



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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Narrative Report

December was an eventful month with many holiday activities taking place. Brevard County has once again proven its charitable kindness throughout the holiday season. Many agencies, individuals and partners showed their generosity through donations of gifts for foster children, and families who are served through the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. program. This year we received gifts for over 2,000 children totaling over \$102,000. We are extremely grateful to our sponsors who were able to provide for the children in care this Holiday season. BFP is so fortunate to have such a strong support network. A list of our donors is available through Public Relations.

For the third year in a row, Commissioner Andy Anderson hosted "Coats for Kids, a countywide initiative to ensure Brevard's children in need winter coats receive one. This year Commissioner Anderson partnered with BFP through our annual holiday gift drive to donate the 140 new coats donated by the community to be provided to children in need. A word of appreciation for Commissioner Anderson and the residents of Brevard County who contributed towards this important initiative!

We are still awaiting an update on the continuation of negotiations. The award was scheduled to be made on January 18, 2013 and the actual procurement concludes on January 25, 2013. We have inquired as to next steps and are awaiting a response.

I will be attending a meeting with DCF Secretary and the CBC CEO's and FCC on January 25th in West Palm Beach. The annual COU monitoring by DCF began on January 7th and is scheduled to conclude on January 18th.

The Board Recruitment Subcommittee convened on January 10th to review the current terms and nominees for officers which will be presented at the Annual Board Meeting on January 24th and are available on the Board portal for your review in advance of the meeting. This includes reinstatement of all current officers in their respective positions.

The draft strategic plan will be presented to the Board at the Annual Retreat and is due to COA in March. Members will need to bring their completed skill set inventory to the Annual meeting to be rolled up for COA. Members will also review the Annual Board self-evaluation at the Annual Meeting.

The National Center For Innovation and Excellence has convened three (3) Board meetings to date and will be proposing one (1) new member for the BFP Board consideration. On January 25th I will be in West Palm Beach to meet with Secretary Wilkins and intend to meet with a prospective candidate for the NCFIE Board of Directors. Dr. Munoz began his tenure with the NCFIE on January 9, 2013.

We have received a contract from Jim Casey Youth Opportunity Initiative for \$140,000 and per the agreement will receive the initial \$70,000 payment upon execution of the contract to fund the NCFIE.

I am pleased to announce that on January 30, 2013 Valerie Holmes will be making a presentation of the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. program to Jane Johnson and DCF leadership. Jane was recently appointed as the new DCF State Director for Child Abuse Prevention efforts.

The pending lawsuit from Morgan and Morgan has been formally initiated. BFP has retained Dean Meade to represent us in this claim. The insurance company has also retained legal counsel who is concurrently responding to the claim and working with David Hathaway the Dean Meade Attorney We have made a request for Dean Meade to consider reduced fees. I am in receipt of the original engagement letter. Mr. Hathaway approached the Dean Mead Board and was able to offer a slightly reduced fee. The attorneys are working together to address the claim and members will be apprised of the most recent status following the upcoming Annual Board meeting.

COA preparations are underway and progressing as planned. The auditors will be in attendance at the February meeting to present the results from the audit. The Public Relations staff will be presenting a motion at the upcoming Board meeting to approve proceeding with a contract with the Community Foundation to establish a fund for BFP to solicit donations.

BFP and Brevard C.A.R.E.S. are in the process of reviewing and submitting several grant applications as well as applying for new potential contracts. Additionally, Central Florida Behavioral Health has contacted us to express interest in utilizing Brevard C.A.R.E.S. as the new provider of wraparound for DJJ clients in the Central and South region.

The current child welfare Medicaid behavioral health program managed by the CBC partnership is scheduled to sunset in 2014. BFP is partnering with a group of CBC's and a managed care partner (TBD) to explore options for responding to the new specialty plan. Members will receive more information and be requested to make a motion to approve proceeding with this plan at the upcoming Board meeting.

I also want to inform the Board I have begun a monthly meeting with a group of foster parents to discuss and explore options for system improvements and ensure their voice, involvement and integration into the system of care.

The Human Trafficking subcommittee convened its first meeting on Friday January 11th and will report to the full committee on Wednesday January 16th. The committee will continue to convene over the next few months to outline a communication protocol, flow chart and to identify treatment specialists and placement options for youth impacted by sexual exploitation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Nellius

Chief Executive Officer