

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Indian River County (IRC) Children's Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 09, 2013, in County Administration Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Members Present: **Kip Jacoby**, Member-at-Large Appointee; **Paul Reeves**, District 1 Appointee; **Karen Swanson**, District 3 Appointee; **Michele Falls**, District 4 Appointee; **Paul Tanner**, District 5 Appointee, **Norman Wells**, Member at Large; **Peter O'Bryan** Commissioner Liaison; **Bob McPartlan**, Department Children & Families Appointee; **Robert Hawley**, Judge, Ex-Officio; and **Cheryl Dunn**, Indian River County Health Department, Alternate for **Miranda Hawker**

Also present was: IRC Staff: **Brad Bernauer**, IRC Human Services Director

Members Absent: **Dr. Fran Adams**, Superintendent of Schools; **Judy Jones**, District 2 Appointee; **Peter O'Bryan** Commissioner Liaison; and Sheriff **Deryl Loar**, Law Enforcement Appointee

Call to Order

Mr. Brad Bernauer Director; Indian River County Human Services called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. at which time it was determined there was a quorum present.

Introductions

Mr. Bernauer introduced Mr. Norman Wells as the new Member at Large for the Children's Services Advisory Committee.

Mr. Bernauer introduced Karen Swanson as the new Chairperson for the Children's Services Needs Committee.

Mr. Bernauer informed the committee that he and Ms. Swanson had discussed the possibility of locating a funding source for a new Needs Assessment Survey; he said the cost could be approximately \$50,000. He said the last survey was done in the year 2005 and only valid for three years.

A committee member inquired if the survey was part of the County Ordinance, at which time Mr. Bernauer replied it was worded that a survey wasn't necessary as long as the Needs Committee had updates to the last survey, done in 205.

Mr. Bernauer stated the information contained in the survey detailed the services provided and the needs of the community. He said the last survey that was done in 2005 was from birth until death, and said the survey required was from birth through the age of 18.

Mr. Bernauer informed the committee a partial survey would be conducted, but it focused on health and welfare. A question was raised on who paid for the 2005 survey, at which time Mr. Bernauer stated the County 50% and the other 50% half was paid for by other agencies.

Ms. Cheryl Dunn, Indian River County Health Department stated the Community Health Assessment Survey that was conducted in 2011 was done by Health Council of Southeast Florida.

Approval of Minutes – June 10, 2013

ON MOTION BY Mr. Wells, SECONDED BY Mrs. Falls, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the minutes of June 10, 2013 as presented.

UNDER DISCUSSION

Mr. Tanner referred to a conversation of the June 10, 2013 CSAC meeting wherein there was a brief discussion regarding the Boys and Girls Club and their allocation of three \$10,000 awards.

Mr. Tanner said there was a consensus to “wean” some of the organizations off from funding.

He said the Board of County Commissioners had recently awarded the Boys and Girls Club a Free Land Use. He said it may be an opportunity for next year’s budget to potentially eliminate the Boys and Girls Club from funding in lieu of the Free Land Use, and the \$30,000 possibly be used to help pay for the survey or for an organization the committee members felt could use the funding.

Mr. Bernauer stated the organizations’ allocations were approved by the Board of County Commissioners and would be finalized at the final budget hearing scheduled for September 18, 2013 and contracts would be mailed thereafter.

Mr. Bernauer handed out the Children's Services Advisory Council and the Grant Review Sub-Committee's Presentation Schedules; both schedules are on file in the Commission office. Mr. Bernauer invited the CSAC members to attend the Sub-Committee meetings.

A lengthy conversation ensued regarding the sub-committees and the review of organizations for allocations of funding.

Mr. Tanner said he e-mailed Commissioner Solari as to what the value of the land lease was for the Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Bernauer referred to new state Legislation requiring the following statement be read at the beginning of each meeting:

Except for ministerial acts such as approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations or quasi-judicial items, the members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on issues prior to the committee taking a vote.

It was suggested it was very important to look at all the agencies and particularly agencies that received other support or funding from other sources.

Mr. Paul Reeves said the University of Central Florida had a Graduates Program in Master's Public Finance. He said he didn't necessarily trust graduates to perform a large survey such as the Needs Assessment Survey, but suggested a professional survey company perform the survey in coordination with the university. He stated the students would probably be able to complete the annual updates. He said it would keep the survey current for a longer period of time, the students would benefit by conducting mini-surveys that were based on past work. He informed the committee, the students would not do the initial survey, so the committee would not have to worry about any type of corruption. He said it would keep the survey current for a longer period of time; keep costs down for future surveys and keep long term costs down.

Mr. Wells inquired if there was a copy of the last Needs Assessment Survey at which time Mr. Bernauer said the survey was available on the County website.

A lengthy conversation ensued regarding surveys and programs.

Other Business

There was none.

Committee Chair

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.