

Minutes
Children and Families Advisory Board
Tuesday, August 13, 2019
Volusia County Health Department
Conference Room 516A
1845 Holsonback Dr., Daytona Beach

Board Members

Dr. Kadie Hayward Mullins, Chair
Carrie Baird, Vice-Chair
Karen Bagley
Dr. Mary Bruno
Kevin Connolly
Joyce Cusack
Alicia Gordon
Marjorie Johnson
Dr. Tammy Ryan

Staff

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

Vice-Chair Carrie Baird called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and Corry Brown called the roll. Dr. Kadie Hayward Mullins, Dr. Mary Bruno, Kevin Connolly and Marjorie Johnson were not present at the time of roll call. Kevin Connolly arrived at 1:44 p.m. There was a quorum.

Item 1 – Minutes

Joyce Cusack made a motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2019. The motion was seconded by Karen Bagley. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 –RSQ lead agency presentations

Ms. DJ Lebo, CEO, Early Learning Coalition made a short presentation reviewing the proposed changes to their program. She reviewed the initial risk factors, explaining that the concern was the lack of training for case management staff and the lack of direct non-clinical case management services for persons experiencing domestic violence, those with physical and mental disabilities, youth aging out of foster care and other vulnerable populations.

Ms. Lebo explained the desired scope of work and the multi-pronged approach to provide training designed to improve communication, ADA accessibility training, ensure collaboration to provide training to multiple agencies, and improve case management services. Ms. Lebo went on to explain that the requested change was to add coordinated intake development to the scope of work.

Ms. Bagley asked if the intake would be accomplished with software.

Ms. Labo stated that software would not be used this year, rather they will just be gathering data this first year.

Ms. Beverly Johnson, President/CEO, Easterseals presented a brief explanation concerning the Sickie Cell Disease/Trait Program, describing the current outreach/education, case management

and direct services available. She explained they've served only 16 clients in the last year, stating that potential clients are not responsive unless they are in crisis.

Ms. Johnson stated that Easterseals' recommendation was to continue outreach/education for the Sickle Cell Disease/Trait Program focusing on education within several target populations and reallocate \$10,000 of the funds to other disability services programs, primarily the deaf and Hard of Hearing Services.

Ms. Cusack expressed concern about taking 50 percent of the sickle cell program funds and reallocating them to a different program. She stated that she was not convinced that enough was being done.

Ms. Cusack asked if there were numbers of people referred to the program and numbers of people who followed up. Ms. Johnson said that she did not have the information with her, but she could provide it to her later.

Ms. Cusack affirmed that the problem was not the lack of funds or services, but the patients not using them. Ms. Johnson agreed.

Alicia Gordon asked what would be done with the other 50% of funds after taking 50% for the deaf/hard of hearing program. Ms. Johnson said that those funds will continue to be used for sickle cell education.

Ms. Baird stated that most services have waiting lists, and if this is a service that no one is using, it is hard to justify allocating more money and not being able to spend it year after year.

Kevin Connelly stated that he liked the idea of reaching out to the health providers and having them reach the potential patients.

Ms. Cusack asked if the funds would be reallocated back to case management if the new approach was successful.

Ms. Phillips explained that this was the last year under the RSQ cycle with the current risk factors and scope of work. The board will be reviewing the risk factors, scopes of work and funding amounts within the next year to make changes where necessary.

Dixie Morgese, Executive Director, Healthy Start, gave a brief presentation regarding the changes in programs and services they would like to make. The changes would remove the Assessment Services and replace it with Coordinated Intake and Referral to connect pregnant women and families with children 0 – 3 with services needed. Women's Intervention Services which coordinates services for drug/opioid dependent pregnant women as well as those with mental health problems and the Neonatal Outreach program which serves families with babies in the

NICU would remain unchanged. Healthy start would then add the Safe Baby Program which will provide parent education, care seats and safe sleep environments.

Liz Kammer, Executive Director, Volusia/Flagler YMCA, proposed a pilot program that would provide after school programming for adolescents with disabilities. The program would provide transportation from the school to The Arc campus. Programming would include social skills training, life skills, functional skills and health and wellness training.

Ms. Cusack asked if the program would come to the west side of the county. Ms. Kammer stated that the pilot would take place in Daytona Beach, but that if the pilot was successful it would be offered throughout the county.

Discussion by board members of matters not on the agenda

Ms. Baird asked if there were any further questions or comments.

Dr. Ryan stated that some of the changes did not seem to fit in the proper categories and asked how they should consider the risk factors and categories when reviewing the changes.

Ms. Phillips stated that the needs of the community appeared to be changing and suggested that amendments to the categories and risk factors may be needed.

Items for staff discussion

Ms. Phillips told the board that the packages supplied by staff included information on all the providers that did not request changes as well as those that did.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.