RESOLUTION NO. 2007-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ADVISORY BOARD (CFAB); PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CFAB; PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE CFAB AS THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL (CSC); PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CFAB; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES; PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CFAB WITHIN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE REPORTING MECHANISM OF THE CFAB TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR THE ENABLING AUTHORITY OF THE CFAB TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL; BY REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-37; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the needs of children and families in Volusia County have been documented through Comprehensive Needs Assessments and documentation from other recognized sources; and

WHEREAS, the Volusia County Council believes there is a need for a board of citizens to review request for financial contributions from children, family and community service provider agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Volusia County Council recognizes the need to establish a Children and Families Board for the purpose of planning, coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating children, family and community service programs; and
WHEREAS, the board will be responsible for, assessing and evaluating needs; developing strategies to meet needs; establishing programs’ outcomes; monitoring program compliance; advertising funding availability; receiving applications, and making funding recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the county council has approved the assignment of responsibility for the administration of funding to agencies receiving contributions from the county to the Community Services Department; and

WHEREAS, Section 125.01(1)(t), Florida Statutes, provides in pertinent part that the governing body of a county may adopt resolutions necessary for the exercise of its powers.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA IN OPEN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE THOMAS C. KELLY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 123 WEST INDIANA AVENUE, DELAND, FLORIDA, THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY, 2007, A.D., AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: Creation of Board

There is hereby created and established, the Children and Families Advisory Board which shall be appointed by the county council and shall advise the Director of Community Services.

SECTION II: Designation

The board shall be designated as the Children's Services Council (CSC) for purposes of participating in State Initiatives and seeking funding opportunities.
SECTION III: Membership

(a) The board shall consist of nine members who shall be electors of Volusia County. Members shall be appointed for a term of two-years and shall serve at the pleasure of the council. The county council shall appoint a board member upon the nomination of a council member. Each district council member shall make one nomination of an elector from within the member's district. The at-large member and the County Chair shall each make two nominations, one elector from the West side of the county and one elector from the East side of the county.

(b) If any member fails to attend two of any three consecutive meetings, regardless of the reason, the member's seat shall be deemed vacant. No elected official, member of two or more other county boards or commissions, or employee of county government shall be appointed to serve on the board.

(c) No board member who is a board member, officer, employee, consultant, advisor or has a contractual or beneficial relationship with any entity that is an applicant for or grantee of funds recommended by the board shall participate in consideration of or vote on any matter concerning that entity.

(d) A quorum for the board shall consist of five members.

(e) Members may be removed by a majority vote of the Volusia County Council without cause.

(f) A board vacancy shall be filled upon nomination by the council member who shall have made the nomination to the vacated position or the successor to that council
member. Appointments to fill any vacancy shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION IV: Eligibility

The board shall review and revise established eligibility guidelines for funding for community service provider agencies which shall become effective upon approval by the county council.

SECTION V: Organization

(a) The board shall hold an organizational meeting annually to elect a chairman and vice-chairman. Officers may serve no more than two (2) consecutive years in such office.

(b) The board shall develop a work-plan and goals annually.

(c) The board shall establish a regular meeting schedule. Meetings can be called and scheduled at the request of the Chairman or a majority of the members of the board. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Sunshine Law of the State of Florida and all records shall be maintained in accordance with the public records law of the State of Florida.

(d) The board shall review funding requests for children, family and community programs and make recommendations to the county council.

(e) The board may adopt other such rules for its operations and proceedings as it deems necessary.
The board may form committees from its membership.

SECTION VI: Reports

The board shall annually submit a written report to the Volusia County Council on or before March 31, outlining its work-plan accomplishments. The board shall make recommendations to the Volusia County Council on specific program needs related to annual goals.

SECTION VII: The Volusia County Community Services Department shall provide staff assistance to the board, including the preparation of agendas and meeting notices, taking of minutes and scheduling appropriate meeting places.

SECTION VIII: Resolution No. 2000-37 is hereby repealed. In addition, any By-laws of the board which are in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION IX: This Resolution shall become effective as of March 31, 2007.

DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING.

COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA, FLORIDA

James T. Dinneen
County Manager

Frank T. Bruno, Jr.
County Chair

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA, FLORIDA