



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency



Board Report

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Narrative Report



As we wind down fiscal year end close along with the transition to James Moore and are adjusting to the layoffs it has been a busy time at BFP. Year-end close will be complete by August 20, 2013. There will be a delay in the Board receiving July financials due to the magnitude of the transition of outsourcing accounting. It is anticipated the July and August financials will be presented in September. We have successfully been able to further reduce the agency business insurance costs and are working on balancing the budget for presentation in September. Inasmuch as the adoptions subsidy funding will be amended into our contract throughout the year, we have opted to remove the deficit as the funding is promised by DCF. I would like to bring to your attention that the financial documentation presented to the Board will be slightly different than in the past. You will find samples in your packet for review.

As you are aware by now, Secretary Wilkins has stepped down from his position and Interim Secretary Esther Jacobo has been appointed for the next 90 days. There are two (2) upcoming meetings scheduled with the Secretary; the first on August 14th with the Regional CBC CEO's and the second at the Dependency Court Summit. Anyone interested in attending the Summit this year should contact Valerie Randall to make your arrangements ASAP. The summit is being held on Wednesday, August 28 through Friday, August 30 at the Peabody in Orlando.

It has been reported that Secretary Jacobo has engaged the Casey Foundation to assist in revising and/or creating a new scorecard. In order to address and improve performance I have established a cross system steering committee to focus on the metrics and areas of targeted improvement and opportunities. The committee has convened on two (2) occasions thus far and the analysis and process is yielding a great deal of information and potential opportunities. I am confident this level of detailed and focused attention will achieve favorable results

Statewide negotiations on the Attachment 1 have gone very well and are near conclusion with DCF having made concessions on all of the major content. Ms. Swartz will be updating the members at the Board meeting.

I would like to inform the members that Valerie Holmes and I have been accepted to attend the Georgetown Institute Multi-System Integration Certificate program that will take place October 24 – 30th. This will prevent me from attending the October Board meeting. Jim Carlson will report in my stead. The Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare: Multi-System Integration Certificate Program conducted by the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute is a weeklong program of intensive study designed for those who want to improve outcomes for crossover youth by improving multi-systems integration and collaboration. The Certificate Program focuses on policies, programs and practices related to crossover youth (children and youth who are known to multiple systems of care, particularly juvenile justice and child welfare).

The purpose of the Multi-System Integration Certificate Program is to bring together current and future leaders to increase their knowledge about multi-system reform efforts related to crossover youth, improve the operation of their organizations in serving this population, provide an opportunity for the development of collaborative leadership skills, and create a mutually supportive network of individuals across the country committed to systems reform.

I would like to inform the members that the Case Management Agency contracts will be re-procured this year. The anticipated date of release is October 2013 with responses due in January. We will be establishing a review team comprised minimally of 80% community representatives.

As we have just begun a new five (5) year contract with DCF and the needs of clients today are very different than nine (9) years ago we will be seeking innovative case management model proposals that focus on solution-focused, family-centered, evidence-based case practice models for consideration. It is our intent to separate the utilization management function from case management and either outsource it or bring it in house to increase fidelity to the wraparound model. We are grateful for the diligent efforts and the strong partnership with our CMA's who assumed this function two (2) years ago. At this juncture however, given the child welfare transformation initiative, changes in the Independent Living law, and the implementation of trauma informed care along with the developmental stage of our System Of Care it was determined that the CMA contracts should focus on innovations and best practices that will strengthen the needs of cross system involved youth and families, and the growing number of consumers with substance abuse issues be integrated into the proposed models with Family Team Conferencing and parent support provided by a third party to ensure a more integrated multidisciplinary approach to care.

Dixie Sansom, Geo Ropert and I have begun our legislative visits and have met with Representatives Goodson, Crisafulli and Workman to date. The meetings were very productive with strong support from our delegation. The Legislative agenda is included in your packet.

I am pleased to announce that Brevard C.A.R.E.S. will undergo its COA on site evaluation in October and is in the process of becoming a Medicaid provider. In addition, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has partnered with the The Coalition for the Hungry and the Homeless on a Veterans Supportive Services grant and this has been awarded to the Lead Agency resulting in Brevard C.A.R.E.S. increasing staff to serve on the grant. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. also partnered with Crosswinds on a DJJ grant and they have been invited to go into the next round of presentations in Tallahassee

In preparation to continue our diversification efforts I have requested that Kelly Swartz review proposed models to establish a parent corporation that can serve as the ASO (Administrative Services Organization) to the three (3) agencies. She will discuss the preliminary points with you at the upcoming meeting. In September I will be meeting with the executive team to assess our growth and the necessary infrastructure and needs to adequately respond to our growth and will share the outcome with you in November as I will not be in attendance in October. Additionally, I am in preliminary discussions with a few local agencies about the prospect of merging and/or providing ASO support.

Our November meeting date falls on or near the Thanksgiving holiday. I would like to ascertain the Board's desire for a December Board meeting date. We have traditionally met the 1st Thursday in December which would be December 5, 2013.

I have begun meeting with prospective Board members to be presented for consideration to the Board Recruitment Subcommittee in September. I am proposing a Board Recruitment Subcommittee meeting convene on Wednesday September 4th at 9:00 AM to review candidates and consider nominations and additional prospects.

In preparation for our 10 year anniversary I would like for Mr. Ropert to staff a Board subcommittee to participate in the planning. I am requesting 3-5 volunteers to sit on this subcommittee. In addition, I would like to propose that we focus our annual Board retreat on philanthropy and invite Rollins College Philanthropy staff to guide the discussion. The proposed date for the retreat is Thursday, January 23, 2014 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The location has not yet been determined.

The annual strategic plan goals draft is included in your packet and each month we will review a goal and objectives.

I am very pleased to inform you that the NCIE has finally received its status as a charitable organization. Several potential funders Dr. Munoz has engaged have been awaiting the approval in order to proceed in forging a relationship with the NCIE. To date the National Center is funded by Jim Casey YOI, and has received \$2400.00 from Norris for specific deliverables. The NCIE is well underway in planning the National Wraparound Conference and has secured a stellar group of National Leaders as Keynotes and Guests. We are currently soliciting sponsors for the event so please keep us in mind as you move among your peers and partners. The Conference will also be the venue where the NCIE celebrates its grand opening and ribbon cutting event on Wednesday, March 12 in the evening; time to be determined. We hope you all will be in attendance as we will be inviting local, state, and national dignities. The NCIE is currently focusing efforts on establishing infrastructure and Board development as well as exploring prospective relationships with funders. Dr. Munoz will be present at the Board meeting to provide a status report to members and will be proposing a new NCIE Board member candidate for approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

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