



CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL
Of Highlands County
Champion for Children Advocacy Center
1968 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870

MINUTES

November 15, 2017

Members Present: Judge Angela Cowden, Aisha Alayande, Carly Wohl, Sandra Bass, Jeff Taylor, Teri Saunders, Woodraun Wright, Amanda Tyner, Marcia Davis, Luzed Cruz

Others Present: Sherrie Dent, Carissa Marine, Kathie Southern, Karen Boglarsky, Marissa Stram, Michelle Ramirez

The meeting was called to order by Carly Wohl, at 7:45 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 & 2: Welcome & Introductions – Welcome by Carly Wohl and Self -introductions were made of all present.

Agenda Item 3: Pledge of Allegiance & Motivational Moment – Aisha Alayande led in the pledge of allegiance and gave motivational moment – “Why @ the Table

Agenda Item 4: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2017, Nominating Committee Meeting of October 18, 2017, Agenda Planning Meeting October 18th 2017:

Sandra Bass made a motion and Marcia Davis seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 18th, 2017 meeting as presented. Upon roll call, all members voted yes. The motion carried. Sandra Bass made a motion and Marcia Davis seconded the motion to approve the Nominating Committee meeting minutes of October 18th, 2017 meeting as presented. Upon roll call, all members voted yes. The motion carried Sandra Bass made a motion and Marcia Davis seconded the motion to approve the Agenda Planning meeting minutes of October 18th, 2017 meeting as presented. Upon roll call, all members voted yes. The motion carried

Agenda Item 5: Committee Updates:

Nominating Committee – Carly Wohl – Motion to appoint April Rolle for the completion of the 2018 term and serve an additional 4-year term. Motion to appoint Dr. Anavatti Raghuveera to a 4-year term, Motion to Appoint Mr. Willie Hills to a 4-year term. Motion to appoint Carly Wohl as the 2018 chair and Motion to appoint Marcia Davis as the 2018 vice-chair.

Sandra Bass made a motion and Marcia Davis seconded the motion to appoint April Rolle to complete the 2018 term followed by a 4-year term. Upon roll call, all members voted yes. The motion carried. Sandra Bass made

a motion and Marcia Davis seconded the motion to appoint Dr. Anavatti Raghuveera to a 4-year term. Upon roll call, all members voted yes. The motion carried. Saundra Bass made a motion and Marcia Davis seconded to appoint Mr. Willie Hill to a 4-year term. Upon roll call, all members voted yes. The motion carried. Saundra Bass made a motion and Aisha Alayande seconded the motion to appoint Carly Wohl to the 2018 Chair. Upon roll call, all members voted yes. The motion Carried. Saundra Bass made a motion and Aisha Alayande seconded the motion to appoint Marcia Davis as the 2018 Vice-Chair. Upon roll call, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 6: 2018 Meeting dates – Luzed Cruz

Meeting dates were approved for 2018.

Agenda Item 7: DV Symposium Update – Aisha Alayande – Aisha stated that the symposium was “very eye opening and educational”, the speakers were great, she was amazed with BACA, one topic that was interesting was the one on Compassion Fatigue – Service providers - stressors and triggers – how important it is to take care of ourselves mentally and emotionally.

Judge Cowden stated that they already have a date for 2018, which will be October 19th. They are working on location, speakers and on focus, most of the time the focus is on the victims or survivors of domestic violence, but a very important piece is to deal with the perpetrator and to figure out how those individuals can receive the kind of service, training or accountability that would teach them that what they are doing is accomplishing nothing. One of the individuals that they are looking at for next year use to be a perpetrator who turned his life around and is now a motivational speaker. For next year, they may be changing the focus around a little bit.

Teri Saunders mentioned that there were a lot of people who wanted to attend but when they went to register it was already full. Judge Cowden stated that hopefully that they can have a space where they won't be as limited next year.

Agenda Item 8: CAAP Task Force Update – Kathie Southern

There will be no December meeting, the next CAPP meeting will be January 11, 2018. Each month the CAPP Task Force reviews maltreatment data specific to Highlands County. The top maltreatments are environmental hazards, household violence, there are several types of violence that are inclusive of household violence these include – inadequate supervision, physical injury and substance misuse. The team's main focus is the substance misuse maltreatment, leadership teams from all three counties are working on trying to get groundwork done, looking at data and what it means, Aisha Alayande is taking the lead in gathering data for Highlands. They are also looking at Aunt Bertha for data and the top five searches are: Housing, Food, Health, Care, Goods. The reason that they chose substance misuse is because it affects the other indicators. They are unable to identify specific substances but have had conversations with DCF to see if that is something that could be done.

Plans for the April event are coming along they have speakers and entertainment and will be contacting some of the CSC members to possibly help. They don't have a date yet.

They now have an adoption support group here in Highlands County meetings will be held at the Circle Theatre. The first meeting was on October 26th and the next meeting will be November 30th. November is National Adoption Month. They are looking for sites to have table top gallery of children available for adoption.

Agenda Item 9: Christmas Party – Luzed Cruz -

Lists were passed around again for setup, food and takedown. We will take Mrs. Handley's suggestion for a team building activity. Luzed stated that she will check on dinnerware – plates, cups, napkins, and follow up with the Circle Theatre re: decorations.

Scholarship/Donation – Aisha Alayande has gathered names of camps for a scholarship donation and will send out a link to kahoot for a random drawing. Luzed will order a large check to present.

Agenda Item 10: January 2018 Retreat Planning Team – Judge Angela Cowden

Meeting date: Thursday November 16th 2:00 PM – The group will be discussing content, meals etc.

Agenda Item 11: Upcoming

- **Child Abuse Prevention & Permanency Task Force –January 11, 2018 – 1 pm.**
- **Children's Services Council Christmas Party – December 14th, 2017 – 6 pm**
- **CAPP – Yellow Dress – Avon Park High School - November 16, 2017**
- **CFC – Christmas Concerts – December 22 & 23.**
- **January 13, 2018 6:00 PM – Drug Free Highlands – Annual Red Carpet Event – Island View Restaurant**

Agenda Item 12: Agency Announcements

First Baptist Church of Lake Placid - Support Groups – Wednesdays at 6:00 PM – Foster Parent Support, Adoptions Support, Kin-Ship Support and Single Parent Support.

Agenda Item 13: Adjourn at 8:35 AM

(Next meeting February 21, 2018 – 7:30 AM at the CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER)

Luzed Cruz, Executive Director
Children's Services Council of Highlands County

Respectfully submitted: Sherrie Dent