

Children's Trust of Alachua County

Mon., Jan. 27, 2020 | 4:00 pm | Alachua County Health Dept. (Thomas Coward Auditorium)

Members Present: Ken Cornell, Alachua County Commissioner (Interim Chair); Honorable Susanne Wilson-Bullard (Interim Vice Chair); Tina Certain, Alachua County School Board Member (Interim Treasurer); Karen Clarke, Alachua County School Superintendent

Staff Present: Carl Smart, Assistant County Manager for Public Safety and Community Support Services; Robert Swain, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Claudia Tuck, Community Support Services Director; Tom Tonkavich, Community Support Services Assistant Director

1. Call To Order

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

2. Agenda Review, Revision and Approval (Including Approval of Consent Agenda Items)

Interim Chair Cornell reviewed the agenda. Member Wilson-Bullard asked to have item #12, the Pritzker Children's Initiative Grant moved from consent to the regular agenda. Interim Chair Cornell indicated the item would be placed before item #3.

Member Certain moved to adopt the agenda and approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. Second by Member Wilson-Bullard. Call for public comment.

Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Items Approved:

December 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee Notice, Agenda, and Meeting Minutes

Quarterly Financial Report

Members asked for additional clarification on the Pritzker grant application including when the Trust approved moving forward and the proposed project budget. Staff explained the Trust has received information on the grant twice in the past. It was also noted the Trust is not committing itself to fund the project. Staff will further clarify the narrative to more clearly indicate the budget is subject to future appropriations.

Member Clarke moved to authorize staff to finalize the Pritzker grant application and submit it through the electronic portal. Second by Member Certain. Call for public comment. Motion carried 3-1, with Member Wilson-Bullard in dissent.

3. Executive Director Employment Contract

Interim Chair Cornell reviewed various provisions of the proposed contract including severance, salary, benefits, FRS, and the proposed 90 day plan. Members requested clarification on Section #1 and 2 regarding reference to the Alachua County Code. Legal noted the language was sufficient and no revision was needed.

Member Wilson-Bullard moved to approve the contract and authorize the Interim Chair to sign. Second by Member Clarke. Call for public comment. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Colin Murphy, the new executive director, gave brief remarks and thanks to the public and members of the Trust. The Chair informed attendees Mr. Murphy's office will temporarily be located in the Department of Community Support Services.

4. Authorization to Contract with TempForce

Interim Chair Cornell introduced the item and staff provided an overview of the Temp Force service. The Executive Director also requested approval to hire an Executive Assistant. Heather Akpan, Human Resources Director made comments and indicated the Trust could authorize the Executive Director as the hiring manager.

Member Wilson-Bullard moved to authorize the Executive Director to contract with TempForce (in the amount of \$25,000) and grant him authority to act as the hiring manager for a position of Executive Assistant. Second by Member Certain. Call for public comment. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Florida Children's Council Draft Trust November 18, 2019 Retreat Meeting Summary

Carl Smart, Assistant County Manager, gave a summary of the report from the Florida Children's Council Retreat meeting. Interim Chair Cornell called for comments from members of the Trust and gubernatorial nominees. Members agreed to revise Mission Statement #2 striking "youth" and replacing it with "children" and deleting "to thrive with dignity" and add opportunity to thrive at the end of the statement. Members agreed to revise Vision Statement #3 by starting it with the word "Facilitate" deleting "are available to" and replacing it with "for" replacing "youth" with "children" and inserting "in Alachua County" after families.

Member Clarke moved to approve with the changes discussed to adopt mission statement #2 and vision statement # 3 and the guiding principles 1-10. Second by Member Certain. Call for public comment. Motion carried 4-0.

Mission Statement (as adopted)

The Children's Trust of Alachua County funds and supports a coordinated system of community services that allows all children and their families opportunities to thrive.

Vision Statement (as adopted)

Facilitate equitable access and opportunities for all children and families in Alachua County to ensure every child reaches their maximum potential.

6. Applicant Responses to RFA 20-937

Interim Chair Cornell introduced the application process and went over the submissions and their funding requests. Bob Swain, Senior County Attorney commented about possible conflicts and indicated if members are on the Board of Directors of an organization it is not a conflict but should be disclosed. After extensive discussion among members of the Trust and staff, nominee and public comments were requested. Extensive comments were received.

Member Certain moved to have staff review the list of grant applications, eliminate those scoring less than 60 points, allocate funding by bucket (health and wellness, diversion, literacy, social and emotional), identify which requests can function at less than 100% of budget, and provide an analysis using ratios (percentage of funding request). Second by Member Clarke. Call for public comment. Motion carried 3-1, with Member Wilson-Bullard in dissent.

Member Certain moved to ask staff to provide more information on the guiding principles and possible conflicts with the RFA. Second by Member Wilson-Bullard. Call for public comment. Motion carried 4-0.

The Chair informed attendees that grant applications will be thoroughly reviewed at the next meeting.

7. Call for Public Input

Interim Chair Cornell called for comments from the public.

8. Board Member General Comments

Members made general comments.

9. Adjournment

Interim Chair Cornell adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm.

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Reviewed by:

Approved February 10, 2020

Thomas Tonkavich, Liaison