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# Brevard Family Partnership

*A Community Based Care Agency*

## Board Report



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## Narrative Report

BFP staff and community partners attend the annual Dependency Court Summit which is always a highlight of the year with over 2,000 members of the statewide dependency system present. In addition to staff, partners and the Judiciary, Board member Andrea Betting was in attendance. The Circuit breakout session is a time set aside for the community of practice to convene to address opportunities for improvements, sharing and goal setting. This year's break out session consisted of a youth panel which received outstanding reviews.

I am pleased to announce that Judge McKibben was selected among her peers to receive the prestigious Gladstone Award at the annual Dependency Court Summit and will be joining members at the September meeting. This will be an opportunity for Judge McKibben to share her experiences from the bench, the innovations she has spearheaded and more details about the Gladstone award and background.

The 2016-17 Leadership Team members will be present at the September Board meeting for introductions and a presentation on how they intend to achieve their charge during their 18 months of service. Members include:

- Casey Bennett: Chairperson
- Patrice Grier: Vice Chairperson
- Chris Goncalo: Secretary
- Heather Howlette
- Bridgette Lebouef
- Jessica Simmons
- Kristin Pirozzi
- Shawna Mascarenhas
- Susan Rushin

It has been a busy month as COA preparations are underway. Members have been provided with the COA policies to review and approve at the upcoming meeting. BFP also submitted the Legislative Fiscal Accountability Report that is due to DCF, the Governor and Legislature as a result of BFP receiving the Back of the Bill funding and Risk Pool funding.

Staff have also been working diligently to implement the new initiatives as part of the enhancement of the system in response to receipt of Risk Pool Funding and the approved action plan. The initiatives are intended to contain costs while ensuring the management of an excellent child welfare system of care. To date, I am pleased to report that the daily out of home care rate has been operating on an average of \$14,162 per day through August 31, 2016. This is approximately \$ 2,038 below the daily budgeted out of home care funding allocation. I am cautiously optimistic as we continue to ascertain the new norm and closely monitor the number of children entering out of home care as well as those on track to achieve permanency.

As members are aware this is the final year of the current Strategic Plan. Plans are underway to begin the new Strategic Planning process. I have had preliminary contact with Leigh Holt as a potential consultant to facilitate the planning process and am awaiting confirmation. The 1<sup>st</sup> step in the internal planning process was launched at the August BFP All Staff Strategy Session. The Board will review its priorities for inclusion in January at the Annual Board meeting. Following the internal activities, efforts will expand out to partners, stakeholders and the broader community between February and May.

Bill Bucher will present the newly proposed Board data report at the September meeting along with the new Strategic Work plan goals tracking and reporting system.

Jim Carlson, Valerie Homes and Dixie Sansom and I met with Congressman Posey and his Director of Community Relations, Patrick Gavin to discuss the C.A.R.E.S. program model and national replication to seek assistance in opening doors in Washington DC. The meeting went very well.

On Tuesday August 30<sup>th</sup> Jim Carlson and I had the opportunity to meet with the Melbourne Beach Rotary to share the vision, mission and purpose of BFP and to receive their generous \$5,000 donation. I would like to thank Eric Smith for supporting and promoting our work among the Rotary members. I would also like to thank Ruth Long for her role in promoting BFP at Wuestoff Hospital resulting in BFP being a designated agency recipient at an upcoming training venue.

I am pleased to report that the 1<sup>st</sup> replication and implementation of the PSAM platform which is a result of the partnership between BFP and Mindshare has gone very well. Talbert House in Cincinnati, Ohio report the implementation has gone very well and they are excited about the full scale launch for super users to occur November 1<sup>st</sup>. BFP received its first replication payment in the amount of \$3,600 in August.

The Marketing Subcommittee of the Board has convened on 8 occasions and September 20, 2016 was the last convening.

The Risk Management subcommittee of the Board convened its inaugural meeting on August 30, 2016 and reviewed the committee charter and conducted a Risk Assessment.

The Gala committee continues to meet monthly and has done an outstanding job. BFP is fortunate to have such a stellar and dedicated team of volunteers serving in this capacity.

The Annual Board Retreat is scheduled to occur on January 26, 2017 at a location to be determined. The meeting will run from 8:30 am-3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Nellius  
Chief Executive Officer