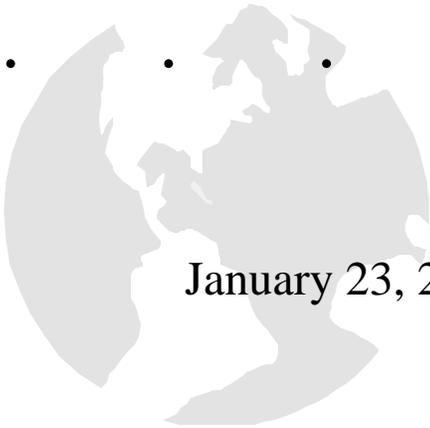




Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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Patricia Nellius-Guthrie, CEO

Narrative Report

The end of the calendar year and holiday season is always a highlight for our local system of care; and a time when our community demonstrates its charitable kindness to our children, youth and families. Please remember to thank our friends and partners for always going above and beyond to protect children, strengthen families, and change lives. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. received \$48,395.99 in holiday gift donations this year!

As we enter into the New Year I would like to provide a retrospective of some of the events and milestones accomplished in 2013.

- ITN: The ITN was released in October of 2012 with the original intent for DCF to announce the award in January 2013. After several changes and barriers the contract was finally executed in June of 2013. This delay caused a great deal of work and backlog for our staff as contract executions were delayed, engagement with the Audit was delayed all while BFP was transitioning accounting and conducting layoffs due to the budget cuts.
- COA: While BFP had anticipated we would conclude the ITN and negotiations in Jan-Feb in order to allow time to focus on preparations for COA, we found ourselves concurrently working on both projects as a result of the ITN delay. However; due to the hard work and dedication of our team we received outstanding status and an expedited accreditation.
- NCIE: It's hard to believe the NCIE is celebrating its first anniversary. Thanks to Dr. Munoz and the leadership of BFP staff, much has been accomplished in just one year. The NCIE has hired a FT Manager, recruited 2 new Board members, received nearly 200k in funding and achieved all the deliverables associated with contracts. I am pleased to announce the NCIE has received another year commitment of funding from Jim Casey Youth Opportunity Initiative and is well on its way to carrying out an excellent National Wraparound Conference in March 2014.
- Child Welfare Endowment: Thanks to our donor relations leadership and a new partnership with the Community Foundation, BFP was able to establish its endowment and formulate a 10 year donor and diversification plan.
- Budget cuts: BFP has suffered significant budget reductions over the past three (3) years (\$1.9m) as a result of the equity allocation formula. In addition, we have reduced our administrative overhead from 7% to below 3%. Both of these matters have stretched our staff to maximum capacity but they continue to demonstrate dedication and commitment and a willingness to go above and beyond.
- Lobbyist: For the aforementioned reason, for the first time in BFP's 10 year history, the Board voted to approve hiring the Sansoms to represent the interest of Brevard's vulnerable children and families.
- Diversification: In a conducting a review of diversified revenue BFP has generated since 2007. I am pleased to report that we have leveraged over 4 million dollars in funding for the local system of care.
- Brevard C.A.R.E.S. COA: Last but not least Brevard C.A.R.E.S. proceeded through the COA process with flying colors due to the leadership of Valerie Holmes and Debbie Davidson Cook.

New Year: 2014 Initiatives

This New Year holds much positive advancement for the system of care and those we serve. Some of the areas of focus include:

- Trauma Informed Care
- Pathways to Excellence
- Enhanced Case Management and Case Practice
- Matrix Management
- Promise
- NCIE
- IL
- New Equity Allocation Formula
- Child Welfare Safety Decision Making Framework
- Crossover Youth Practice Model
- Diversified Partnerships

January was ushered in with the BFP annual DCF Contract Monitoring site visit which launched on January 6th. As you are aware as a result of the procurement of Case Management we were informed by Devereux Florida that they will not be proceeding with the procurement process and will no longer provide case management effective July 1, 2014. On January 7, 2014, the case management procurement review team met with the three (3) finalist agencies for an oral presentation and scoring session. The final ranking of responses was posted on January 10th with Impower 1st, CHS 2nd, and Eckerd 3rd. On Thursday January 16th BFP intends to post with whom it intends to negotiate.

On January 11-13, 2014 the FCC held its annual conference in Tallahassee. BFP was well represented with Kathleen Rich New as a keynote speaker. We also had Valerie Holmes as a workshop presenter and three (3) award recipients from Brevard County. Dr. Robert Cross, long time volunteer received the Lifetime Achievement award for his contributions to the field of human services and for his service over the past eight (8) years at BFP. Trenton Miller won the Youth of the Year award for his outstanding leadership and Ms. Brenda Smith won the Foster Parent of the year award.

The 2nd National Wraparound Conference is scheduled for March 11-13 with over 100 attendees registered to date. The venue will include a team from Africa who will be guests to receive the 1st annual innovation in wraparound award. Keynote speakers include John Franz, John Vandenburg, Maryjo Meyers, Carol Emig from Child Trends to name a few; and Don Winstead will be convening a workshop on the IVE Waiver implementation.

On December 19, 2013 the CBC CEO's and the FCC met with Secretary Jacobo and her staff at which time she announced she will be departing following the Legislative session. She reported the Governor is currently seeking a new appointee for the Secretary position but she is not privy to who that may be at this time.

The Promise Board of Directors will be meeting on January 27, 2014 at which time they will elect a committee to participate in the due diligence feasibility study process.

As you are aware Kelly Swartz has announced her departure and will be transitioning into the role of State Director of Legal Services for the GAL. Kelly has been a great asset to BFP and we wish her much success as she continues to advocate for Florida's children. Kelly will remain in Brevard and be collocated at BFP.

At the upcoming Annual Board meeting we will be electing the Officers for 2014. The Board Recruitment Subcommittee convened on Friday, January 10, 2014 and will be proposing the following slate of Officers for the New Year:

Board Chair: Stockton Whitten
Board Vice Chair: Eric Smith
Board Treasurer: Sam Gutierrez

Additionally the Board Recruitment Subcommittee will present two (2) prospective candidates for Board membership: Paula Creed Smith and Reverend Dan Walker.

Thank you for your service over the past year. The commitment of your time, talent and treasures has made a marked difference in the lives of Brevard's vulnerable children and families.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Nellius
Chief Executive Officer