



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

CHILDREN'S TRUST SPECIAL MEETING

SUMMER WORKSHOP MINUTES

December 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Cade Museum, 811 S Main St, Gainesville, FL 32601

Call to Order

Chair Lee Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Chair Lee Pinkoson

Vice Chair Maggie Labarta

Member Tina Certain - arrived at 3:15 PM

Member Karen Cole-Smith - arrived at 3:40 PM

Member Ken Cornell

Member Nancy Hardt

Member Carlee Simon

Member Patricia Snyder

Member Cheryl Twombly - participated virtually and was ineligible to vote

ABSENT

Member Susanne Wilson Bullard

Programs Report

1. Summer RFP Workshop

ED Murphy presented the CTAC's 2021 Summer Programming strategies and study outcomes. The discussion of 2022 Summer Programming was prompted with the following questions:

What issues would we like to solve?

How many kids do we want to serve? At what cost?

What categories of children are we targeting? (zip codes, family income, IEPs, foster children, etc.)

What would you like to know about the programs at the end of the summer?

At previous meetings, Board Members brought up concerns regarding child safety training, cost per child, investment in the area, and data collection.

Discussion included the issues of transportation, literacy levels, incorporation of enrichment programs, combating the summer slide, academic supports, and expanding on the last year's funding and number of children.

Member Cornell spoke on the importance of offering a variety of experiences and providing access for kids that don't typically attend summer programs, due to the cost or lack of transportation. He mentioned the importance of scaling up organizations and implementing as many recommendations as we can, and provide as much funding for as many kids as we can.

Member Twombly noted the importance of summer programs for kids with emotional or social issues, and would like to see the CTAC fund programming for those children and their families.

Chair Pinkoson asked about the possibility to use school board data to match the children with appropriate summer programs i.e. those with special needs, those with literacy needs, those with transportation needs, etc. He also discussed setting a range for the cost per child, balanced with expected attendance rates, and structure of programs.

Vice Chair Labarta would like to see 2,000 kids served in Summer 2022.

The budgeted funds for this RFP have been approved at 1.1M. Member Hardt requested that staff bring all of the eligible funding requests before the Board; at that time, the Board can decide if they wish to add additional funds for this RFP.

General Public Comments

Adjournment

Chair Lee Pinkoson adjourned the meeting at 4:04 PM.