

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Indian River County (IRC) Children's Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015, in County Administration Building B, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Members Present: **Peter O'Bryan**, Commissioner; **Michele Falls**, District 4 Appointee; **Rob McPartlan**, Department of Children and Families (DCF) Appointee; **Norman Wells**, Member at Large; **Dr. Fran Adams**, Indian River Schools Superintendent, **Hope Woodhouse**, District 3 Appointee; **Deryl Loar**, Law Enforcement Appointee and **Kip Jacoby**, Member-at-Large Appointee

Also present was: **Erin Grall**, CSAC Grants Review Committee

IRC Staff: **Brad Bernauer**, IRC Human Services Director; and Recording Secretary, **Laura E. Vasquez**, Commissioner Assistant, District 2,

Absent was: **Miranda Hawker**, IRC Health Department; **Judy Jones**, District 2 Appointee; **Robert Hawley**, Judge, Ex-Officio; **Paul Reeves**, Member-at-Large; **Paul Tanner**, Member-at-Large;

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Brad Bernauer IRC Human Services Director called the meeting to order; at which time it was determined there was a quorum present.

### **Approval of Minutes October 13, 2014** (Action Item)

**ON MOTION BY Mrs. Falls, SECONDED BY Mr. McPartlan, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of October 13, 2014 as presented.**

### **Children Services Advisory Needs Committee Report (Hope Woodhouse)**

Mrs. Woodhouse told the committee The CSAC Needs Assessment Committee and the Health Council of Southeast Florida (HCSEF) had met several times; their next meeting was scheduled for November 13, 2014.

Mrs. Woodhouse said the Needs Assessment report was scheduled to be completed by year's end, and thanked the HCSEF for all their hard work.

Mrs. Woodhouse highlighted the following topics:

- High Medicaid use
- Low birth weight and high infant mortality
- 30% of children entering Kindergarten were not ready
- 49% of children were three or above on 3<sup>rd</sup> grade FCAT scores
- 57% of children were eligible for free or reduced lunch
- \$7,884 was spent for children in K-12 grades (less than the Florida average)
- \$2,242 per 4 year old child in volunteer pre-school
- Children in IRC smoke above the state average
- Overweight and/or obese children
- Lack of activities and social outlets
- Costs associated to participate in sports activities
- Bullying
- Transportation

Mrs. Woodhouse said the residents of Indian River County were unaware of all the services that were available to them, and opined that perhaps it was due to lack of advertising and/or lack of communication.

Mrs. Woodhouse told the committee members that after the Needs Assessment was completed it should be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. She felt it would be educational for the residents of the County to better understand the needs of the children of Indian River County.

A conversation ensued.

### **Children's Services Grants Review Committee Report** (Kip Jacoby)

Mr. Jacoby reviewed his report. He said the fiscal year organizational meeting a few weeks ago. He said the committee was restructured, wherein, instead of meeting monthly with only a few agencies, they would meet in January, March and in May of 2015. He explained that committee members would conduct two or three on-site visits at the agencies requesting funding.

### **Agency Qualification Review** (Brad Bernauer)

Mr. Bernauer mentioned the meeting that was held by the CSAC in June, wherein, concern was raised that the same agencies were relying on funding year after year. He asked the members for their opinions and opened the floor for suggestions and/or comments.

**Committee Chair (Miranda Hawker)**

There was none.

**Next Meeting Date**

The Children's Services Advisory Committee will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 12, 2015.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.