Audubon Advocates Lagoon Science Program	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0%
Redlands Christian Migrant Association	Enhancing Infant and Toddler Care	\$ 75,500	\$ 75,500	0%
Redlands Christian Migrant Association	SRMAT Early Care and Education Program	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	0%
Safe Families for Children	Safe Families for Children - Treasure Coast	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0%
Substance Awareness Center of IRC Inc.	Adolescent Substance Use Outpatient Treatment	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	0%
Substance Awareness Center of IRC Inc.	ReDirect	\$ 100,000	\$ 90,000	-10%
Substance Awareness Center of IRC Inc.	Universal School Based Prevention	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	0%
Sunshine Physical Therapy Clinic	Sunshine Kids Support Fund	\$ 25,000	\$ 21,450	-14%
T. T. Hardy Online News Corp. DBA Vero Communiqué	The Young Journalist	\$ 20,000		
The Learning Alliance	ELP Prevention Intervention Coach	\$ 50,000	\$ 20,000	-60%
The Learning Alliance	Moonshot Academy	\$ 450,000	\$ 370,000	-18%
The Learning Alliance	Moonshot Families Early Learning Programs	\$ 100,000		
The Learning Alliance	The Moonshot Reading Rocket	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	0%
The Motivational Edge, Inc.	TME - Arts and Academics Unleashed	\$ 75,000		
Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc.	TCHSC, Youth Homeless Commission	\$ 165,000		
Tykes & Teens, Inc.	IMHCTCM Program	\$ 98,270		
Vero Beach Theatre Guild	Theatrical Learning Center	\$ 66,060	\$ 20,000	-70%
Willis Sports Association, Incorporated	WSA-RBI : Fun at Bat	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	0%
Youth Guidance Donation Fund of Indian River County, Inc.	The Mentoring Academy	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	0%
Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County, Inc.	Junior Learn to Sail Program	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	0%
TOTAL		\$ 3,766,993	\$ 2,567,776	
# of Programs		56	46	
Total Program Budget		\$	\$ 2,567,776	
Requests Over Budget		\$	\$ 1,199,217	
Available to Spend		\$	-	

Beth Powell reported unspent funding at fiscal year end is returned to the General Fund's fund balance. If an agency cannot meet the funding contract requirements, those funds could be granted to another program.

Bob Schlitt reported should contingency funding become available, the grant subcommittee recommends prioritizing the \$20,000 requested by the Helping Hands program for the summer program and reallocating any remaining funds to Child Care Resources, which requested \$300,000 but was awarded \$250,000, creating a \$50,000 reserve for potential needs throughout the year.

Bob Schlitt made a motion, seconded by Bob McPartlan, approve the recommendations of the subcommittee and allocate any additional funds to priority one for Helping Hands of South County and priority two for Child Care Resources. The motion passed 12/13 with Doug DeMuth as the dissenting vote.

6. NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Hope Woodhouse reported the progress and plans of the CSAC Needs Assessment Subcommittee. The committee hopes to obtain data through December 31st, 2022 for all areas except the school district, for which they will have information until the end of 2022. The recommendation for dividing up the different areas for data was based on the competencies of the people on the subcommittee.

Dylan Reingold advises that not following proper Sunshine Law procedures could lead to criminal penalties and advises the members follow the guidance provided to avoid going to jail.

7. NEXT MEETING

- To Be Determined after the Human Services Managing Director
- November 13, 2023 – 5:00 PM in room A2-230

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business or discussion, Miranda Swanson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Novak
Recording Secretary