

Children's Trust of Alachua County

Mon., April 27, 2020 | 4:00 pm

(Via Zoom Meeting)

Members Present: Lee Pinkoson, Ken Cornell, Honorable Susanne Wilson-Bullard; Tina Certain, Karen Clarke, Cheryl Twombly, Dr Patricia Snyder, Karen Cole-Smith, Dr. Nancy Hardt

Staff Present: Colin Murphy, Executive Director of the Children's Trust of Alachua County; Robert Swain, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Claudia Tuck, Community Support Services Director, Cindy Bishop, CAPP and CHOICES Manager

1. Call To Order

Chair Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

2. Agenda Review, Revision and Approval

Member Clarke moved to approve the agenda. Second by Member Cornell. No public comment. Members polled by roll call; motion passed unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

Member Cornell moved to approve the consent agenda. Second by Member Labarta. No public comment. Members polled by roll call; motion passed unanimously.

4. Executive Director Report

Director Murphy said that most of the items he wanted to bring to the Trust's attention were contained in his written report, however, he did wish to discuss a few items.

Director Murphy announced that he hired Jennifer Rivers as the Finance and Administration Manager. She starts May 11th.

Director Murphy discussed the organizational chart. He said that he incorporated the suggestion of Member Cole-Smith to add a position for Communications and Community Engagement by saving money through contracting out for IT services.

Director Murphy discussed the current status of contracted agencies and COVID-19. He said that he was waiting to hear from 6-8 agencies, however, the consensus was that extensions beyond September 30th would be helpful. Member Snyder thanked Director Murphy for the update.

Member Cornell asked about the Trust's authority to contract out for administrative services. Director Murphy said that he had a legal memo from the county attorney stating that contracting out was allowable.

5. Pursue Lease Agreement – 802 NW 5th Ave

Member Wilson-Bullard moved to approve pursuing a lease agreement for the property at 802 NW 5th Ave. Seconded by Member Cornell. No public comment. Members polled by roll call; motion passed unanimously.

6. Notice to Explore or Decision to Claim Title IV-E Reimbursement

Director Murphy explained the opportunity to claim federal matching funds through DCF.

Member Certain motioned to approve CTAC pursuing the Notice to Explore or Decision to Claim Title IV-E Reimbursement. Seconded by Member Cornell. Members polled by roll call; motion passed unanimously.

7. For Information Only

Director Murphy said that there were several items for informational purposes only.

8. Call for Public Input

Chair Pinkoson called for comments from the public. Members of the public commented about the effects of COVID-19.

Director Cornell asked what other CSCs have been funding. Director Murphy gave an overview of three strategies other Trusts have followed.

A member of the public asked about advances for providers. Director Murphy asked BoCC attorney Bob Swain to discuss the Trust's authority to issue advances. Mr. Swain said that advances were frowned upon.

Dr. Hardt asked if people know about Florida KidCare. Member Cornell said that information can be placed on the county's website.

A member of the public asked about future funding cycles. Director Murphy responded that future funding was contingent on the Trust developing funding priorities.

9. Board Member General Comments

Member Cornell discussed the importance of flexibility.

Member Certain asked Director Murphy about contract extensions and the three original programs. Member Certain did not think that merely extending programs would be as helpful as additional funding.

10. Cancellation of the May 4th Meeting

Member Certain motioned to cancel the May 4th meeting. Seconded by Member Cornell. Members polled by roll call; motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment

Chair Pinkoson adjourned the meeting at 4:51 pm.