



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

CHILDREN'S TRUST REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2024, at 4:00 PM

Alachua County Health Dept, Thomas Coward Auditorium, 224 SE 24th St., Gainesville, FL 32641

Call to Order

Chair Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Chair Tina Certain

Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson

Treasurer Ken Cornell

Member Shane Andrew

Member Mary Chance

Member Judge Denise R. Ferrero

Member Nancy Hardt

Member Maggie Labarta

Member Cheryl Twombly

Agenda Review, Revision, and Approval

Motion to approve the agenda made by Member Labarta, Seconded by Member Certain.

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Consent Agenda

1. Board Attendance for 2023
2. 11.6.2023 Joint Children's Trust and City of Gainesville Meeting Minutes
3. 12.11.2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
4. 12.11.2023 Board Meeting Evaluation - Survey Results
5. November 2023 Checks and Expenditures Report
6. December 2023 Checks and Expenditures Report
7. Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report
8. 1st Quarter Financial Report Memo to the BoCC
9. 1st Quarter Budget Review
10. Consulting Agreement - Level Up Impact Group, LLC
11. Resolution 2024-01 Authorization for Signatories on the CTAC Bank Accounts

General Public Comments

Executive Director's Report

12. 2.12.2024 ED Report

ED Kiner shared her thanks to all those who assisted with our move to the new building, noted the successful launch of the 2023 Annual Report, and reported that the Trust was well represented at the national FACCT conference in December. She reminded the board about the RFP Workshop on March 25, 2024, and confirmed a BoCC Joint Meeting for May 6, 2024.

Old Business

13. Strategic Plan – Implementation Update (Kristy Goldwire)

Director of Program Operations, Kristy Goldwire updated the board on future funding opportunities currently being prepared for release. Under Goal 1, an RFP will be opened for Access to Comprehensive Care. CTAC staff is currently looking into existing and gaps in services in Alachua County. Other updates included partnering with the Early Learning Coalition to assist with costs of after-hours VPK, using unallocated funds as mini grants for additional mentoring programs, increasing the number of enrichment programs and partnerships to increase math and literacy proficiency, along with increasing the number of training courses available to providers.

Motion made by Vice Chair Cornell, Seconded by Member Andrew to approve the unallocated funds from RFP 2023-02 Youth Mentoring Program (around \$154,000) to be used as mini grants for the eight applicants that scored between 70-80%.

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Member Chance reminded staff to ensure the awarded programs understand that these Trust funds, are “capacity grants” and are one-time funds and non-recurring. The board suggested the creation of an FAQ document to communicate future funding processes and expectations to awarded providers.

Presentations

14. Children’s Home Society – Community Partnership School & Wellness Program

Representatives from CHS, Becky Couch, Associate VP of Community Partnership Schools, CHS of Florida, and LaToya Jennings Lopez, Community Partnership School Director, Howard Bishop Middle School, presented to the board. They have received funding from the Trust for the HBMS Wellness Program, which offers wraparound support to children and families struggling with poverty, homelessness, hunger, mental health issues, and more. CHS brings together community resources to offer programs, initiatives, and engagement to minimize challenges to children’s learning and academic performance. This model eliminates barriers for families to access services, which allows schools to concentrate on the core functions of education. Due to the allocation of Trust funds, 781 students received vital services, such as dental care, vision care, flu shots, and behavioral/mental health counseling. The board discussed the referral process and the potential of scaling the model to other Alachua

County schools. CHS shared that HBMS has been recognized as an accredited CPS, and thanked CTAC for their essential involvement.

New Business

15. Business Leadership Institute for Early Learning *V'Locity Masterclass and Accreditation Academy Overview* (Mia Jones)

Early Childhood Coordinator, Mia Jones updated the board on the success of the BLI program which supports local childcare providers with sessions in marketing, finance, human resources, and real estate in order to build business sustainability and high-quality care for children. It includes access to local mentors, industry forms, and a continuing education online platform. Participants create a business plan, receive feedback and recommendations from SCORE, and have the opportunity to continue on to apply for accreditation with APPLE or NAFCC. The first cohort began in 2022, and many local providers have taken part, leading to increased business revenue, increased teacher salaries and retention, increased enrollment, and an increase in accredited centers in Alachua County. The third cohort is currently in session, with graduation expected in June 2024.

General Public Comments

Board Member Comments

For Your Information

- 16. CTAC Board Member Applications
- 17. Children's Trust Annual Report 2023
- 18. CTAC 2023 Community Survey Overview and Data

Next Meeting Date

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, March 4th, 2024 @ 4:00 PM
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Adjournment

Chair Pinkoson adjourned the meeting at 5:58 PM.