



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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Narrative Report

As we enter into 2017, I would like to personally thank each of the members for your dedication, support and contributions to the vision and mission of BFP over the past year. Your support, leadership and stewardship have contributed to advance the work of BFP. Because of you, many lives have been changed.

Every January the Board convenes its Annual Retreat and Business Meeting. This year's meeting will be held at the Crown Plaza on January 26th from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in the St. Martin room. The Annual Retreat will begin with breakfast served at 8:30 am. The Strategic Planning session facilitated by Leigh Holt will be from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Our new Strategic Plan is due to COA as part of our accreditation at the conclusion of this fiscal year. The existing plan ends on June 30, 2017.

The afternoon Annual Meeting and election of officers will begin at 1:00 pm following lunch. Members will review and discuss the aggregated Board responses to the self-evaluation during the annual meeting. I am pleased to report that the Board Officers have all agreed to serve another term should members ratify this decision at the Annual Meeting. Members will also review the current Board member terms. Mark Peterson's 2 year term will expire in January. He has one year remaining on his initial 3 year term with an option to renew for a second 3 year term before his tenure expires. Members will review the existing composition of the Board subcommittees and make nominations where there are vacancies.

The holiday events and gift drive drew the year to a close with many generous community partners contributing to ensure the children entrusted to our care received their wish list for the holiday. A special thanks to Melissa Breckenridge and Jim Carlson for leading the charge to coordinate the holiday gift drive. Donors included: Abacus Technology, AECOM - Team ISC, Air Force Key Spouses Group, Alyssa Drake, Ascension Catholic Church, AT&T Pioneers, Bring Da Rock, Carolyn Powell, Catherine Wright, Charles Howlett, Cheryl Baduini, City of Palm Bay, Crowne Plaza, Directorate Defense Contract Management Agency, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary #10, Discover Life Church, Eleanor Erdogan, Eria Spall, Figueroa Law Group, First Baptist Melbourne, Florida Community Bank, Gamma Na Chapter, Gemini Elementary, Health First, Hilton Rialto Place, In Dyne, Inc., Kari Bollinger, Kate Crain, Kristin Pirozzi, Laurie Anna Blackburn, Longdoggers, Machinists, Maggie Dickinson, Mandy Body, Mary Ann Chance, Meagan Downie, Melbourne IEEE Section, Melbourne SDA Church, Melissa Dunham, Melvin Mitchell, Mike & Brenna Hoffman, Newscycle, PAFB First Sergeant Council, Patricia Nellius, Sea Ray Boats, Shawna Kelsch, Sheila Facemyer, Smile for Budgie, Inc., Space Coast Fury, Space Coast Stars, Terry Laboratories LLC, Upper Cervical, Viera High School, Walter & Charlotte Wall, Walters Estate Planning, and Yvette's Music.

I am pleased to report BFP received final notification from the auditors indicating our financial position is sound and without finding. Congratulations to Jim and Jessica and the finance team for their stellar work in preparing for the audit. DCF will be conducting its Fiscal Monitoring for the first time in 7 years. They will be onsite February 13th and again on February 21-23, 2017.

Eight Lead Agencies submitted Risk Pool Funding requests this year; of the eight applicants three have undergone site visits. With only 5 million dollars in the Risk Pool the 3 are reportedly to receive 85% of their request. DCF is working with the remaining agencies to present a Back of the Bill request. I am pleased to report, of the agencies who applied last year; BFP is the only agency that has not submitted a request this year. To date, financial projections place us in a positive position with expectations of ending the year on budget barring no unexpected matters arise.

Additionally, overall BFP is performing well on its Financial Viability Plan which is set to close out on June 30th. Monthly reports on progress are submitted; and DCF has expressed BFP is performing among the highest in the state in attainment of goals apart from permanency performance Goals: 2 B 1-2

1. Increase percentage of children exiting out-of-home care within 12 months of entry to align with statewide average.
2. Reduction of Out-of-Home Rate per 1,000 child population to align with statewide average.

On January 4th, leadership from BFP, C.A.R.E.S., and Dixie and Jerry Sansom met with Representative Gayle Harrell to conduct a site visit and present the C.A.R.E.S. program model as the proposed statewide model. She was very impressed and supportive of a demonstration project. On January 19th, Senator Mayfield will also be conducting a site visit. On January 9th, a team from BFP attended the Rally in Tally to meet with our legislative delegation to share our local priorities.

On January 30th, Valerie Holmes and I will be traveling to San Diego to speak at the San Diego International Conference on Child Maltreatment to present the C.A.R.E.S. Program Model. We are also submitting an abstract to present the model at the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) National Health and Human Services Summit in Baltimore Maryland, on April 30, 2017.

On Thursday January 12th, we received our second inquiry on the National Replication program from Utah. We have executed the contract with Growing Tree Solutions to provide Website development and technical assistance. Valerie Holmes and I participated in a conference call with Root Cause and are awaiting a proposal. It was an encouraging call as they were extremely impressed with the rigor we have put into the program design, implementation, research and capacity building plan. Root Cause provided the technical assistance and capacity build planning support to Help Me Grow which has expanded nationally and is being operated by 211 Brevard. Information can be found at: <https://www.helpmegrowfl.org/>

Finally, COA activities are well underway. The first documentation submission is due on February 6, 2017. The following submission is due on April 21, 2017 and the site visit is slated to take place on June 4-6 2017. Now that BFP operates Child Placing in house we are undergoing an expanded review process to include accreditation in the additional category of Foster care and behavior management. During the site visit members will be required to meet with the reviewers.

Respectfully Submitted,

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