Children’s Services Advisory Board Meeting
May 22, 2023

A meeting of the Children's Services Advisory Board of Manatee County, Florida, was held at the Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, 5th Floor Manatee Room on Wednesday May 22, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call


Call to Order/Welcome

Connie Shingledecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for May 17, 2023, Action: Approve, Moved by Hon. Scott Brownell, Seconded by Jannon Pierce, Vote: Motion passed (Summary: Yes = 10, No = 0, Abstain = 0). (In Person): Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Susan Miller Kelly, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Carolann Garafola, (Virtually): None.

Rationale- Score Range

Connie Shingledecker reviewed the documents provided to the CSAB Members including the ranking of the scores. Mrs. Shingledecker introduced the option for any of the programs who scored 85 and above they will be considered as a high score and can be included in rationale for funding. Discussion ensued and CSAB Members agreed by member consensus.
FY24 Investment Recommendations

**Motion Number: 1**

**Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $42,500 for Program standing #1, Florida Department of Health - Sarasota, Child and Family Well-Being Policy Coordination Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Connie Shingledecker **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 10-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** A priority program. It's high scoring, unique, and one of a kind program that works well with community agencies. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number: 2**

**Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $395,000 for Program standing #2, Exchange Club Family Partnership Center of Manatee County, Inc. d.b.a. Parenting Matters, Chosen Families, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Xtavia Bailey **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 10-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Top 20. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number: 3**

**Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $267,220 for Program standing #3, Exchange Club Family Partnership Center of Manatee County, Inc. d.b.a. Parenting Matters, Parent Partner Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Debbie Tapp **Seconded by** Xtavia Bailey, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 10-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** High-ranking program. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number: 4**

**Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $95,000 for Program standing #4, Next Generation Academics, Inc., Alternative Path to Success, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Jannon Pierce **Seconded by** Xtavia Bailey, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 10-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** High-ranking and Priority program. **Public Comment:** None.

**Janet Vestal entered at 3:18pm**

**Motion Number: 5**

**Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $750,000 for Program standing #6, Centerstone of Florida, Children’s Community Action Treatment (CAT) Team, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Connie Shingledecker **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Priority program, high scoring program, provides a critical service and there is a vital need for this program in our community. Program deals with children going through a mental health crisis. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number: 6**

**Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $184,276 for Program standing #8, Pace Center for Girls, Manatee, Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Project, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Kelly Hunt **Seconded by** Xtavia Bailey, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan
Motion Number: 7  Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $132,002 for Program standing #10, Myakka City Community Center, MAC Morning Care, After school, Camp Myakka, Action: To Approve Moved by Jannon Pierce Seconded by Xtavia Bailey, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: High priority in our community and is a well performing program. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 8  Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $351,710 for Program standing #11, Safe Children Coalition, Inc, Child Welfare Prevention Program, Action: To Approve Moved by Connie Shingledecker Seconded by Kelly Hunt, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: High-ranking program, a priority program, and an important program for the community as we have a high child removal rate. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 9  Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $99,322 for Program standing #12, Insight Counseling Services, Inc, SOAR Program (Sexual Offense & Abuse Rehabilitation), Action: To Approve Moved by Xtavia Bailey Seconded by Kelly Hunt, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: Very unique program with very good results. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 10  Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $340,000 for Program standing #13, Safe Children Coalition, Inc, Family Preservation and Reunification Program, Action: To Approve Moved by Connie Shingledecker Seconded by Carolann Garafola Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: High-ranking program, a priority program, has match funding, and is an important program for the community as we have a high child removal rate due to abuse and neglect. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 11  Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $345,326 for Program standing #14, United Community Centers, Inc., Before and After School, Summer Enrichment Plus, Action: To Approve Moved by Rita Smith Seconded by Debbie Tapp, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: High score program and provides critical service to the community. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 12  Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $790,000 for Program standing #15, Manatee Children's Services, Child Advocacy Center, Action: To Approve Moved by Xtavia Bailey Seconded by Jannon Pierce, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan
Motion Number: 13 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $120,000 for Program standing #18, The D. L. Randall Foundation, Inc., An Uprising in the Village, Action: To Approve Moved by Jannon Pierce Seconded by Hon. Scott Brownell, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: High score program and is in the top 20. It's a priority that ensures the children's safety and support of the families through the vulnerable experiences that they have gone through. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 14 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $80,000 for Program standing #20, AMIkids Manatee, AMIkids Manatee Prevention Program, Action: To Approve Moved by Debbie Tapp Seconded by Hon. Scott Brownell, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: High-ranking program serves an important area with their programming. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 15 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $105,000 for Program standing #21, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, One to One Mentoring Program, Action: To Approve Moved by Rita Smith Seconded by Janet Vestal, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: High-ranking program and they are working with a tough population. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 16 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $607,859 for Program standing #, Just for Girls, Girls Alternative Program to Success, Action: To Approve Moved by Hon. Scott Brownell Seconded by Janet Vestal, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: High score, has good results, provides a critical and vital service for the community and the children it serves. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 17 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $329,287 for Program standing #23, The Florida Center, Early Childhood Court, Action: To Approve Moved by Carolann Garafola Seconded by Susan Miller Kelly, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: Priority program and it scored in the top 20. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 18 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $90,072 for Program standing #24, Easter Seals Southwest Florida, Children's Therapy, Action: To Approve Moved by Jannon Pierce Seconded by Kelly Hunt, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell,
Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** High ranking program and serves an important need in our community. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 19  **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $140,485 for Program standing #29, Palmetto Youth Center, Helping Young People Excel (HYPE), **Action:** To Approve Moved by Rita Smith Seconded by Xtavia Bailey, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** High ranking program and serves an important need in our community. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 20  **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $820,500 for Program standing #31, Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, Great Futures Start Here (Ages 5 - 12), **Action:** To Approve Moved by Xtavia Bailey Seconded by Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** High scoring program and provides critical service. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 21  **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $143,500 for Program standing #33 Healthy Teens, Inc, Teen Health Educators, **Action:** To Approve Moved by Rita Smith Seconded by Debbie Tapp, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** High scoring program. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 22  **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $100,000 for Program standing #34, Family Resources, Inc., SafePlace2B, **Action:** To Approve Moved by Carolann Garafola Seconded by Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Program with long-standing success, successful for students who speak other languages, and it's great for teachers and students both behaviorally and academically. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 23  **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $230,000 for Program standing #35, Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc., Nemours Program, **Action:** To Approve Moved by Susan Miller Kelly Seconded by Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Program with long-standing success, successful for students who speak other languages, and it's great for teachers and students both behaviorally and academically. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 24  **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $772,242 for Program standing #36, Just for Girls, Stepping Up to Success-SUS, **Action:** To Approve Moved by Rita Smith Seconded by Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell,
Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Provides a critical service in the community, and they have been in existence for a long time. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 25 **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $450,000 for Program standing #37, Step Up Suncoast, Head Start/Early Head Start, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Program provides critical services in our community, and it had a good score. **Public Comment:** Kathy Patreka, Step Up Suncoast: Questioned if CSAB Members were going to make another motion for the program’s requested increase in funding as well.

Connie Shingledecker reminded all that CSAB Members previously established the process for making funding recommendations. Process was determined during the Buffer Meeting on May 17, 2023. The process is as follows: CSAB Members are making level funding recommendations today, May 22, 2023, with the increases being considered for recommendation on May 24, 2023.

**Motion Number:** 26 **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $172,586 for Program standing #38, Step Up Suncoast, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY), **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Debbie Tapp **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Great program that is provided in the home and provides early intervention for kids before they enter school. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 27 **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $66,500 for Program standing #41, Replay Outreach, Success4Life Training & Mentoring, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Jannon Pierce **Seconded by** Xtavia Bailey, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Critical program that serves at-risk group of teens, make a difference in their client’s lives. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 28 **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $195,000 for Program standing #43, Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, The Club - Teen Program (Ages 13 - 17) **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp, **Vote:** Motion passed (Summary: Yes = 10-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 1- Janet Vestal, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Provide a critical service in the community, and it earned a good score. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 29 **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $151,510 for Program standing #44, Educational Consultants Consortium, Inc., Iron Sharpening Iron, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Debbie Tapp **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp,
Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Amazing results for several years and they serve an important population. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 30  **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $130,441 for Program standing #45, Centerstone of Florida, Mental Health Evaluation - Baker Act Youth Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Connie Shingledecker **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Priority program which provides a critical service. There is a vital need for this program in our community as they deal with children going through a mental health crisis. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 31  **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $230,009 for Program standing #46, Palmetto Youth Center, Foundation For Excellence, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola.

Discussion ensued concerning the Palmetto Youth Center, Foundation For Excellence Program’s request to decrease their funding from initial requested level funding of $254,309 to $230,009. Due to the program not requesting level funding, but a decrease in funding amount, Rita Smith amended the motion to state recommend requested funding instead of recommend level funding, agreement from Carolann Garafola as second.

**Amended Motion** 31: Recommend requested funding in the amount of $230,009 for Program standing #46, Palmetto Youth Center Foundation For Excellence, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Carolann Garafola, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Good score and serves an important need in our community. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 32  **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $27,500 for Program standing #48, ALSO For Gay Youth Inc., Mental Health Counseling Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Carolann Garafola **Seconded by** Susan Miller Kelly, **Vote:** Motion passed (Summary: Yes = 10-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 1- Janet Vestal, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Priority program and it is a program that has been in existence for well over 30 years in other areas. Well-established program. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 33  **Motion:** Recommend requested funding in the amount of $19,880 for Program standing #51, Tidewell Foundation Inc, Blue Butterfly School Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Kelly Hunt **Seconded by** Janet Vestal, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Priority program, much needed for the community as there is a lack of services in this subject area. The agency redesigned a program to reach out to affect more clients. **Public Comment:** None.
Motion Number: 34  Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $25,000 for Program standing #5, Meals On Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Inc, Emergency Family Food and Baby Baskets,  Action: To Approve  Moved by Xtavia Bailey  Seconded by Jannon Pierce,  Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0).  Conflicts: None declared.  Rationale: Very unique program to the families that need the support.  Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 35  Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $109,846 for Program standing #7, Centerstone of Florida, Sexual Assault (Rape Crisis) Child Advocacy and Therapy,  Action: To Approve  Moved by Kelly Hunt  Seconded by Connie Shingledecker,  Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0).  Conflicts: None declared.  Rationale: Much-needed program in the community for children and other and older youth and crisis due to sexual assault.  Appear to be creative by bringing in interns in to provide services to save on costs.  Public Comment: None.

Discussion ensued amongst CSAB Members concerning the order of the consideration of funding recommendations.  The previously established order for the funding recommendation meetings were compared to last year’s process.  It was determined, by CSAB Member consensus, to finish providing funding recommendations for priority claiming programs and then move to provide funding recommendations for other programs in rank order.

Motion Number: 36  Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $80,000 for Program standing #53, Children’s Home Society of Florida, Focus on Literacy After-School Tutoring Program,  Action: To Approve  Moved by Carolann Garafola  Seconded by Hon. Scott Brownell,  Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0).  Conflicts: None declared.  Rationale: Priority program and addresses the issue of literacy skills gap that is a critical need all over Manatee County.  Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 37  Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $76,400 for Program standing #54, Palmetto Youth Center, Healthy Eating and Learning Program,  Action: To Approve  Moved by Carolann Garafola  Seconded by Rita Smith,  Vote: Motion failed (Summary: Yes = 5- Connie Shingledecker, Hon. Scott Brownell, Gina Messenger, Rita Smith, Carolann Garafola, No = 6- Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Jannon Pierce, Susan Miller Kelly, Abstain = 0).  Conflicts: None declared.  Rationale: Program is claiming a priority, offers a unique way to teach literacy, and has young people think about what they are eating while learning in a fun way.  Public Comment: Reggie Bellamy, Palmetto Youth Center: Shared the purpose of the program and the unique opportunity the program offers to expand ways they can read to understanding labels and healthy eating.  Feels the program offers a different strategy to address reading and literacy issues as well as nutrition for the underserved and unprivileged it would serve.  Spoke on it being the program’s second attempt to secure a funding recommendation from the Children’s Services Advisory Board for Children’s Millage funds to run the program.

Motion Number: 38  Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $230,000 for Program standing #9, Foundation for Dream, Dream Oaks Camp,  Action: To Approve  Moved by Jannon Pierce  Seconded by Susan Miller Kelly,  Vote: Motion passed unanimously
(Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Highly rated program, unique, and serves a very needy community. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 39 **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $378,000 for Program standing #16, Manatee Children's Services, Residential Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Kelly Hunt **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** High scoring, meets a priority, and is the only emergency shelter in Manatee County. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 40 **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $343,750 for Program standing #17, Step Up Suncoast, Healthy Families – Manatee, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** High score and it is a much-needed program in the community. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 41 **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $309,082 for Program standing #19, Family Resources, Inc., CERTAIN, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** High score and a much-needed program. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 42 **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $75,000 for Program standing #25, Manatee Children's Services, Kids Personal Safety, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Carolann Garafola **Seconded by** Connie Shingledecker, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** The program is in need of continued funding at least at this level as there is a need to provide training to staff to help to identify child abuse, identification, etc. as this is critically important in the age we live in. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 43 **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $2,185,000 for Program standing #26, Early Learning Coalition, Early Care and Education Child Care Subsidy and Match, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Susan Miller Kelly **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt, **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared. **Rationale:** Good score, vital program that serves a critical need, and they receive match funding. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 44 **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $125,000 for Program standing #27, Feeding Empty Little Tummies, Weekend Meals Program, **Action:** To Approve **Moved by** Rita Smith **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce, **Vote:** Motion passed...
unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: A much-needed program in our community. Public Comment: None.

Susan Miller Kelly exited at 4:18pm

Motion Number: 45 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $231,315 for Program standing #28, HOPE Family Services, Inc., Children's Counseling Program, Action: To Approve Moved by Connie Shingledecker Seconded by Janet Vestal, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 10-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: Provides a unique service to children in our community who witnessed domestic violence. It is an important program for our community. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 46 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $134,110 for Program standing #30, Step Up Suncoast, Collaborative Action Therapy for Children's Health, Action: To Approve Moved by Rita Smith Seconded by Kelly Hunt, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 10-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: Successful program with a good score. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 47 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $88,764 for Program standing #32, Step Up Suncoast, Parents As Teachers, Action: To Approve Moved by Debbie Tapp Seconded by Janet Vestal, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 10-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: Good score and program works with parents in the home to help their children develop age appropriately. Public Comment: None.

Susan Miller Kelly entered at 4:28pm

Carolann Garafola exited at 4:28pm

Motion Number: 48 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $140,626 for Program standing #39, Step Up Suncoast, Whole Child Manatee Program, Action: To Approve Moved by Rita Smith Seconded by Connie Shingledecker, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 10-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: Good score and the program has a long history of doing great things in our community. Public Comment: None.

Carolann Garafola entered at 4:31pm

Motion Number: 49 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $100,000 for Program standing #40, Take Stock in Children of Manatee County, Inc., Mentoring Matters-Impact Over Obstacles, Action: To Approve Moved by Gina Messenger Seconded by Connie Shingledecker, Vote: Motion passed (Summary: Yes= 8-Connie Shingledecker, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Rita Smith, No = 3- Xtavia Bailey, Susan Miller Kelly, Jannon Pierce, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: Good score. Public Comment: Anne LeBaron, Take Stock in Children: Expanded on the
tracking the program keeps on the mentoring sessions with the clients. Reviewed the requirements mentors must touch on with their clients known as a Roadmap. Encouraged CSAB Members to review the fact sheet for what is offered through the program.

Debbie Tapp began a discussion on the plans for the remainder of the meeting in order to maintain enough time to discuss parameters for Funding Increase Recommendations. Discussion ensued and it was determined, by member consensus, the Funding Increase Recommendation discussion will be held during the next meeting, scheduled for May 24, 2023.

Connie Shingledecker encouraged CSAB Members to be prepared for the next meeting by having their talking points ready in advance, to include reasoning as to why CSAB Members plan to support increases.

Kristi Hagen shared the total of investments requested of the Children’s Services Millage for FY24 is $16,106,770. Level funding for currently funded programs is $13,703,623. Mrs. Hagen also shared the amount of the Budget Stabilization fund is approximately $11,676,250 and is allowable for the CSAB Members to utilize those funds in considering recommendations.

Carolann Garafola reviewed the funding amounts and spoke about the importance of the CSAB Members and programs keeping in mind the funds are currently available at the given amount, at present. This does not mean the funds will continue to be available at this level in the future due to the way the economy cycles.

Motion Number: 50 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $54,983 for Program standing #42, Easter Seals of Southwest Florida, Family Support Services, Action: To Approve Moved by Jannon Pierce Seconded by Kelly Hunt, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: Critical program that supports families who have children with disabilities or special needs. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 51 Motion: Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $100,000 for Program standing #47, The Salvation Army, Housing-Focused Family Shelter Program, Action: To Approve Moved by Debbie Tapp Seconded by Connie Shingledecker, Vote: Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: A very critical program as it is the only family shelter in Manatee County. Public Comment: None.

Motion Number: 52 Motion: Recommend requested funding in the amount of $150,000 for Program standing #49 Early Learning Coalition, Every Child Counts Program, Action: To Approve Moved by Susan Miller Kelly Seconded by Carolann Garafola, Vote: Motion failed (Summary: Yes = 4- Debbie Tapp, Gina Messenger, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 7- Connie Shingledecker, Xtavia Bailey, Kelly Hunt, , Hon. Scott Brownell, Rita Smith, Jannon Pierce, Janet Vestal, Abstain = 0). Conflicts: None declared. Rationale: Program is a result of previous year’s discussions regarding licensing. It is a program that will help forge good working relationships between childcare centers and the Early Learning Coalition as it is voluntary for the programs to participate. Designed to helps childcare centers to get back on
track if they have had violations from Department of Children and Families. **Public Comment:** Rachel Spivey, Early Learning Coalition: Spoke on why the program focused services through the program on the Early Learning Coalition’s school readiness program as the Early Learning Coalition is state mandated to offer 2 programs, school readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten. The agency chose to work with 50 of the school readiness sites for the program because they directly tie to families who need financial support and for viability of the new program. Provided reasoning as to why the program did not request an increase in funds for the Subsidy and Match Program, which provides similar service. Due to the history of the discussions concerning local licensing and the program being recommended to pursue this route for funding. Cori Perry, Early Learning Coalition: Spoke on the program initially aiming to serve only 50 providers the agency has a current working relationship within the hopes of increasing the numbers as providers see the results. It is anticipated the program will receive a lot of interest from providers as it gets rolling.

**Motion Number:** 53  **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $150,000 for Program standing #50, Early Learning Coalition, Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) Program, **Action:** To Approve  **Moved by** Susan Miller Kelly  **Seconded by** Xtvia Bailey,  **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtvia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared.  **Rationale:** A successful program that feeds off the Nemours program. It is helpful for teachers as it helps with children academically and behaviorally. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 54  **Motion:** Recommend requested level funding in the amount of $22,000 for Program standing #52, Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy, Adaptive Riding (formerly known as Therapeutic Riding) and Equine Assisted Services Program, **Action:** To Approve  **Moved by** Hon. Scott Brownell  **Seconded by** Kelly Hunt,  **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtvia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared.  **Rationale:** Program offers a different and adaptive way of providing therapy to children with disabilities. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 55  **Motion:** Recommend to not fund Program standing #55, Creative Arts Academy, Creative Arts Academy Program, **Action:** To Approve  **Moved by** Susan Miller Kelly  **Seconded by** Jannon Pierce,  **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtvia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared.  **Rationale:** They have potential, but it does not appear they understand the application, the purpose of the millage, and just is not ready for this application. **Public Comment:** None.

**Motion Number:** 56  **Motion:** Recommend to not fund Program standing #56, Manatee County Government, Enhancing Youth Programs and Opportunities Program, **Action:** To Approve  **Moved by** Susan Miller Kelly  **Seconded by** Debbie Tapp,  **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (Summary: Yes = 11-Connie Shingledecker, Xtvia Bailey, Debbie Tapp, Hon. Scott Brownell, Janet Vestal, Kelly Hunt, Gina Messenger, Jannon Pierce, Rita Smith, Susan Miller Kelly, Carolann Garafola, No = 0, Abstain = 0). **Conflicts:** None declared.  **Rationale:** Lowest score, resulting in being ranked last out of the 56 program applications scored. There was overall confusion and concerns from the CSAB Members when reviewing the application and those
concerns were voiced and feedback was provided during the application review conversation. It is recommended the program work to make future applications clearer. **Public Comment:** None.

Xtavia Bailey encouraged new programs considering applying for funding, or programs who have been funded for some time, to actively attend the CSAB meetings throughout the year as they will learn what the CSAB Members are looking for in applications as it is regularly discussed. Mrs. Bailey also encouraged everyone to become familiar with the Children’s Services Ordinance as it is focused on using tax-payer dollars to serve the at-risk youth of Manatee County.

**Staff Updates**

LaWanda Timmons provided the following updates:

- Reviewed recent compliance visit for Tidewell’s Blue Butterfly program and there was nothing of concern noted during the observations.

Melissa Bomar provided the following updates:

- All fiscal audits have been completed for FY23
- All 2nd Quarter Results have been completed
- Reviewed recent compliance visits for Meals on Wheels and there was nothing of concern noted during the observation.

Brenda Marquez Facio provided the following updates:

- Reviewed recent compliance visits for the following programs and there was nothing of concern noted during the observations:
  - Safe Children’s Coalition Family Preservation and Re-Unification Program
  - Centerstone of Florida’s CAT Team

**New/Old Business**

Debbie Tapp provided CSAB Members with additional information on the Funding Recommendations Motions Template previously provided concerning making a motion for reconsidering increase in funding. Mrs. Tapp shared, under Robert's Rules of Order, special actions are necessary to change an action taken during the same meeting. The orientation is towards making a decision and then moving on. If a CSAB Member wants or needs to change an action that has been approved, they can make a motion to reconsider. Mrs. Tapp shared an example of a good reason to reconsider would be if someone has obtained new information that might change the outcome of the vote. Simply being unhappy with the outcome and hoping for something different is not a reason to move to reconsider, which is why a CSAB Member must have voted with the prevailing side to move this motion

**Public Comment**

None.

**Next Meeting**

May 24, 2023 – 3:00 pm, Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Manatee/Osprey Rooms, 5th floor.
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Approved

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Connie Shingledecker, Chair  Date