



Item:

Community Literacy Collaborative Plan Update (Theresa Beachy)

Requested Action:

1. The Board is asked to accept the Community Literacy Collaborative plan and activities.

Background:

Since the completion of the Comprehensive Literacy Needs Assessment report, The Lastinger Center for Learning has presented an overview of the report and recommendations to the Children's Trust Board (CTAC), the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), and School District. The following motions were made from the board meetings:

April 7th CTAC Meeting: Member Pinkoson moved the Executive Director to bring this item back next month with a specific recommendation based on what was discussed and an update on the requested facilitator.

April 21st Joint CTAC/BOCC Meeting: The County Commission earmark a budget of at least \$250,000 this year from the County to partner with the Children's Trust and the Non-Profit Center for Excellence to work with key literacy organizations, stakeholders in the community, and the School Board to develop a plan for implementation and evaluation of this reform based on recommendations in this needs assessment. Bring back to the Board within 90 days a map of that plan and a formal budget by the end of the budget cycle so that if there is more money needed or if there is other funding needed, we can allocate it before the end of the budget cycle. 2. Write a letter to the School Board asking them to adopt the needs assessment and recommendations in this report.

June 3rd School Board Meeting: The Alachua County School District received the needs assessment and recommendations in the report.

May 12th CTAC Meeting: Member Pinkoson moved the Board to allow staff up to 90 days to work with the Community Foundation along with the Center for Non-Profit Excellence to coordinate the next steps in the creation of the comprehensive literacy plan and activities as recommended during the joint meeting with the BOCC. Commit \$550,000.00 per year for three years as an initial investment for the comprehensive literacy initiative. Member Certain seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Update

1. The board of the Community Foundation of North Central Florida has voted to make the Center for Non-Profit Excellence a separate entity.
2. Center for Non-Profit Excellence is working to establish 501C(3) status.
3. Center for Non-Profit Excellence, BOCC staff, the Children's Trust Staff, and North Central United Way of Florida have met three times to discuss next steps and plan for a Community Townhall meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 22nd and will include a representative from the school district. The Children's Trust has also added a representative from the school district to be a part of the planning team.

Today, the Center for Non-Profit Excellence will present the draft plan and budget for the Community Literacy Collaborative as recommended at the May 12th board meeting.

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 2: Children & Youth Can Learn What They Need To Be Successful

Fiscal Impact:

\$550,000.00

Recommendation:

Approve the requested action