

Escambia Children's Trust Programs Committee Meeting December 5, 2022, at 1:00 PM

Location: Tryon Branch Library
Open to public at 1200 Langley Avenue,
Pensacola, FL 32504

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Meeting Title:	Escambia Children's Trust Programs Committee Meeting		
Date:	December 5, 2022	Time:	1:00 PM
Location:	1200 Langley Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32504		
Chair:	Ms. Tori Woods	Scribe:	Alma Ellis
Participants Present:	<p>Committee Members: Ms. Tori Woods, Dr. Rex Northup, Ms. Patty Hightower</p> <p>Staff/Advisors: Tammy Greer, Executive Director; Kimberly Krupa, Ph.D., Director of Programs and Performance; Meredith Bush, Esq., Legal Counsel; Alma Ellis, Board Liaison and Administrative Specialist; Rick Stone, Programs and Research Coordinator</p>		
Not Present:			

- **Call to Order**
 - Meeting called to order at 1:35pm
- **Approval of Agenda**
 - Agenda approved
- **Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items**
 - Representatives from Legal Services of North Florida introduced themselves and stated they would be available to answer any questions throughout the meeting.
 - Sheriff Department personnel introduced themselves and stated they will be available to answer any questions throughout the meeting
 - Mr. Vinny Whibbs introduced himself and Mr. Troy Watts representing Re-Entry Alliance Pensacola and stated they will be available to answer any questions throughout the meeting. Mr. Watts also distributed some items available to children through their program.
- **Discussion Items**
 - **Sole Source Proposals**
 - **Legal Services of North Florida**

The Committee carefully reviewed the proposal.

(Entire meeting available on ECT website)

Dr. Northup asked for and received a brief explanation of the difference in services provided by Legal Services of North Florida and the Guardian ad Litem services and the expected impact on the children of Escambia County.

Ms. Hightower questioned the Salary, Personnel and Wages portion of the proposal and whether Legal Services of North Florida works directly with Gulf Coast Kids House. The response was:

Education Issues: The grant would allow them to hire one attorney, one paralegal and one client advocate and would provide partial funding for supervision and office management.

Representatives of Dependent Children: The grant would allow them to hire two attorneys, one paralegal and one client advocate.

Legal Services of North Florida works directly with Gulf Coast Kids House in a variety of ways including providing services for children faced with domestic violence and rape crisis.

Ms. Hightower asked and confirmed that Legal Services of North Florida provides services in the North end of the county including Centry.

Ms. Hightower asked if Legal Services of North Florida was aware of any other organization in our community that provides the same services. Legal Services of North Florida confirmed there were no other providers that offer the same services for the children of Escambia County.

- **Re-Entry Alliance of Pensacola (REAP)**

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The Committee carefully reviewed the proposal. After discussion by the Committee and several questions and answers, Mr. Whibbs requested to withdraw his proposal and re-submit at a later date.

- **Escambia County Sheriff's Office**

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The Committee carefully reviewed the proposal.

Ms. Woods questioned sole-source provider on the co-sleeping portion under PSA. It was explained that the Sheriff's Department is working in partnership with Healthy Start on the co-sleeping portion.

Ms. Hightower asked for clarification on "AXON" simulator. It was explained that this simulator provides real world scenarios that deputies may not have experienced in the field thus providing the opportunity for better outcomes.

There was discussion on Movie Night and how it impacts children and families. The response was that Movie Night provides a way for deputies to engage with young people in an enjoyable, nonconfrontational safe setting thus opening the door for long term relationships and viewing deputies as trusted community service members.

Ms. Woods asked for more information on Real-Time Crime Center. This initiative partnered with the Escambia County School District will provide additional safety for the children by providing more security cameras in schools. The Real-Time Crime Center would also allow

for immediate monitoring, intervention, and response to a juvenile crisis. Time-sensitive information can be relayed to responding deputies so that they are better prepared to deal with at-risk youth.

The Committee asked and received confirmation that there are no other providers of these types of service in the area as E.C.S.O. is the only law enforcement provider for Escambia County.

- **Escambia County Public Schools Foundation**

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Staff wanted to make the Committee aware that Escambia County Public Schools Foundation has reached out to get information on funding. A proposal has not been received. Staff will keep Committee updated on any future discussions.

- **Center for Independent Living**

(Entire meeting available on ECT website)

Staff received a sole-source funding request while an active RFP for OST was open. Staff encouraged them to apply for funding through the RFP. No proposal was received. This program does not qualify under sole-source funding.

The committee reviewed the Sole-Source Funding policy and discussed each proposal for “sole-source”.

- **Recommendations**

Ms. Hightower moved to recommend Legal Services of North Florida to the Board for funding consideration with no objections.

Dr. Northup moved to recommend Escambia County Sheriff’s Department to the Board for funding consideration with no objections.

With no public comments on non-agenda items, this meeting was adjourned at 3:42pm.