



**CHILDREN'S TRUST**  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

## **BOARD WORKSHOP ON RFP DEVELOPMENT MEETING MINUTES**

March 25, 2024 at 1:00 PM

CTAC, 4010 NW 25th Place, Gainesville, FL 32606

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### **Call to Order**

**Chair Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.**

### **Roll Call**

#### **PRESENT**

Chair Lee Pinkoson

Vice Chair Ken Cornell

Treasurer Cheryl Twombly

Member Tina Certain

Member Mary Chance

#### **ABSENT**

Member Shane Andrew

Member Judge Denise R. Ferrero

Member Nancy Hardt

Member Maggie Labarta

### **Agenda Review, Revision and Approval**

**Motion to approve the agenda made by Vice Chair Cornell, Seconded by Member Twombly.**

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

### **Discussion**

1. Youth Health RFP: To Increase Access to Dental, Vision, and Mobile Healthcare Services to Rural Areas in Alachua County

Kristy Goldwire, Director of Program Operations, presented the draft of the Youth Health RFP which aligns with Goal 1 of CTAC's Strategic Plan, proposes \$600,000 in funding allocation and is supported with data from CTAC's Listening Project, CTAC's Environmental Scan of Alachua County, and input sessions from parents, healthcare professionals, staff, and community members.

The purpose of this RFP is to expand access to quality healthcare services for children and youth in Alachua County in the following areas:

- Dental Care and Education
- Vision Examination and Access to Glasses
- Services in Rural Communities, via Mobile Health Clinics
- Existing Wellness or Healthcare Navigator Programs

It will aim to provide increased healthcare access for underserved and under/uninsured children and youth aged 0-18, especially in rural communities and during non-traditional hours. This could include basic primary health care, preventative care, immunizations, routine screenings, nutrition, oral health information, general wellness knowledge, good habits, and good health awareness. This RFP will not address mental health or special needs as these issues deserve their own RFP and funding opportunities.

DOP Goldwire explained that Wellness Coordinators, Community Health Workers, and Community Navigators all connect people to services. The Board suggested these individuals come together to connect and share their expertise to create systems and collaboration within the County. The Board discussed a weighted evaluation for providers providing services in rural and/or unincorporated areas of the county, specifically for the Archer, Hawthorne, and Waldo communities.

**Motion by Vice Chair Cornell, Seconded by Member Chance to approve staff's recommendations for the upcoming Youth Health RFP and ensure that we add 1. a requirement that the providers submit their community health workers implementation plan and 2. work with Medicaid providers only that implement a sliding scale and commit to facilitating Medicaid qualification after the first visit and 3. ask CTAC staff to contact the relevant departments at the University of Florida and Santa Fe College to see how we can partner and work together.**

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Chair Pinkoson noted the concerning numbers of maternal and child mortality rates from the Alachua County Environmental Scan. He requested a presentation by Healthy Start to the Board at a later date to discuss the causes and potential interventions.

Research, Planning, and Evaluation Coordinator Bonnie Wagner shared the proposed performance measures and their potential effects on improving the data outcomes at contract level for individual providers, and long-term outcomes at the community level.

Vice Chair Cornell suggested tracking if patients had seen a doctor in the past year, asking school nurses what outcomes they measure, and how many kids were added to health insurance or Medicaid. Member Certain would like to reduce the number of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with untreated tooth decay, which data shows to be 39.5%. Chair Pinkoson asked if we could track health-related absentee rates, and the possibility of tracking referrals to increase community collaboration. Vice Chair Cornell also requested that applicants provide a statement of their intended short-term community impact.

Treasurer Twombly suggested a presentation by a Medicaid outreach provider to discuss the full range of Medicaid's services. ED Kiner suggested that this be incorporated into staff's professional development and into the training offered to the Trust's providers.

**General Public Comments**

**Board Member Comments**

**Adjournment**

**Chair Pinkoson adjourned the meeting at 2:47 PM.**