

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Indian River County (IRC) Children's Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2009, in County Administration Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. You may hear an audio of the meeting; review the agenda and the minutes on the IRC website: www.ircgov.com/Boards/CSAC/2009 .

Members Present: Chairman Miranda Swanson, IRC Health Department Appointee; Karen Deigl and Kip Jacoby, Member-at-Large Appointees; Erin Grall, District 1 Appointee; Lou Aprile, District 3 Appointee; Michele Falls, District 4 Appointee; Sheriff Deryl Loar, Law Enforcement Appointee; and Dr. Harry LaCava, Superintendent of Schools Appointee.

Members Absent: Judy Jones, District 2 Appointee; Andrew Kennedy, District 5 Appointee; Vern Melvin, Department of Children and Families Appointee and Bob Pegg, Judge Appointee.

Also present were IRC staff: Commissioner Liaison Peter D. O'Bryan, and Brad Bernauer, IRC Human Services Director.

Others present were: Jamie McNutty, Kalegh Cooke, Rachel Kirkland, Cindy and Thomas Rider, Indian River Charter High School

Call to Order

Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order.

Approval of the September 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes

ON MOTION BY Ms. Grall, SECONDED BY Ms. Deigl, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of September 21, 2009.

CSAC Needs Assessment Report By Ms. Karen Deigl

Ms. Deigl told the committee, the CSAC Needs Assessment Subcommittee met on November 12, 2009 to discuss updating the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. She concluded after much discussion, the committee made the recommendation to develop a survey to be sent to case managers of various agencies on the specific needs in the community. She noted the committee would meet on December 3, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. for the survey development. Sheriff Loar and Dr. LaCava briefly discussed issues they have seen within the

community such as the increase in free/reduced meals in the school system, homelessness and the prescription pain pill abuse. Dr. LaCava as well as Sheriff Loar offered to send a representative to the December 3, 2009 Needs Assessment Meeting. A lengthy discussion followed on balancing basic needs and program funding. Commissioner O'Bryan felt new programs were needed to deal with the economic crisis. Chairman Swanson suggested a general e-mail stating the CSAC's five focus areas and challenging agencies to put together programs focused on addressing the unique challenges or problems for children being generated by current economic conditions.

Grant Review Subcommittee Report – Kip Jacoby

Mr. Kip Jacoby reported the following agencies had given updates on their programs to the Grant Review Subcommittee. He also mentioned that the CSAC Grant Review Subcommittee has asked agencies to provide an "Executive Summary" of their respective programs at the time of their presentations.

October 5, 2009 Meeting

- **Safe Families Program by Castle – \$47,000**
- **Childcare Resources - \$196,000**

November 2, 2009 Meeting

- **Youth and Family Guidance Program by Gifford Youth Activity Center - \$20, 000**
- **Care Giver Support Program by United for Families - \$15,000**

Commissioner O'Bryan informed members of the BCC's action that changed the threshold of funding that triggers audit requirements from \$25,000 to \$100,000, therefore allowing agencies to provide more services.

Other Matters

Chairman Swanson mentioned the Indian River County Health Department has been providing H1N1 Vaccines at their clinics for the five Center of Disease Control Target Groups.

Adjournment

There being no further information, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.