



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

CHILDREN'S TRUST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Alachua Co. Health Dept., T. 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 Lee Pinkoson

Vice Chair Ken Cornell

Treasurer Cheryl Twombly

Member Shane Andrew

Member Tina Certain

Member Mary Chance

Member Judge Denise R. Ferrero

Member Nancy Hardt – attended virtually – not voting

ABSENT

Member Maggie Labarta

Agenda Review, Revision, and Approval

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

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Consent Agenda

1. Board Attendance YTD
2. 9.9.2024 Board Meeting Evaluation - Survey Results
3. Contract Renewal for HR Services with James Moore & Co.

General Public Comments

Old Business

4. Gun Violence Prevention Funding Proposal – Brandy Stone, Community Health Director, Gainesville Fire Rescue, City of Gainesville, and Brittany Coleman, Gun Violence Intervention Program Manager, Gainesville Fire Rescue

Ms. Stone and Ms. Coleman reported on the formation of the Gun Violence Prevention Alliance, a collaborative effort between the City of Gainesville, Alachua County, and Santa Fe College. The alliance aims to identify solutions and strategies to prevent gun violence and violent crime, focusing on evidence-based programs and a trauma-informed approach. Their funding proposal, allocated at \$500,000, aims to fund six Grant-Funded Projects (total of \$198,000), Violence Interruption and Training (\$150,000), Technology Hub Carts (\$50,344), a Grant Manager (\$45,350), a Strategic Planning Consultant (\$30,000), an Administrative Assistant (\$21,500), and a Facilitator for the Youth Steering Committee (\$4,750).

Board Members asked about the evidence-based connection between technology and stopping violence in the community, ongoing technology maintenance costs, public involvement in strategic planning, and the important of providing employability skills and engaging parents.

Motion made by Vice Chair Cornell, Seconded by Member Certain that CTAC approve the Gun Violence Prevention Funding Proposal, and ask that the Alliance reallocate the Grant Manager (\$45,350) and the Administrative Assistant (\$21,500) funds, and work with Alachua County, Santa Fe College, and the City of Gainesville to fund these positions.

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

This meeting was recessed at 5:01 PM and reconvened at 5:10 PM in order to complete the required Final TRIM Hearing of the Children’s Trust of Alachua County on September 23, 2024.

New Business

5. BoCC Interlocal Agreement

In 2019, the Children’s Trust of Alachua County and the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County entered into an Interlocal Agreement, per Florida Statutes 163.01 to cooperatively and efficiently provide mutual benefit to the organizations and the citizens of Alachua County. Amended annually, this agreement allows CTAC employees to participate in the County’s benefit plan, and use the services of the County Attorney’s Office, the Department of Information Technology, and the Department of Facilities Management.

Motion made by Vice Chair Cornell, Seconded by Member Certain, to approve the execution of the FY25 Interlocal Agreement between the Children’s Trust and Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

6. Summer Camp 2024 Results & Summer 2025 Planning (Bonnie Wagner)

RP&E Coordinator Bonnie Wagner discussed the FY24 Summer Camp Results noting the demographics of youth, scholarship eligibility criteria, dates of programming, performance measures, and feedback from youth and parents.

Surveys were provided to the Board Members requesting their input regarding performance measures, scholarship rates, academic enrichment, etc. for an upcoming workshop to discuss the FY25 Summer Programming RFP.

Motion made by Vice Chair Cornell, Seconded by Member Certain to receive the report, to have Board Members submit their surveys within the next two weeks, and schedule a workshop on October 14, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

7. Trust Sponsorships Overview – Elizabeth Cayson

Community Engagement Manager, Liz Cayson, reported that 42 community events across Alachua County were sponsored by the Children’s Trust during FY23-24. Sharon Decker, President of the High Springs Chamber of Commerce, was in attendance to thank CTAC for sponsoring their recent Back to School event which saw 400 kids receive backpacks and school supplies in time for the first day of school. Jason Sweat, President and Founder of Swampbots Robotics, a STEM education program, spoke and brought local students to express appreciation. Events sponsored consisted of educational events, school readiness, service and cultural fairs, and health resource events.

General Public Comments

Board Member Comments

Next Meeting Dates

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, October 14th, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

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

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Adjournment

Chair Pinkoson adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.