

Minutes
Children and Families Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Volusia County Historic Courthouse
125 W. New York Ave.
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, Marjorie Johnson and Georgann Carnicella were not present at the time of roll call. Dr. Mullins had advised of her absence prior to the meeting. Georgann Carnicella arrived at 1:36 p.m. Marjorie Johnson arrived at 2:01 p.m. There was a quorum.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Item 1 – Minutes

Maria Mills-Benat made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2018. The motion was seconded by Karen Bagley. The motion passed unanimously, with five board members present.

Item 2 – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP)

Jeff White, Executive Director of Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless (VFCCH), gave a brief presentation regarding the program application they intend to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. White explained that the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program provides an opportunity to access \$1,000,000.00 in funding to service unaccompanied homeless youth. The purpose of YHDP is to develop, implement, evaluate and coordinate a community response to prevent and end youth homelessness. This program will assist unaccompanied youth and pregnant or parenting youth ages 10 – 24.

Mr. White stated that this program is important because it will bring in money and force the VFCCH to begin to look at how to address unaccompanied youth, LGBTQ youth, youth justice

discharges and pregnant or parenting youth issues. This program allows the community to collaborate and think of ways to address the issues and put programs in place.

Dr. Bruno asked Mr. White if he was requesting that CFAB endorse the grant application. Mr. White stated that yes, being able to add meeting minutes showing endorsement to the grant application would be helpful.

Georgann Carcinella made a motion to support the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grant application. The motion was seconded by Maria Mills-Benat. The motion passed unanimously, with six board members present.

Ms. Mills-Benat asked Mr. White if he knew how many unaccompanied homeless youth were in Volusia County. Mr. White replied that at the last count in 2017 there were 37 unaccompanied homeless youth identified.

Ms. Mills-Benat asked if high school aged children living with friends because their parents left them would be considered homeless. Mr. White explained that by HUD standards they would not be considered literally homeless.

Karen Bagley asked if there were any classes for life skills included in the grant. Mr. White replied that they were in the process of looking at implementing programs to teach homeless youth skills to get out of homelessness cycle. He said that the grant is not just for providing housing for them, but also for ways to help them to become self-sufficient.

Ms. Bagley asked what types of programs have been considered and if other organizations have shown an interest in participating. Mr. White said that many programs were being reviewed including one to subsidize families who have taken in homeless youth. He stated that one of the organizations that had shown an interest was Daytona State College.

Ms. Bagley asked if a program providing childcare so that parenting youth could participate in the programs offered to help them learn the necessary life skills has been considered. Mr. White stated that a couple of organizations have expressed interest in providing that type of program.

Ms. Carcinella asked if a program providing care for prenatal or pregnant youth had been considered. Mr. White replied that if ideas were brought forth for that issue something could possibly be provided. Ms. Carcinella stated that sometimes housing is all that is needed.

Eddie Molina asked if cities could apply for the grant or if they would need to go through the VFCCH. Mr. White that they would need to go through the coalition.

Rick Lohman asked if Mr. White thought potential participants would believe in the programs, stating that he felt fear is a big problem with the homeless. Mr. White stated that one of the things they would like to see happen is to provide funds for a homeless outreach team.

Mr. Lohman said that there were already enough agencies willing to step up and provide the services being discussed. He stated that the Sherriff's office has similar programs.

Mr. Molina asked Mr. White to let CFAB know the outcome of the application.

Item 3- Contingency funding process

Dr. Bruno explained that the main reason for the meeting was to review the contingency funding process, making sure that before the application is released the board is comfortable with the process. Dr. Bruno noted that there had been no comments had been made by the board to date regarding changes and Corry Brown had only updated the information in the application. Corry confirmed that only minimal changes had been made.

Dr. Bruno reviewed the criteria for Contingency grants, explaining that they were for programs that were not included in the bigger grants.

Marjorie Johnson made a motion to approve the Contingency Grant Checklist. The motion was seconded by Mr. Molina. The motion passed unanimously, with seven board members present.

Ms. Mills-Benat made a motion to approve the contingency grant application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bagley. The motion passed unanimously, with seven board members present.

Dr. Bruno reviewed the criteria used by staff and board members to score the grants.

Mr. Molina made a motion to approve the contingency grant criteria. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mills-Benat. The motion passed unanimously, with seven board members present.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.