

Monday, April 24, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.
Grace Knight Conference Room
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Joint Meeting with Children's Trust of Alachua County.

PRESENT: Chair Anna Prizzia; Vice Chair Mary Alford, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler and Commissioner Ken Cornell

Chair Tina Certain, Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson, Department of Children & Families Cheryl Twombly, Gubernatorial Appointee Patricia Snyder, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Nancy Hardt, Gubernatorial Appointee Ken Cornell, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margarita Labarta, Alachua County Public Schools Superintendent Shane Andrew, Children's Trust of Alachua County Executive Director Marsha Kiner, Circuit Judge Hon. Denise R. Ferrero, and Clerk of the Trust Ashley Morgan-Daniel

ALSO PRESENT: County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Deputy County Manager Carl Smart, and Deputy Clerk Casey Miller

Call to Order

Chair Prizzia Called the meeting to order at 4:00pm with Commissioner Alford not present.

Welcome

Introduction

Chair Tina Certain, Children's Trust of Alachua County

Chair Anna Prizzia, Alachua County Commission

Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Chestnut moved approval of the agenda.

2nd Commissioner Wheeler

The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Alford not present.

CTAC Vice Chair Pinkoson moved approval of the agenda on behalf of CTAC.

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2nd Circuit Judge Hon. Denise R. Ferrero

The motion carried 10-0.

Items for Discussion

1. Children's Trust Listening Session Update Discussion 23-0707

Recommended Action: For information

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Strategic Guide: N/A

Children's Trust of Alachua County Executive Director Marsha Kiner presented the above item.

Commissioner Alford entered the meeting room at 4:05 p.m.

Ms. Kiner Reviewed services and resources needed based off the listening project community meetings, focus groups and surveys that was held the end of September 2022 - December 2022.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Alford, Gubernatorial Appointee Margaritia Labarta, Commissioner Alford, CTAC Chair Tina Certain, Christy Goldwire Director of Operations at Children's Trust, Commissioner Alford, Gubernatorial Appointee Margaritia Labarta, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Nancy Hardt, Chair Prizzia, Alachua County Public Schools Superintendent Shane Andrew, Chair Prizzia, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Nancy Hardt, and Commissioner Cornell all presented comments.

Children's Trust Member Cornell moved that the Children's Trust join the literacy plan being led by Alachua County School Board.

Chair Prizzia, Alachua County Public Schools Superintendent Shane Andrew, and CTAC Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson all presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell exits meeting room at 4:29 p.m.

Commissioner Cornell returns to meeting room at 4:30 p.m.

CTAC Chair Tina Certain, Commissioner Cornell, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta, Chair Prizzia, CTAC Chair Tina Certain, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Cornell, Children's Trust of Alachua County Executive Director Marsha

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Kiner, Commissioner Wheeler, Department of Children & Families Cheryl Twombly , Commissioner Cornell, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta, Commissioner Wheeler, CTAC Chair Tina Certain, CTAC Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson, Chair Prizzia, Gubernatorial Appointee Patricia Snyder, and Alachua County Public Schools Superintendent Shane Andrew presented comments.

CTAC Member Cornell moved for Children's Trust staff to work with the school board, the board of county commissioners, UF and other state holders to develop a comprehensive plan for literacy in Alachua County. Bring back recommendation to the CTAC Board, the comprehensive plan would be led by the School Board.

2nd CTAC Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson

CTAC Chair Tina Certain, Commissioner Cornell, and Department of Children & Families Cheryl Twombly all presented comments.

CTAC Chair Tina Certain recognized Leah Gallione with Peek Literacy and Ann Katurba who presented comments.

Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, CTAC Chair Tina Certain, Prizzia, CTAC Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, CTAC Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson, CTAC Chair Tina Certain, Chair Prizzia, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta , Commissioner Wheeler, and CTAC Vice Chair Pinkoson all presented comments.

CTAC Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson moved the substitute motion to refer the concept of a literacy council specifically what structure it would take to CTAC staff at the next Children's Trust Meeting.

Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Nancy Hardt, Commissioner Cornell, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Nancy Hardt, CTAC Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson, Chair Prizzia, and Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta all presented comments.

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CTAC Member Cornell withdrew motion.

The motion carried 10-0.

Commissioner Alford moved to support with funding resources up to \$40,000.

2nd Commissioner Cornell

The Motion carried 5-0.

CTAC Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell and Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta presented comments.

2. Countywide Transportation Opportunities Discussion 23-0741

Recommended Action: For information

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Strategic Guide: N/A

A general discussion was had between the Board of County Commissioners and the Children's Trust of Alachua County Board regarding the above item.

Children's Trust of Alachua County Executive Director Marsha Kiner stated that 29% of Micanopy parents and caregivers stated that a lack of transportation was a challenge in getting good healthcare services for their children. 39% of High Springs parents and caregivers stated that the lack of transportation kept them from attending local activities. 35% of the youth not living in Gainesville but in the rural communities stated the same thing on their youth survey.

Chair Prizzia, Children's Trust of Alachua County Executive Director Marsha Kiner, Chair Prizzia, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Nancy Hardt, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Wheeler, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Nancy Hardt, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, Chair Prizzia, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta, Commissioner Cornell, RTS employee Jesus, CTAC Chair Tina Certain, RTS employee Jesus, Chair Prizzia, CTAC Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson, CTAC Chair Tina Certain, RTS employee Jesus, Chair Prizzia, RTS employee Jesus, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta, Chair Prizzia, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Nancy Hardt, CTAC Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Children's Trust of Alachua County Executive Director Marsha Kiner, CTAC Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson,

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Commissioner Cornell and Gubernatorial Appointee Patricia Snyder all presented comments.

CTAC Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson moved the Board allow CTAC staff to go to the League of Cities meeting and bring up the transportation issue for afterschool programs and see if there may be a solution.

2nd CTAC Member Ken Cornell

The motion carried 10-0.

Commissioner Alford, and Chair Prizzia presented comments.

3. Mental Health Partnership Opportunities with Crisis Center Discussion 23-0711

Recommended Action: For information

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Strategic Guide: N/A

Chair Prizzia presented comments on the above item to have a general discussion regarding mental health and counseling in the community and for the youth.

Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta, Chair Prizzia, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta, Commissioner Alford, CTAC Chair Tina Certain, Alachua County Public Schools Superintendent Shane Andrew, Commissioner Alford, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Nancy Hardt, and Commissioner Cornell all presented comments.

CTAC Member Ken Cornell moved that CTAC staff work with the County staff to determine opportunities to collaborate and leverage funding to help provide more mental health services for kids ages 0 to 18. Which could include but not be limited to youth mental health first aid or teen mental health.

2nd CTAC Member Tina Certain

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County Commissioner Cornell moved that County staff work with the CTAC staff to determine opportunities to collaborate and leverage funding to help provide more mental health services for kids ages 0 to 18. Which could include but not limited to youth mental health first aid or teen mental health.

2nd Commissioner Wheeler

Commissioner Cornell, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta, CTAC Chair Tina Certain, Gubernatorial Appointee Dr. Margaritia Labarta, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, Gubernatorial Appointee Patricia Snyder, and Allen Pollen all presented comments.

Chair Prizzia recognized Krissy Arrington Executive Director of Girls Place, Addison Staples Executive Director of Aces in Motion, and Leah Gallione with Peek Literacy who all presented comments.

Circuit Judge Hon. Denise R. Ferrero, Commissioner Cornell, CTAC Chair Tina Certain, Gubernatorial Appointee Margarita Labarta, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, and Gubernatorial Appointee Margarita Labarta all presented comments.

The County motion carried 5-0.

The CTAC motion carried 10-0.

Public Comment

Chair Prizzia recognized Ann Katurba, Krissy Arrington Executive Director of Girls Place, and Addison Staples Executive Director of Aces in Motion who all presented comments.

Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

County Commission Comment

There were no county commission comments presented at this time.

Children's Trust of Alachua County Comment

There were no CTAC comments presented at this time.

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Adjourn

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.