



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

April 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

Roll Call

Agenda Review

Discussion Items

- [1.](#) Finalize Funding Strategies

General Public Comments

For Your Information

- [2.](#) March 24th Steering Committee Virtual Meeting Minutes
- [3.](#) April 3rd Special Meeting - Workshop for Listening Project Minutes

Adjournment

Virtual Meeting Information

Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UlifjGGYT_icJoUXNDnmVg

File Attachments for Item:

1. Finalize Funding Strategies

All Children are born (and remain) healthy	
Strategy	Goals
Access to Comprehensive Care	Increase access to medical care (primary care, prenatal mental health, preventative dental care),
Care Coordination (Navigation)	
Preventative dental care	
Partnering with system providers	
Instructions:	
Review each strategy and the goals listed and determine if you agree that the strategy is worthy of CTAC financial investment?	
Is CTAC filling a gap in services or is this work being led by another community partner?	
Is this collection of strategies sufficient to impact the priority area? If not, what's missing?	

All children can learn what they need to be successful	
Strategy	Goals
Quality VPK	Increase the number of children enrolled in quality voluntary Pre-K (VPK)
Kindergarten Readiness	Increase the number of children who are ready for Kindergarten
3rd Grade Reading Proficiency	
Positive Learning Environment	Increase supplemental behavioral supports for K-12 teachers
	Increase supports for VPK teachers to understand behaviors rooted in trauma.
Out of School Time Activities	

All children have nurturing, supportive caregivers and relationships	
Strategy	Goals
Maternal Child Health programs	programs that support parent/child bond
Family Resource Centers	Supporting community members who fill in the gap when children are removed from their homes. e.g. family, friend and neighbor care

All Children Live in a Safe Community	
Strategy	Goals
Infant Mortality & Child Death Rate	decrease infant mortality
	increase prosocial behaviors for adolescents while seeing a decline in bullying
	decrease intimate partner violence
	decrease community violence

File Attachments for Item:

2. March 24th Steering Committee Virtual Meeting Minutes



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

STEERING COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fm0_X-b5TuW42fSixc4dOQ

Meeting called to order by Chair Cheryl Twombly at 10:00 AM

Roll Call

Present

Cheryl Twombly
Ken Cornell
Pat Snyder
Lee Pinkoson
Barzella Papa
Candice King
Christi Arrington
Marsha Kiner
Kristy Goldwire

Absent

Bishop Chris Stokes

Trust Staff Present

Bonnie Wagner
Diana Sanchez
Demetrica Tyson

Also Present

Nikki Martin-Bynum
Vashti Rutledge
Dr. Tatia Prieto

Agenda Review

Chair Cheryl Twombly

Discussion Items

1. Equitable Grantmakers (Nikki Martin-Bynum, Seek Higher Ground)
2. ~~Strategic Plan Layout (Nikki Martin-Bynum, Seek Higher Ground)~~ Did not do.
3. Impact Areas Prioritization (Vashti Rutledge, Seek Higher Ground)

Discussion Impact Areas Prioritization (Vashti Rutledge, Seek Higher Ground)

The strategic planners led the discussion asking the group to take a deep dive by looking at all CTAC's goals listed below.

CTAC Priority Areas:

- All Children are born healthy and remain healthy.
- All children can learn what they need to be successful.
- All children have nurturing, supportive caregivers, and relationships.
- All children live in a safe community.

Each breakout group was asked to answer the following questions and rank the selected outcomes.

- What are the key indicators that present immediate return on investment? Where is the greatest potential for impact?
- What need is the Trust filling through this investment?
- What has the community highlighted as a significant area of need?
- **Goal 1 All Children are born healthy and remain healthy.**

Discussion: This cycle focused on access to medical care, including payer source, accessibility to providers and providers who can meet families' specific needs.

- Increase access to medical care (primary care, prenatal mental health, preventative dental care}
- Strategy: community health workers & navigators to support: payer source enrollment, accessibility to providers and providers who can meet families' specific needs.

Partner opportunities

- Housing System
- Food Accessibility
- Community Safety

Financial Resource Prioritization

- Access to Comprehensive medical services
- Navigation support to comprehensive medical services
- Partnering with systems that impact children's health.

- **Goal 2 All Children can learn what they need to be successful.**

Discussion: This cycle focused on the intersection of what happens in community and school to support children’s educational growth. The group identified promotion and prevention activities that included:

- Increase the number of children enrolled in quality voluntary prekindergarten
- Increase the number of children who are ready for kindergarten
- Increase supplemental behavioral support for K-12 teachers
- Increase support for early learning teachers to understand challenging behaviors rooted in trauma

Partner Opportunities

- School System
- Early Learning Coalition
- Mental Health Providers

Targeted Audience Discussion

- If 58% of the child population is 9 and under - 60-75% of the population should be focused on children and their families in this age group.

Financial Resource

- Quality VPK
- Kindergarten Readiness
- 3rd Grade Reading Proficiency
- Positive Learning Environment.

- **Goal 3 All Children have nurturing, supportive caregivers, and relationships.**

Discussion: This cycle focused on exploring what’s available for families and centering on the benefits of family resource centers and maternal child health programs recognizing these support parent child bond/relationships.

Partner Opportunity:

- Child Welfare System
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Providers

Targeted Audience Discussion:

- Age 0-5 - support families with programs like healthy start and home visiting
- Age 6 - 18 - support families with programs like Project Youth Bill

Financial Resource Prioritization:

- Programs that support parent/child bond
- Supporting community members who fill in the gap when children are removed from their homes. e.g. family, friend and neighbor care

- **Goal 4 All Children live in a safe community.**

The prioritization for this goal was done individually the group was asked to send feedback via email to Dtyson@childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us.

Member 1:

- Adequate Prenatal care should help lower our current rate of infant mortality. It might also help other age groups as well by giving information to expectant parents that could help them realize dangers to children they may not have known about.
- Violent crimes I believe will take longer to solve, but hopefully with assistance in the afterschool programs, mentorship programs, and even family counseling programs, children can be taught there are better ways of communication than violence.
- Domestic violence will be a long-term issue. If we give our children the experience and instruction about what appropriate human interaction should be, in time we should see the numbers drop. Until then, we should continue to fund programs like CAC and Peaceful Paths.
- Hopefully, with time there will be less demand for these services.

Member 2:

- Expand community resource centers in outlying areas that are safe and trusted places for children to spend time, offer educational programs and where families can connect with resources /can connect to MH/BH services for adults and children.
- Offer parent education programs that work in conjunction with our local treatment providers and make resource connections to keep families stable and children safe while parents seek sobriety, etc.
- Work with DJJ to identify what the current juvenile crime trends are telling us (are there underlying BH issues, family violence history, gangs, etc.) before we tackle how to respond in this area. What are their trends telling us?
- Can our faith community be a support in the area of safety in their neighborhoods?

Member 4:

- Child Death Rate among 10-19 YO, which may include homicide, motor vehicle crashes, suicide. This can also include the segment that survived but were hospitalized.
- Domestic Violence Rate by County (Alachua is much higher than state avg). Violence in the home impacts a child's sense of safety and security in all aspects of their life, teaches lack of trust, learns to react to the world with anger/violence, etc.

- Violent Crime rate by county (Alachua is double the state avg)- children should feel they are safe at school, home or while playing in their neighborhoods.

Financial Resource Focus:

Member 3:

- Injury Prevention & Early Intervention
- Substance Abuse & Mental Health Therapy for youth
- Life Skills/Bullying Prevention for youth
- Training Labs & Technical Assistance for families

Member 4:

- Prevention campaigns/programs that focus on infant fatalities that can be prevented (unsafe sleep, accidental drowning, drug exposure prenatally, etc) to address child death and infant mortality rates.

General Public Comments: none

Meeting adjourned at 12:03pm

File Attachments for Item:

3. April 3rd Special Meeting - Workshop for Listening Project Minutes



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

CHILDREN'S TRUST - SPECIAL MEETING - WORKSHOP FOR LISTENING PROJECT MINUTES

April 03, 2023 at 1:30 PM

CTAC, 802 NW 5th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm by Steering Committee Chair Cheryl Twombly

Present

Cheryl Twombly
Ken Cornell
Dr. Pat Snyder
Lee Pinkoson
Barzella Papa
Candice King
Christi Arrington
Marsha Kiner
Kristy Goldwire
Elizabeth Cayson
Dr. Nancy Hardt
Dr. Maggie Labarta
Tina Certain
Shane Andrew
Hon. Denise Ferrero

Absent

Bishop Chris Stokes

Agenda Review, Revision and Approval

Approval of the agenda also approves all of the items on the consent agenda.

Motion to accept and approve the agenda by Member L. Pinkoson.

Second by Member T. Certain.

Listening Project Report

Dr. Prieto, Prismatic, discussed the overall project—the project path, limitations, whom they met, and what they heard. Dr. Prieto outlined the significant conclusions and recommendations the Prismatic team decided on in their report.

The joint Board and Steering Committee discussed the information presented asking for examples of her transportation recommendations for the Trust. The group asked what was different about this project in the Alachua County community versus other areas her team has worked. Various options to decide how to fund each goal were discussed by the group during the meeting. Some members felt the Trust should fill gaps but not be the payer in all areas. Other members thought that the Trust should take its time to review systems and barriers before making decisions.

Discussion

Prioritizing Investments

Nikki Martin-Bynum, Strategic planner with Seek Higher Ground, led the group in a rapid-fire discussion on how each member would rank their suggestions on prioritizing services or options for each of the current goals. Martin-Bynum shared the Steering Committee's suggestions from the March 24th meeting.

The joint group shared that they liked the suggestions from the Steering Committee and asked for a copy of the presentation to review.

General Public Comments

Dorothy Benson, Board Chair of SWAG, shared the work of the Children's Services Advisory Board. Benson recognizes that the Trust is at an inflection point. She reminded everyone that all children and families benefit from the systems change.

Ross Ambrose spoke as a citizen who pays taxes, a business owner, and an elected official. Ambrose felt that the Trust should spend some of its resources on the "Why" and determine what should be changed to eliminate the need.

Anne Koterba, Board President of Aces in Motion, spoke to the importance of including older children in support. Intergenerational problems exist due to parents that were failed by the school system and others. She recommended seeking experts on systems change from outside of the county.

Dorothy Thomas, chair and founding member of The CHILD Center for Early Learning, asked the Board to consider dividing funding, but ensure that dollars reflect the desired outcomes. It is essential to change the whole system; changing parts of the system will not work longterm.

Charlie Jackson, of Project Manhood Youth Development, shared that he heard nothing new from the Listening Project Report. Jackson felt the Trust should be in alignment with all the county and school board. He stated one strategic mission plan for schools and homes would benefit children. Parent participation is essential.

Sherry Kitchens, Executive Director of the Child Advocacy Center, shared the importance of the Trust to focus on adverse childhood experiences. There are lots of programs and services for families, but some may refuse those services. The parents and families need to learn that the programs are there to help them.

Addison Staples, Executive Director of Aces in Motion, reminded the board that services provided must be preventive, developmental treatment, or rehabilitative. The data from the previous studies remains available. He stated this data isn't new and transportation remains an issue.

Member Cornell asked Staples to send the transportation recommendation to Executive Director Kiner.

Kate Williams, LMFT Brainpower Coordinator of Girls Place, asked the board to consider how mental health can be integrated into current programs. Williams informed the group that Telehealth is an essential tool, along with onsite training. These tools make things easier for staff and parents.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58