



Human Services Advisory Board

Summary of Assembly (no quorum)

September 28, 2023, 3:30 P.M.

Thomas C. Kelly Annex Building, Conference Room
121 W. Rich Avenue, DeLand FL 32720

Members present

Jake Johanson, Terri Malia, Amanda Lasecki, Veronica Watson

Members absent

Peter Migner, Rabecka Collins, Christine Gillis, Sundria Ridgely, Kathy Spencer, Johnnie Chavis, Mary McCoy, Camille Vickers, Rhonda Williams

Alternate members present – non-voting on this date

Reginald Williams

Guests present

Derrick Collins – oncoming member from Mr. and Ms. Mentoring; Kathleen Danclair – oncoming member from CareerSource

Staff present

Carmen Hall, Jessi Smith, Dawna Parent Phillips, Maureen S. Sikora, Devry McGill

Assembly Summary (no quorum)

The assembly began at 3:38 p.m.

Ms. Malia requested Ms. Smith conduct roll call and determined a quorum was not present. No official business would be taken; members present generally discussed the agenda topics. Business items will be brought back to the board at the next meeting.

The special order of business for acceptance of new board members and reappointments was tabled until the next meeting.

Ms. Smith reviewed the service numbers from July to September 2023, noting a decreased return to more typical figures across Home and Crisis energy services from past years when COVID dollars were present. However, requests for assistance remain extremely high due to the current economic climate, an especially hot summer, and individuals falling behind on bills.

LIHWAP (Low Income Household Water Assistance Program) funding explains the dramatic increase in the number of families that have received assistance with their water utilities.

Housing appears low in this quarter of 2022-2023 due to more General Fund housing dollars having been expended earlier in the fiscal year.

Ms Smith gave a recap of current staffing new hires and vacancies. She also gave a final service report for the Summer Food Program, which served 116,880 meals at 61 sites, including 53,528 breakfasts, and 63,352 lunches.

Approval of the minutes for the July 27, 2023 meeting was tabled.

Ms. Parent reviewed the CSBG FY2023 quarterly financial report. A vote was tabled, and the next current report will be presented at the October meeting.

Ms. Smith provided HSAB member orientation materials to each member present, requesting that they review the materials and return the included two forms signed as receipts. The remaining members will receive their packets at the October meeting.

The group discussed locations for upcoming HSAB meetings. The next meeting will take place again at the TKC Annex Conference. Ms. Lasecki offered to host the board again at the United Way. Ms. Danclair also offered space at CareerSource.

Public comments - none

The next HSAB meeting will be October 26, 2023 at the TCK Annex Conference Room.

The assembly dismissed at 4:25.