



**Minutes
Children and Families Advisory Board
Volusia County Lifeguard Headquarters, Conference Room A
515 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL, 32118
Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Mary Bruno, Chair
Charles Puckett, Vice-Chair
Carrie Baird
Georgann Carnicella
Charles Moskowitz
Blanca Maldonado
Shawnerie Langford
Jessica Deese
Derrick Collins

STAFF

Carmen Hall, Community Assistance
Director
Corry Brown, Community Services
Operations Manager
Andrea Kerr, Assistant County Attorney
Anslee Holland, Grants Coordinator

WELCOME

Vice-Chair Charles Puckett welcomed the Children and Families Advisory Board (CFAB) and attendees to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Puckett called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Corry Brown, Community Services Operations Manager, called the roll. Dr. Mary Bruno was not present. Derrick Collins was not present at the time of the roll call, but arrived at 1:32 p.m. There was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 12, 2022 MINUTES

Carrie Baird made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2022 meeting. Blanca Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Four members of the public attended the meeting virtually and ten individuals attended the meeting in person.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 22/23 Contingency Funding – Agency Presentations

Ms. Brown informed the board that all agencies submitted applications on time and that all new applicants attended the required training. She also informed the board that the RSQ service categories were available for reference in their meeting packet because the board would have to determine if any of the agency's services fall into an RSQ category and whether they are eligible for contingency funding.

Each applying agency had a representative present to give an overview of the proposed programs for FY 2022-23. The agencies were asked to limit their presentations to three minutes.

Robyn Lawther, representing Junior League of Daytona Beach, gave an overview of their diaper bank program and how it benefits the community. She explained the importance of the program and how contingency funding would allow them to assist more families.

Bill Hinebaugh, Executive Director of the Volusia Literacy Council, gave a presentation explaining how the agency assists adults with learning how to read and write. He explained that in Volusia County 21-22% of adults read at a low level and this funding source has allowed them to continue assisting residents for many years.

Bev Johnson, President and CEO of Easterseals Northeast Central Florida gave an overview of their early childhood education centers that serve about 250 children from six weeks to five years old in Volusia County. She explained how the contingency funding they have received for the past five years had provided the organization with short-term gap funding for situations where it is needed.

Allison Miller, Director of Community Partnerships of the Early Learning Coalition gave a presentation on their Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program. She explained how the program provides free book gifting to children from birth to five years old in Volusia County and the contingency funding would be used to expand the program to 3 additional cities.

Maia Bass, Northeast program manager of Children's Home Society gave an overview of their family visitation center. She discussed how the two centers provide supervised visits for families that have court-ordered visitation in a safe setting and that the funding would assist the organization with hiring essential staff such as security guards.

Dr. Primrose Cameron, the founder of Sisters Build Network for Girls, gave a presentation explaining how their agency works with students from 3rd grade to 12th grade with mentoring, life skills, academic skills, personal growth, and entrepreneurship. She explained that they are seeking funding to be able to work with those who have graduated from their program to further assist with the services they provide.

Gabrielle Bargerstock, Executive Director of the Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties gave an overview of how the agency is working to improve pregnancy outcomes, promote healthy child development, and strengthen families. She informed the

board that with the contingency funding, they are planning to implement a professional development and training initiative focused on breastfeeding and doula training.

After all presentations were completed, Ms. Brown began explaining the scoring process. She stated that if any of the members had any scoring conflicts to disclose, they would need to complete a form and not submit a score for the agency in conflict. Vice-Chair Puckett excused himself from scoring the Early Learning Coalition due to a conflict of interest.

Corry Brown explained to the members that the board would need to determine if any applicants were ineligible for contingency funding due to their services falling into an RSQ service category.

Vice-Chair Puckett informed the board that he believed that Sisters Build Network for Girls and Healthy Start fell into RSQ categories, potentially making them ineligible. He began with Sisters Build Network for Girls, explaining that he believed they fell under the “Youth Development Services” RSQ category. Ms. Baird shared the same concern.

Carrie Baird made a **MOTION** to exclude Sisters Build Network for Girls from the scoring process. Charles Moskowitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Vice-Chair Puckett then explained why he believed Healthy Start was ineligible for contingency funding. He stated that based on the agency’s application, they would fall under the “Family Support and Services” RSQ category, making them ineligible and asking for discussion by the other board members.

Georgeann Carnicella stated that she did not believe that the prenatal support aspect of the RSQ category would apply to the agency because they planned to implement a training program focused on breastfeeding. Carrie Baird explained that while she had considered that they may not be eligible, she liked that the agency was looking for one-time funding in anticipation of finding a long-term funding source. She also stated that the purpose of contingency funding is for gap funding, emerging needs the board was unaware of, and one-time funding. Other board members agreed that while it was something to consider, they did believe Healthy Start should be considered in the scoring process.

Georgann Carnicella made a **MOTION** to consider Healthy Start in the scoring process. Charles Moskowitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

FY 22/23 Contingency Funding – Scoring Process

Ms. Brown informed the board that the maximum score an agency could receive is 60 and that last year the CFAB set the minimum score to be considered for funding at 43. Vice-Chair Puckett asked if there was any discussion on keeping the minimum score from the previous year or changing it. The members requested that the decision be made after scoring was completed.

The board members were asked to complete their score sheets for the six agencies they had deemed eligible for potential funding. The board recessed for five minutes to allow staff time to input the scores from the board members for each agency.

The average scores were displayed for board members and attendees to see. A total amount of \$141,700 was requested between all the eligible applications with \$79,567 available for FY 2022-23 contingency funding.

Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties received a score of 55.50. Volusia Literacy Council received a score of 55.13. Early Learning Coalition received a score of 54.86. Easterseals Northeast Central Florida received a score of 54.25. Children's Home Society received a score of 50.38. Junior League of Daytona Beach received a score of 48.38.

Due to the difference between the requested funding amount and the available budget, Vice-Chair Puckett asked each agency if they could operate their proposed programs with less funding than they requested. Children's Home Society stated that they would be unable to operate with less funding. The other five agencies stated that while it would be difficult, they could operate with less funding.

Members discussed utilizing percentages to cut the funding so that the total was in line with the budget for the coming year or if they should set the minimum score higher than the previous year.

Shawnerie Langford made a **MOTION** to set the minimum score of 43. Carrie Baird seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Carrie Baird suggested funding amounts based on percentages of the amount requested and prior year funding. She suggested giving Children's Home Society the full requested amount because they had stated they would not be able to operate without the funding. She then suggested giving Junior League of Daytona Beach 25% and the other agencies 50% of their requested funding. With the remaining 3% of funding left over, Ms. Baird suggested awarding Volusia Literacy Council as they have been utilizing funding through CFAB for several years.

Carrie Baird made a **MOTION** to allocate contingency funding based on percentages of requested funding, awarding Children's Home Society 100% of the requested amount, Junior League 25% of the requested amount, Volusia Literacy Council 53% of the requested amount, and awarding the three remaining agencies 50% of the requested funding amount. Charles Moskowitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties was awarded \$9,350, 50% of their requested funding amount of \$18,700. Volusia Literacy Council was awarded \$25,217, 53% of their requested funding amount of \$48,000. Early Learning Coalition was awarded \$7,500, 50% of their requested funding amount of \$15,000. Easterseals Northeast Central Florida was awarded \$15,000, 50% of their requested funding amount of \$30,000.

Children's Home Society was awarded \$20,000, 100% of their requested funding amount of \$20,000. Junior League of Daytona Beach was awarded \$2,500, 25% of their requested funding amount of \$10,000.

Review of the RSQ Program

Ms. Brown gave an update on current RSQ programs. She let the board know that all agencies are on track to meet expenditure deadlines and at the time of the meeting, all awarded agencies had expended over 50% of their funds apart from the summer camp service. She stated that no changes were being recommended by staff for upcoming RSQ contract renewals.

2022 Summer Camp Scholarship Program Update

Ms. Brown presented a Summer Camp Scholarship Program update to the board. She informed the board that the county had issued 840 scholarship vouchers. She explained that they intentionally over budget for this program because they expect some families to drop out or not attend every week based on previous years. She stated that the total budget is \$349,405 and they had budgeted \$436,000 in scholarships.

DISCUSSION BY BOARD MEMBERS OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no discussion by board members of matters not on the agenda.

ITEMS FOR STAFF DISCUSSION

Ms. Brown informed the board that the next scheduled meeting of November 8th, 2022 falls on election day, which the board had previously discussed changing. Ms. Baird asked if the board could meet at the Health Department in Daytona Beach. Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director informed the board that staff would look into the virtual capabilities of the Health Department conference room and schedule the meeting accordingly.

Blanca Maldonado made a **MOTION** to move the next meeting to November 10th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. Carrie Baird seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Andrea Kerr, Assistance County Attorney, introduced herself to the board members as the attorney assigned to CFAB.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.