

MINUTES

Meeting: Citizens' Commission for Children (CCC) Advisory Board

Date: March 1, 2019 — 9:30 a.m.

Location: Commissioner Chambers, First Floor
County Administration Center
201 S. Rosalind Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32801

Board Members Present: Mayor Jerry L. Demings; Mr. Sean Bradford, Board Chair; Mr. Nauman Ahmad Ansari, Board Vice-Chair; Mr. Alexander J. Barrio; Ms. Nikki Covington; Judge Robert Egan; Ms. Jennifer E. Felder-Smith; Ms. Kristl K. Gray; Mr. Brock Hankins; Dr. Barbara M. Jenkins; Ms. Linda Kobert; Dr. Carmel Munroe, Ph.D.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Kevin Sherin

Citizen's Commission for Children (CCC) Staff Present:

Ms. Angela Chestang, Manager; Ms. Danna Jackson-Carroll, Senior Program Manager; Ms. Charise Liburd, Senior Program Manager; Ms. Erica Lehosit, Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator; Ms. Lisa Watt, Quality Assurance Coordinator and Ms. Heather Chisholm-Wright, Skilled Craft Casual

Presenters: Mayor Jerry Demings; Ms. Katherine Latorre, Assistant County Attorney; Ms. Angela Chestang, Manager; Ms. Charise Liburd, Senior Program Manager and Ms. Danna Jackson-Carroll, Senior Program Manager

Welcome:

Board Chairperson, Mr. Sean Bradford called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m. Mr. Bradford informed the attendees that the meeting is public and subject to the Sunshine Law. He welcomed the board and asked Ms. Danna Jackson-Carroll, Senior Program Manager with the Citizens' Commission for Children (CCC), to introduce the new members of the CCC Advisory Board. Introductions by other board members followed.

Approval of the Minutes:

Chairman Sean Bradford asked the advisory board members to review the minutes of the last meeting convened on November 9, 2018, and invited a motion for the minutes to be approved. Board member, Dr. Carmel E. Munroe moved for the approval of the minutes which was seconded by and Mr. Alexander Barrio.

Public Comments:

Public comments were invited. There were no members of the public to make any comments.

Mayor Demings:

Mayor Jerry Demings thanked everyone for participating in the process. He shared his commitment to serve the children of Orange County as a top priority. He referred to the findings of the Forefront, LLC Report as he announced that the Advisory Board will, in part, have oversight of the twenty million dollars earmarked for children's services. Mayor Demings reiterated that the CCC board functions include ongoing assistance, oversight, research and guidance regarding needs and proposed services in the nine zip codes identified. He reaffirmed the commitment of the County to allocate funding within the 60 days of the funding announcement on January 29, 2019. Mayor Demings stated that data must drive the decision-making processes and emphasize the need for evidenced-based practices, performance-based outcomes, and community collaboration.

Sunshine Law Training:

Assistant County Attorney Katherine Latorre gave an overview of the Sunshine Law's statutory guidelines and its application. She emphasized that any communication between the CCC Advisory Board members must follow the principles of the law. She stated that the meetings should be posted and open to the public, and minutes should be taken.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Sean Bradford commended Dr. Sylvia Caceres and Mr. Dewey L. Harvey, former members of the CCC Advisory Board, for their service.

Manager's Report / Children's Services Update:

Ms. Angela Chestang, CCC Manager, discussed the nine zip codes (32703, 32801, 32805, 32808, 32810, 32811, 32818, 32822, and 32839) where intervention will be initially focused based on the findings of the Forefront, LLC Report. The nine zip codes were identified as regions of greatest needs. In an effort to provide expedited services within the next 30 days, to meet the 60 day goal, the CCC has been working with Procurement to make funding available to existing funded agencies through contract amendments.

Ms. Chestang highlighted the expanded services to the community which include additional social work intervention in Orange County Public Schools for behavior modification, the provision of alternative to suspension programming, additional counseling services, program expansion of the After School Zone, as well as community-based dental services for children.

The funding distribution for the \$20M will take place in three phases:

Phase 1 Contract Amendments:

- The Community and Family Services Department will provide additional program services through existing programs. Also, amendments to existing contracts were developed to provide additional services in the target areas of need reported by Forefront, LLC. These contract amendments will go before the Board of County Commissioners on March 26, 2019 for approval.

Phase 2 CRP Funding Process:

- The Citizens' Review Panel has been reconvened for a Request for Proposal process targeting identified funding areas.

Phase 3 Mixed Funding:

- After additional research and community input on the four focus areas to include juvenile arrest intervention, 3rd grade Florida Standard Assessment, 12th grade retention rates, dependency involvement and child abuse, and teen pregnancy. Additional funding process will be forthcoming.

Citizens' Review Panel Process Overview/ Fund Distribution Timeline:

Ms. Charise Liburd, Senior Program Manager, was invited to provide updates on the Citizen's Review Panel (CRP) fund distribution process. Ms. Liburd provided an overview on the history, process, accountability, functions, and timeline of the Citizens' Review Panel process. She informed the CCC Board of the CRP's funding recommendations for FY 2019-2020 and proposed RFPs for Phase 2 of the Children's Services funding.

Branding the Neighborhood Centers for Families – Work Session Update:

An update was provided on the status of the Neighborhood Centers for Families (NCF) across Orange County by Ms. Danna Jackson-Carroll, CCC Senior Program Manager. Ms. Jackson-Carroll shared implementation of the advisory board recommendations for community awareness of the NCFs.

Board Comments and Discussion:

Chairman Sean Bradford opened the floor for further board comments and discussion. Some additional comments and discussion took place amongst board members.

General Comments:

In closing Mayor Demings stated that in 2017 Orange County was among the leading counties in the state of Florida to experience declines in juvenile arrests. Mayor Demings renewed the commitment of the County to serve its' children. He shared that children are essential to longevity of the community which is why he chose to sit on the board.

Mr. Sean Bradford announced the next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2019.

Adjournment:

Board chair, Sean Bradford, moved for the meeting to be adjourned.



Presented by: Yessenia Chacon

05/16/2019

Date

Approved by:


Sean Bradford, Board Chairman

5/16/19

Date