



CHILDREN'S TRUST REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 04, 2024, at 4:00 PM

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

Call to Order

Treasurer Twombly called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Vice Chair Ken Cornell – attended virtually

Treasurer Cheryl Twombly

Member Shane Andrew

Member Tina Certain

Member Mary Chance

Member Judge Denise R. Ferrero

Member Nancy Hardt

Member Maggie Labarta

ABSENT

Chair Lee Pinkoson

Motion made by Member Certain, Seconded by Member Chance to allow Vice Chair Cornell the right to participate and vote due to an extraordinary circumstance.

A physical quorum of six members voted on this motion.

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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 YTD
2. 2.12.2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. 2.12.2024 Board Meeting Evaluation - Survey Results
4. January 2024 Checks and Expenditures Report
5. Monthly Budget Review
6. Programmatic Award and Expense Report

7. January Sponsorship Applications
8. Approval of Budget Amendments to Direct Community Service Contracts in Excess of 10%

General Public Comments

Executive Director's Report

9. 3.4.2024 ED Report

ED Kiner reported on a successful Children's Week in Tallahassee. The team met with district legislators and took a tour of the Leon County CSC. ED Kiner shared an opportunity for a potential partnership with the local Sunrise Rotary group to sponsor a youth exchange student with the local non-profit Dream on Purpose.

Old Business

10. Comprehensive Literacy Plan Update (Mia Jones and Marsha Kiner)

Staff updated the board on the progress of the Comprehensive Literacy Planning Committee – which includes members from various sectors of the community working together with the aim of improving literacy levels in Alachua County. The staff reached out to the UF Lastinger Center regarding the facilitation of a needs assessment – the cost of which has been quoted at \$175,000. Upon creation of the committee, both CTAC and the BoCC pledged \$40,000 in support. Vice Chair Cornell informed the board that the BoCC recently approved to increase this amount to \$60,000. Several CTAC board members expressed the importance of support needed from the school board, not only financially, but for the implementation of the final plan. VC Cornell suggested that if the CTAC and School Board would match the \$60,000, it would cover the costs of the needs assessment. Member Certain confirmed that the next meeting of the school board was the following day, and she would take the issue to the Board of Directors. Mia Jones, Early Childhood Coordinator, also informed the board of a potential pilot program, in partnership with Peak Literacy, to provide a summer tutoring program to two local elementary schools. The next steps are to meet with each principal to discuss feasibility.

General Public Comments

Board Member Comments

For Your Information

11. Strategic Plan – Implementation Updates

Next Meeting Dates

Special Meeting - Board Workshop on RFP Development

Monday, March 25th, 2024 @ 1:00 PM

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

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, April 8th, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

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

Adjournment

Treasurer Twombly adjourned the meeting at 4:28 PM.