

**Social Action Funding Advisory Board
Pinellas County
May 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The Social Action Funding Advisory Board (SAFAB) met in regular session at 1:00 PM on this date at the St. Petersburg College EpiCenter, 13805 58th Street North, Clearwater, Florida.

Present

Christie Ellis, Chair, Office of the State Attorney, Sixth Judicial Circuit
Yaridis Garcia, Vice-Chair, Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County
Duggan Cooley, Pinellas Community Foundation
Vicki Koller, Pinellas County School Board
Olivia London, Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg
Kannika Nimithkoune, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Ashley Roura, Office of the Public Defender, Sixth Judicial Circuit
Avery Slyker, City of St. Petersburg
Melissa VanBruggen, Florida Department of Health, Pinellas County Health Department

Not Present

Karen Barfield, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network

Others Present

Jennifer Artiaga, Human Services Planning and Contract Services Division Director
Brea Templeton, Human Services Contract Manager
Cody Ward, Assistant County Attorney
Tammy Burgess, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk
Other interested individuals

All documents provided to the Clerk's Office have been filed and made a part of the record.

WELCOME

Ms. Templeton called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Upon Ms. Templeton's call for a motion to approve the minutes of the January SAFAB meeting, Chair Ellis made a motion for approval; whereupon, the motion was seconded by Ms. Garcia.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one responded to Ms. Templeton's call for public comment.

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

In response to a query by Ms. Templeton, the Small Review Committee members did not express any conflicts with the Large Review Committee's recommendations; whereupon, referring to a spreadsheet, she indicated that, if the Social Action Funding program budget remains the same as last year, funding for the Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. would need to be scaled down; whereupon, she noted that while staff anticipates that the Board of County Commissioners will provide the same amount of funding to the Social Action Funding program as last year, the exact amount is not known at this time.

Responding to queries by Ms. Garcia, Ms. Templeton provided additional input regarding the anticipated budget for the Social Action Funding program and discussed the timeline for approval of the recommendations and budget, as well as the start date.

In response to a query by Ms. Templeton, Attorney Ward clarified that a consensus vote confirming that the members are able to view the list of recommendations will be sufficient; whereupon, Ms. Templeton confirmed that there is consensus.

Upon Ms. Templeton's call for a motion to approve the final list recommended for funding by the SAFAB, Chair Ellis made a motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. VanBruggen and carried unanimously.

In response to Ms. Templeton's request for suggestions related to the next Social Action Funding program cycle, the members provided positive and constructive feedback and potential revisions related to the Social Action Funding program application.

Thereupon, Ms. Templeton indicated that she will provide the members with quarterly reports submitted by the funded organizations.

Responding to a query by Ms. London, Ms. Templeton, with input by Ms. Artiaga, indicated that the County has not provided any direction to staff regarding funding organizations repetitively; and that, following a discussion at a previous SAFAB meeting, staff is looking into separating the healthcare and human services funding priority for the next program cycle.

Ms. Artiaga, with input by Ms. Templeton, indicated that while the preliminary funding recommendations will be posted on the Human Services website, individual scores and

feedback will be withheld prior to final approval; whereupon, Ms. Artiaga clarified that, in the event that an organization could not accept an award, staff would follow the ranked order to grant the available funds.

SCHEDULING

This item was not addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 PM.