



MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 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
3:00 PM on Tuesday, December 5, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bob McPartlan called the December 5, 2023 meeting of the Children's Services Advisory Committee to order at 3:04 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Bob McPartlan, Department of Children and Families Appointee
Bob Schlitt, Jr., Member at Large
Victoria Griffin Judge, Ex-Officio
Amber Cerda, Member at Large
David Moore, Superintendent, School District IRC, Ex-Officio
Michelle Morris, District 2 Appointee
Katie Mieras, District 3 Appointee
Jeffrey Andros, District 4 Appointee
Hope Woodhouse, District 5 Appointee
Frank Isele, Hospital District Appointee
Doug DeMuth, BCC Accountant Appointee
Sheriff Eric Flowers, Law Enforcement Ex-officio
Commissioner Laura Moss, BCC Voting Member

Members Absent

Miranda Swanson, Chair
Kerry Bartlett, District 1 Appointee

Also Present

Bill DeBaal
Angelina Oganoski, IR Charter
Susan Meheil
Kyleigh Savoie, Substance Abuse Center
Connor Streeter, IR Charter
Greta Hare, IR Charter
Kristina Kert, IR Charter
Austin Fester, IR Charter

Brennen Richards, IR Charter
Miller West, IR Charter
Michael Zito, Deputy County Administrator
Cindy Emerson, IRC Community Services
Maya Miller, IRC Community Services
Amie Rutherford, IRC Human Services
Leigh Anne Uribe, IRC Human Services
Natalie Novak, IRC Recording Secretary

Quorum was met.

3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Amie Rutherford added social media campaign to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michelle Morris made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Laura Moss, to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2023, Children's Services Advisory Committee Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Agency Professional Learning Opportunities Update

Cindy Emerson handed the meeting over to Amie Rutherford. Ms. Rutherford reported a professional learning opportunity was held in November to discuss evidence-based programs, how to collect and analyze data for grant reporting. The next opportunity on January 17, 2024, from 9:30-10:30 AM will cover budget planning for accountability for grant applications. The opportunities are open to public.

End-of-Year Data

Ms. Emerson reported staff is working on end of year data and distributed a draft year-end report for 2022-23. This document will be available on the County website.

Ms. Emerson reported 99.1% fund utilization for 2022-23. Agencies focused on outcome measures and progress meeting objectives. As a result of CSAC funding, agencies had over 15,000 touchpoints, 60% of programs reached 100% of their performance outcome measures.

Ms. Emerson reported staff is working with Indian River County GIS department on asset mapping and will showcase service areas for each agency as well as missed opportunities.

UPDATED CSAC Timeline

Ms. Rutherford reported an UPDATED CSAC timeline. Adjustments include changing agency site visits from December 2023 to January 2024 to finalize the site visit success rubric. The Needs Assessment Subcommittee is finalizing the data and priorities. A

schedule of site visits will be provided to the Committee so members may sign up as their schedule permits.

Social Media Campaign #IRCSuccess

Ms. Emerson reported on the new social media campaign #IRCSuccess and encourages all members to share social media posts. Funded agencies have been encouraged to submit success stories to Human Services to share on the #IRCSuccess campaign.

Ms. Emerson reported a pilot program with Vero Beach Ballet, spotlighting programs of success around the County.

6. CSAC COMMUNITY UPDATES

Law Enforcement Data Update – Sheriff Eric Flowers

Sheriff Eric Flowers reported County law enforcement's biggest interaction with children is at schools and with School Resource Officers. Sheriff Flowers reported 33 deputies are assigned to the schools with three (3) service/ therapy dogs.

Sheriff Flowers reported the Sheriff's Office is using juvenile referrals as much as possible rather than arrests for child offenses, focusing on treating the entire family. Sheriff Flowers reported in March the Farm will be unveiled. Through partnerships with local nonprofits and employers, inmates that are being prepared for release have an opportunity to learn employability skills and find employment opportunities.

Hospital District Data Update – Frank Isele

Frank Isele reported the Hospital District is creating standardized matrices for data and working on solid quarterly data. Mr. Isele reported during a meeting with Ms. Rutherford the Hospital District will work with CSAC to compare data and evidence on agencies receiving funding from multiple grant sources. The Hospital District is very specific with how they fund programs and is interested in developing a unified dashboard.

Mr. Isele reported the departure of University of Florida Mental Health and Psychiatric Program impacts a couple hundred children in the area. The Hospital District is meeting with local providers to ensure children have the continuity of care that is needed. Mr. Isele has additional meetings this week with providers concerning this departure.

School District Data Update – Dr. David Moore

Dr. David Moore reported this is a busy time of year and the School District is ensuring the highest level of parental engagement and improving parent engagement in their child's education. The School District has twelve (12) open positions, a very low number compared to other districts. Enrollment has increased and graduation rates are at 95%. Dr. Moore reported Indian River Schools is number seven (7) in the state for academic outcomes in third grade with a significant regression from third to tenth grade (typical across the nation) and the Hospital District is intentional on growing all children.

7. CSAC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Needs Assessment Subcommittee

Hope Woodhouse reported the Needs Assessment Subcommittee has had four (4) meetings to date and the next meeting is December 18, 2023. The Subcommittee is left with about 50 data points/ indicators that are relevant to assess the health and welfare of the children of Indian River County. Ms. Woodhouse reported it has been helpful to have Martin County The data has been sorted into demographics and three (3) focus areas; Health and Wellness of Children and their Caregivers, Fostering Strong Families and Communities, and Promoting Success in School and Life. Three to five priorities have been identified for each focus area.

Ms. Emerson reported having this data, focus areas, and priorities will allow CSAC to measure over a five (5) year period with specific targeted outcome measures to determine the return on investment for funded programs.

Grants Subcommittee

Bob Schlitt reported reviewed site visits, site visit rubric, and preparing for Grant Proposals, grant request, changes to application.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Fidelity Site Visit Expectations

Ms. Rutherford shared a draft Fidelity Site Visit for comment and discussion.

Bob Schlitt, Jr. made a motion, seconded by XXXXXXXX, to approve the Fidelity Site Visit Expectations form as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

CSAC Guidebook

Ms. Emerson shared the CSAC Guidebook and reported the purpose of the Guidebook and feedback received from Committee members. Ms. Rutherford discussed sections of the Guidebook, including ad valorem taxes and grant funding. Recommendation is to reference the funding is approved by Indian River County Board of County Commissioners on page 13.

Katie Mieras expressed concern with the amount of color printing used for the Guidebook. Ms. Emerson reported that this is the only time the Guidebook will be printed and it will be available online.

Sheriff Flowers made a motion, seconded by Hope Woodhouse, to approve the CSAC Guidebook as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Site Visit Schedule

Ms. Rutherford reported the site visit schedule is available for Committee members to attend. The schedule will be circulated. Ms. Emerson reported only one member from the main committee and one member from each subcommittee can attend.

Funding Priorities

Ms. Rutherford reported the focus areas for funding are identified as Health and Wellness of Children and their Caregivers, Fostering Strong Families and Communities, and Promoting Success in School and Life.

Commissioner Moss made a motion, seconded by Michelle Morris, to approve the Funding Priorities as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business or discussion, Bob McPartlan adjourned the meeting at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Novak
Recording Secretary