

County of Volusia
Children and Families Advisory Board
Friday, October 10, 2008 1:00 pm
Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center
County Council Chambers, Room 204
123 West Indiana Avenue
Deland, FL 32720

BOARD MINUTES

<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Absent</i>	<i>County Staff Present</i>
Carrie Baird	Dr. Suzanne Dewees	Edward Jasper
Alex Carmichel	David Kerr	Diana Phillips
Susan Caplan		Peggy Johnson
Deborah Denys		
Dave Evans		
Dee Jarrard		
Dr. Willie Kimmons		

Call to Order

Carrie Baird called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Peggy Johnson

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Item 1 – Approval of Minutes

Dave Evans made a motion to approve minutes of the June 12, 2008 CFAB Budget Sub-Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Susan Caplan. Motion passed.

Susan Caplan made a motion to approve minutes of the June 26, 2008 CFAB Budget Sub-Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Deborah Denys. Motion passed.

Deborah Denys made a motion to approve minutes of the June 26, 2008 CFAB meeting. Motion seconded by Alex Carmichel. Motion passed.

Item 2 – Approval of CFAB schedule for 2008-2009

Diana Phillips advised that the board needs to establish the 2008-2009 meeting schedule. Prior to release of the 2009-2010 application, the board needs to establish the funding criteria and evaluation elements to determine if changes need to be made. Anticipated release date is January. Motion by Dr. Kimmons and seconded by Dave Evans to table discussion establishing meeting dates until the end of today's meeting. Motion passed.

Item 3 – County Council presentation – CFAB goals and program recommendations

Carrie Baird, Chair, requested that the board allow public participation as the presentation was being discussed. The board concurred. Diana Phillips suggested Carrie Baird provide a synopsis of the discussion at the last County Council meeting and the outcome of the meeting with a Council member. Carrie Baird and Dave Evans attended the last County Council meeting for discussion of the CFAB line item budget recommendations. The Council approved the funding recommendations for existing programs, but did not approve funding for new programs and did not render a decision regarding the programs not recommended for funding by the CFAB. The Council discussed consolidation and the process of identifying needs and how to fund those needs.

Mr. Hayman expressed concern of the impact of “raising the bar” with the non-profits. It was suggested that a period of technical assistance, training, and mentoring be offered to those agencies that aren't meeting expectations, and after a period of time, if they can't meet the expectations, not funding them.

Mr. Jasper advised the board that the Council approved the recommended funding for children and community existing programs. The new programs were not approved and Council motioned that the funding for new programs be transferred into contingency. A mini budget workshop is scheduled for the 13th, at which time the Council will discuss the funding of the new programs. The board needs to prepare a presentation, (10 to 13 minutes), to the Council. The Council will also discuss the re-consideration of funding two agencies that were not recommended for funding. The Council was advised that staff had monitored the two agencies recently. Mr. Jasper advised that the Women's Care Center of New Smyrna Beach will be monitored on a monthly basis and the Family Crisis Help Center will be monitored on a quarterly basis.

Carrie Baird expressed concern that the Council would be considering the current process and discussing a future process at the same meeting, which might be confusing.

Deborah Denys requested a copy of the monitoring reports for the two agencies not recommended for funding. She also expressed the need for services in the Southeast area.

Carrie reviewed the document for the presentation from the Children and Families Advisory Board on priorities, goals and objectives. Carrie added items as follows; 1. No clear directions from County Council regarding the types of services that are most appropriate for County funds. 2. We do not have the benefit of a data base for priority needs assessment on which to base decisions. 3. The administrative capability and financial strength.

Susan Caplan suggested a pilot program for the RFP process.

Public Participation

Steve Sally, House Next Door, spoke on the idea of a funding council and changing the application process. Robin Bass, Children's Medical Center, requested more time for agency presentations, better communication orally and in writing and asked what category CMS would

fall into. Should they be considered basic needs? Carrie Baird advised that we cannot solve every problem and serve every citizen with the limited funding regardless of the process. Eric Losciale from Children's Home society questioned why monitorings couldn't be shared.

Diana Phillips advised that the monitoring process has been changed to include the monitoring from other agencies.

Lynn Sinnott from Easter Seals stated that trying to provide services in several geographic areas is costly because of the facility cost. Collaboration could be that one agency could provide services in a specific geographical area but collaborate with another agency to provide the same service in a different geographical area.

Discussion continued on the content of the presentation. Carrie Baird continued with the presentation to council indicating that we would have to have everything finalized by this fall. Funds should be targeted to where there is no other funding source. Ed Jasper stated that they need to include a minimum grant amount. Special consideration should be given to programs where the county dollars are leveraging additional funds. As referenced in the handout the board agreed on the following:

1. County funds should not be used to fund other government agencies. Government agency-run programs need to find non-profit agencies to collaborate with.
2. Delete reference to using CFAB funds to pay for behavioral health services when they already fund those types of services through ADM matching contracts.
3. The CFAB would prefer to fund a smaller number of efficient and effective agencies encouraging collaboration.
4. Delete reference to using county funds to fill the funding gaps of governmental agencies.
5. Priority should be given to programs that leverage additional state or federal funding by using county funds as a match
6. CFAB funding should be on a particular focus.

Motion made by Dr. Kimmons to accept the discussion points for the presentation. Seconded by Alex Carmichel. Motion passed.

Carrie Baird will update the document with what was discussed today and present it to the board at next meeting.

Alan Rettig, Catholic Charities suggested using the COA standards in the RFP process. Tom Lindzon, Council on Aging, asked if the CFAB wanted to fund programs or specific services. Carrie Baird responded that the RFP would address needs for seniors and the agency will indicate the services they would provide.

The next board meetings are scheduled for November 21, 2008 at 9:00 am, January 21, 2009 at 5:15 pm and April 7, 2009 at 9:00 am.

Adjournment

Carrie Baird adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm.