

AUGUST 29, 2023
ITEM 14.E

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: August 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Children's Services Advisory Committee (CSAC)

FROM: Laura Moss
Commissioner, District 5

Respectfully requesting my colleagues' thoughts on some general issues that surfaced during CSAC meetings.

- 1) Many of the programs receiving County funding fall into two categories: healthcare or education. As you know, the School Board and the Hospital District are elected bodies with taxing authority. I would suggest for your consideration that we meet with them in a joint meeting, or workshop, as we are planning to do with our municipalities or if you prefer that a representative of each be invited to our meeting to discuss the problems in these areas and how we might best address them together.
- 2) The programs that we fund are provided by organizations that vary from small, shoestring start-ups to large, well-established operations. Do you have a preference with regard to funding new programs vs. maintaining established ones? Is there a point at which programs should be self-sustaining or be encouraged to seek other funders?
- 3) Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the current priorities of the programs we fund? As you may recall, the requirement is to re-evaluate the priorities every three years, and this is the year to do so.

I appreciate this opportunity for an open discussion that allows us to share our thoughts while we are not under the pressure of a vote on CSAC funding.

Attached for your convenience please find:

- A) 2023/2024 Approved Program Funding
- B) Priorities
- C) Funding History
- D) School District and Hospital District Millage Rates 2016-2023
- E) Ordinance 2022-007