

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES SUMMARY**

Approved: _____

DATE: June 18, 2007; 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Indian River County Administration Building, 1840 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida, 32960, Conference Room A.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Johnson, Vice-Chairperson, Lou Aprile, Karen Deigl, Erin Grall, Kip Jacoby, Judy Jones, Gerry Lamothe, Vern Melvin, Roy Raymond, and Peter O'Bryan, BCC Liaison.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Miranda Swanson, P. Pritchett, P. Kanarek.

STAFF & GUESTS: Brad Bernauer, and Marion Masterson. Guests: Joe Paladin, Jillian P. Sparks

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Bob Johnson, Vice-Chair, a quorum was present; Notice of Meeting was duly mailed and published.

MINUTES: Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of April, 2007. (There was not a quorum at the May meeting, resulting in Notes that do not require approval).

**ON MOTION BY Lou Aprile, SECONDED BY Roy Raymond, the
Committee, by majority vote, approved the Minutes of April 2007.**

NEEDS: Karen Deigl reported that the subcommittee will convene their next meeting in October (2007).

GRANT: Grant Aprile reported that the Grant Review Subcommittee met on June 8 and 9th. Twenty agencies applied, with 34 programs for review. The Grant Review Subcommittee met Friday, June 8th from 8:00 am until 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, June 9th from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. The Funding Report is attached to these minutes. The Committee reviewed and discussed the report.

Discussion: Erin Grall had reviewed the report and requested that additional information be included:

- GYAC Summer Cultural Camp (\$15,000 Funding). Insert: Program did not fit within funding focus areas; and suggest that next year GYAC seek private funding in conjunction with the Museum Project.
- GYAC Teen/Frontline Program (\$52,000). Insert they must have clear, measurable outcomes, and CSAC will communicate to the board president that GYAC must improve communications.
- GYAC Mental Health Services (0 Funding). Insert: Suggest that GYAC look directly to the IRC Hospital District regarding funding.
- GYAC Mentoring Program (0 Funding). Insert: Outcomes were not well-defined; there were not enough mentors, or a plan as how GYAC was going to recruit additional mentors, which was the purpose of the program.
- GYAC. CSAC will communicate to board president that certain administration issues with GYAC need to be addressed.
- Hibiscus Crisis Nursery (0 Funding). Insert: CSAC will communicate to the Board, as well as the Executive Director, regarding decision for zero funding, and issues to be addressed.
- Homeless Family Center (0 Funding). Rather than stating that the issue of funding shortages, insert in the report that there was not a clear program strategy and no measurable outcomes.
- HOPE (\$70,000) Insert: many long term measurements were not available; i.e.: graduation rate, recidivism rate.
- Vero Beach Museum (0 Funding). Insert: Agency should look for private funding; perhaps in conjunction with GYAC.

The group discussed Erin Gall's comments and agreed that they should be added to the Funding Report. Brad Bernauer noted that communications to agencies, and their boards, would be in letter form; and mailed after the Report has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Additional Discussion: The Committee also discussed anticipated budget cuts, and reduced funding of agencies that did fall under the new funding focus areas guidelines. It was noted that funds are distributed on a reimbursable basis. Funds are distributed with the understanding that agencies not meeting the new funding focus areas guidelines will not receive funding the following year.

Commissioner O'Bryan thanked all the subcommittee members for their outstanding effort.

Visitor, Joe Paladin, Executive Board Member of GYAC, addressed the issue of zero funding for the Mentoring Program at GYAC; stating the mentoring program is a large part of the CAPS program; a program which decreases crime in the community. The CAPS program has 91 students; 89 will be attending college and two will be in the Armed Forces.

Members of the Grant Review Subcommittee repeated that the Mentoring Program is valuable; but for the reasons stated above, funding was not recommended this year. Staff will add Mr. Paladin to the Notice of Meetings of Grant Review Sub-Committee.

It was also noted that the Grant Review Sub-Committee meets once a month during the year for the purpose of receiving reports from funded agencies regarding progress towards their measurable outcomes. Agencies are also monitored at least two times a year, and funds are paid on a reimbursable basis.

Chairman thanked Mr. Paladin for his comments; and thanked the members of the sub-committee for their effort.

Chairman called for approval of the Report titled: Grant Review Sub-Committee Recommendations for Funding, June 2007; with insertion of above stated comments by Erin Grall.

ON MOTION BY Erin Grall, SECONDED BY Roy Raymond, the Committee, by majority vote, approved the Grant Review Sub-Committee Recommendations for Funding, June 2007

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned