

Minutes
Children and Families Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday November 14, 2017
IFAS Volusia County Extension Service
3100 E. New York Avenue
DeLand, Florida

Board Members

Dr. Mary Bruno, Chair
Dr. Kadie Hayward Mullins, Vice-Chair
Karen Bagley
Maria Mills-Benat
Georgann Carnicella
Marjorie Johnson
Richard F. Lohmann
Eddie Molina

Staff Present

Diana Phillips, Manager,
Housing and Grants Administration
Corry Brown, Special Projects Coordinator
Jill Marcum, Grant Coordinator

Dr. Bruno called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and Corry Brown called the roll. Dr. Kadie Hayward Mullins, Richard Lohmann, and Marjorie Johnson were not present at the time of roll call. Dr. Mullins had advised of her absence prior to the meeting. Marjorie Johnson arrived at 1:39 p.m. There was a quorum.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Item 1 – Minutes

Eddie Molina made a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2017. The motion was seconded by Georgann Carnicella. The motion passed unanimously, with five board members present.

Item 2 – CFAB Annual Report 2017

Dr. Bruno reviewed the CFAB Annual Report for 2017. The report outlined the overall mission statement of the CFAB as well as the board's achievements for 2017. The report was provided to the board for their review.

Dr. Bruno asked staff if the new Request for Statement of Qualifications (RSQ) for Staff Development and Case Management was out for solicitation. Ms. Phillips stated that the RSQ was out and closes on December 19, 2017.

Maria Mills-Benat made a motion to approve the CFAB Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Karen Bagley. The motion passed unanimously, with five board members present.

Diana Phillips gave a brief overview of the 2017 summer camp scholarship program. Ms. Phillips noted that the program went well; more children were served than the previous year. She also mentioned concerns with the poverty levels and variation of weekly fees being charged by providers.

The board was provided with a summary of accomplishments and data relating to the 2017 program. Ms. Phillips asked that the board bring any clarifications or additional information needed to staff's attention and a final report would be provided to the board for review at a future workshop.

Ms. Mills-Benat asked about children identified as "pulled for partial scholarship." Corry Brown clarified that those students were initially on the wait list, and were pulled at some point

Ms. Bagley asked why children would be denied. Ms. Brown clarified that children could be denied for being over-age, over-grade, under-age or over-income. She also stated that incomplete applications are not put in this category because they are not processed, staff asks for the additional information.

Dr. Bruno discussed the development of the program over the years, and mentioned that many members of the council are interested in and ask questions about the program.

Ms. Carnicella asked if this program overlaps with the Sheriff's Department program. Dr. Bruno clarified that the CFAB scholarship program is primarily for elementary aged children.

Item 3 – Discuss CFAB Meeting Schedule

Dr. Bruno reviewed the proposed meeting schedule that was provided to board members. She pointed out the desire to have a workshop on December 12, 2017, with the only item on the agenda being summer camp funding criteria. Dr. Bruno asked the board members if the proposed date worked for everyone, to which they agreed.

Dr. Bruno discussed canceling the January 9, 2018 meeting and proposed scoring summer camp provider applications at a meeting on February 6, 2018. Ms. Phillips mentioned that the board would act as the evaluation committee for the open RSQ solicitation and recommended maintaining the January meeting for that purpose. Board member

Marjorie Johnson asked what would be done at the January meeting. Dr. Bruno stated that they would review applications received for the RSQ for Staff Development and Case Management.

Ms. Phillips reviewed the annual objectives, goals and outcomes for each of the RSQ lead agency, which was provided to the board members. The data was represented in the agency summaries. She also stated that a document illustrating the funds returned from each agency from FY 12/13 – FY 16/17 was mistakenly left out of the board member's packets. She assured the board that this document would be emailed to them following the meeting. Ms. Phillips reviewed the funds returned in FY 16/17, which was much higher than usual.

Item 4 – RSQ Lead Agency Presentations

Dr. Bruno stated that the board would hear brief presentations from County of Volusia Housing and Grants Administration and several of the RSQ lead agencies. She clarified that these presentations were informational only and no voting would take place.

Ms. Phillips, Housing and Grants Administration Manager, presented. She reviewed the staff roles, responsibilities, and funding sources administered by the Housing and Grants Administration activity.

Ms. Johnson asked if programs were still being funded with ECHO funds. Jill Marcum clarified that the deadline for applications for the upcoming funding year closed on November 9, 2017. Mr. Molina asked if any of the programs targeted veterans or disabled veterans. Ms. Phillips stated that Veteran's Services is part of Community Assistance, and they are aware of the programs available. Ms. Johnson asked how advertising was done for these programs. Ms. Phillips answered that word of mouth provides a lot of additional inquiries and there is currently not additional advertising being done due to the waitlist for housing rehabilitation currently.

Sarah F. Gurtis, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Lisa Lewis, Vice-President of Communications, from the Council on Aging (COA) of Volusia County, presented. Ms. Gurtis discussed the agency mission, funding sources, and programs and services provided by the agency.

Ms. Bagley asked if those involved in the guardianship program are volunteers, Ms. Gurtis replied that they are not. Ms. Johnson asked if the clients bills are paid with their own money, Ms. Gurtis replied yes, through a court referral. Ms. Johnson asked if there was a senior center in Daytona Beach, Ms. Gurtis stated that the closest one is Holly Hill.

Ms. Lewis discussed the CFAB funding received, programs funded and subcontractors partnered with. Ms. Mills-Benat asked if the monitoring referred to were conducted by county or COA. Ms. Lewis stated that the COA monitors their subcontractors.

Mr. Molina asked if Meals on Wheels is covered by an umbrella, called by different names. Ms. Gurtis clarified that it is a unifying brand, they are a member but do not receive funding. He also asked where to go locally to volunteer; she stated that the information can be found on the website. Mr. Molina asked about Spanish speaking clients. Ms. Gurtis said that it depends on the availability of volunteers that speak Spanish, which they are working hard to increase.

Ms. Mills-Benat asked if COA was building and funding the new locations in New Smyrna Beach and Deltona. Ms. Gurtis stated that they do not own the buildings, but they will be the main occupant. Dr. Bruno asked if they were back in the Daytona Beach office following the damage from Hurricane Irma. Ms. Gurtis stated that they are not, but did not experience a disruption of services.

Jeff White, Executive Director for the Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless (VFCCH), Inc., presented. Mr. White explained the purpose, responsibilities and goals of a Continuum of Care. He noted that there has been an increase in services and a decrease in homeless population.

Ms. Mills-Benat asked what definition of homelessness was used. Mr. White stated that HUD's definition of literally homeless is living in a place not meant for human habitation. Ms. Mills-Benat also asked about how clients pay rent once they are re-housed. Mr. White explained that they operate under a housing first model, depending on the program there may be a schedule where the client is weaned off the rental assistance gradually. Mr. Molina asked what their relationship is to the new homeless shelter in Daytona Beach. Mr. White stated that the new shelter will have to follow coordinated entry procedures and VFCCH is supportive of them. Ms. Johnson asked if Mr. White had every attended the City of Daytona Beach City Commission meeting to speak out about the program and whom is the VFCCH partnering with for First Step. He stated that he has attended city meetings and he has attended all First Step meetings.

Dixie Morgese, Executive Director for Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties, Inc., presented. Ms. Morgese distributed the following pamphlets to the board: A Caregiver's Guide to drug-exposed infants, Give your baby a Healthy Start and 2014-15 Annual Report. She discussed the agencies charge, service delivery plan, programs, services and funding.

Ms. Mills-Benat asked if the focus was only high-risk women or if other women were helped as well. Ms. Morgese explained the indicators used in the scoring mechanism. Ms. Carnicella mentioned that anyone can call the 800 number for support. Ms. Bagley asked about the psychology behind the program and if women get counseling. Ms. Morgese answered that she was trying to work with to make it mandatory that women on opioid management be required to take birth control. Ms. Johnson asked if the agency assists women returning to work, Ms. Morgese stated that they partner Early Learning Coalition to help with this.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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