

OCTOBER 2, 2018

A [Workshop Meeting](#) of the [Board of Lee County Commissioners](#), sitting as the Management & Planning Committee, was held on this date with the following Commissioners present:

Cecil Pendergrass, Chairman
 Larry Kiker, Vice Chairman
 Brian Hamman
 John Manning

Commissioner Mann was absent for the entire meeting

1) Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

2) County Manager Comments

County Manager Roger Desjarlais opened the meeting commenting that today's discussion topic was a continuation of previous conversations regarding Children's Services. He stated that the presentation will be a short but very informative one. He then turned over the meeting to Director of Human & Veteran Services Roger Mercado.

3) Additional Investment in Children's Services

Director Roger Mercado Human & Veteran Services narrated a detailed [Power Point Presentation](#) regarding Children's Services. He stated that this presentation was a culmination of Board recommendations and suggestions.

4) Board Discussion

Commissioner Hamman stated his concern about agencies receiving funding and potentially not using it for the intended purpose. Mr. Mercado stated that there are Staff Members that are going out and monitor the agencies on a regular basis, as well as provide assistance where needed. Staff also conducts checks and balances to ensure the funding is being used appropriately. Commissioner Pendergrass asked about the percentage of surveys from the different groups that were returned. Mr. Mercado said there was not a very good response. Staff is taking additional measures with the contracting agencies to insert additional language stating that if they receive funding they are obligated to return a fully completed survey. Commissioner Kiker asked if Staff is checking with other Counties, those that do have child care services and those that do not. He asked if that is going to be part of the GAP Analysis. Mr. Mercado responded to Commissioner Kiker's questions. There was additional discussion by the Board about the GAP Analysis and the need for additional up dated data. Commissioner Pendergrass asked for a timeline regarding the GAP Analysis. Mr. Mercado stated that it is slotted to hopefully start this fiscal year. Commissioner Pendergrass thanked his fellow Board members for giving direction to the County Manager the last couple of years regarding Children's Services.

County Manager Roger Desjarlais wrapped up the meeting asking the Board members if they were all in agreement with the following questions posed by Mr. Mercado to wit:

- Are you in Agreement with the Expanded Partnering for Results Priorities under Children & Youth?
- Are you in Agreement with the Increase from 25% to 40% of Program Expenses for Agencies Applying for Partnering for Results Funding?
- Are you willing to Move Forward with Updating 2002 Needs Assessment with FY 18-19 Gaps Analysis?

All Board members present were in agreement with the questions.

5) Adjourn

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

ATTEST:
 LINDA DOGGETT, CLERK

 Deputy Clerk

 Chairman, Lee County Commission