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REGULAR MEETING

ANNOTATED AGENDA

AUGUST 12, 2024

PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF
NIKKI ALVAREZ-SOWLES, Esq., CLERK & COMPTROLLER

THE MINUTES WERE PREPARED IN AGENDA ORDER
AS PUBLISHED AND NOT IN THE ORDER
IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE HEARD

10:00 A.M.

WEST PASCO GOVERNMENT CENTER, BOARD ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
8731 CITIZENS DRIVE, NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34654

Members:

Paula Baracaldo, Chairman
Support Services Director, Public Services

J. David Feichtner
Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Rescue

Lauren Letona
Deputy Chief, City of New Port Richey
Police Department

Trang Chitakone
Administrator, Florida Department of Health
In Pasco County

The Honorable Judge Shawn Crane
Sixth Judicial Circuit Court

Joey Resnick
CEO, Premier Community Healthcare

Captain Toni Roach
Pasco County Sheriff's Office

Derek Brewer
Police Chief, City of Zephyrhills

Art Rowand
Retired, Pasco County Sheriff's Office
Sergeant

Michelle Hudson, MSW
Supervisor of Social Work
Pasco County School Board

Parnia Roghani Shareef, Co-Chair
Pasco County Alliance for Substance
Addiction Prevention (ASAP)

Tracey Kaly
Director of Clinical Operations
BayCare Behavioral Health

Legal Counsel:

Robert Hale, Assistant County Attorney

Staff:

Lori Bushway, Administrative Assistant for Support Services
Nicole O'Neill, Support Services Specialist
Riana Giannico, Grants Coordinator for Support Services

Call to Order

Madam Chair Baracaldo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

There were none.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Meaghan Legnini, Deputy Clerk, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Ms. Legnini called the roll. All members were present.

Public Comment

Madam Chair Baracaldo reviewed the procedures to be followed and called for public comment.

Ms. Marilyn Matyus, CEO of Steps to Recovery, spoke regarding homeless veterans, her appreciation for the Committee members, the project that was submitted, those that would be helped, addiction, the need for aftercare and long-term recovery, other programs, and center activities.

Ms. Teresa Mancuso and Ms. Lindsey McKeown, Recovery Epicenter Foundation, spoke regarding the desire to duplicate the Catcher's Mitt in Pasco; addiction and recovery resources; the importance of the first 30 and 90 days; and the importance of aftercare.

Mr. J.J. Murphy, Assistant County Administrator for Public Safety, spoke regarding the operation budget that was submitted, their core funding, and that this would allow the agency request to be $420,000.00 less than their initial application for year 1.

New Business

1 Recap from 7/22/24 & 7/23/24 Sessions

The item was for information only.

THE COMMITTEE RECESSED AT 9:29 A.M. AND RECONVENED AT 9:48 A.M. ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

2 Pasco Kids First Presentation

The item was for information only.

3 Ranking & Funding Recommendations

The Committee approved to remove any projects for consideration below a score of 3.0.

THE COMMITTEE RECESSED AT 10:00 A.M. AND RECONVENED AT 10:10 A.M. ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT. MS. ROGHANI SHAREEF ARRIVED TO THE MEETING AT 10:12 A.M.

The Committee approved to fund $150,000.00 year one for Warrior Wellness.

The Committee approved to fund the first year of BayCare with Captain Roach, Madam Chair Baracaldo, Ms. Kaly, Mr. Brewer, Ms. Roghani Shareef, Deputy Chief Letona, and Deputy Fire Chief Feichtner abstaining from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

The Committee approved the budget as allocated as read into the record by Ms. Hilary Bruno earlier in the meeting to include one year of funding, BayCare would be awarded $1,036,410.45, Pasco County Fire Rescue is being awarded $680,000.00, Warrior Wellness is $150,000.00, Operation PAR is $221,153.00, Alliance for Healthy Communities is $361,767.00, The Hope Shot is being funded at $668,325.00, and the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners for Public Safety will be awarded $1,120,000.00, Pasco Kids First is being awarded $238,350.00, Victory High School is $181,000.00, and the Recovery Epicenter Foundation $350,000.00 with Mr. Resnick voting nay.

Approval of Minutes

There was none.

Miscellaneous

There was none.

Old Business

There was none.

Committees Reports

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Prepared by: Meaghan Legnini, Operations Lead, Board Records Division