



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency



Board Report

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Narrative Report

October is a very busy month at BFP. We are currently working on a response to an RFP posted by Devereux CBC in St. Lucie County for a prevention and diversion program which closes on October 28, 2013. In addition, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. is preparing for its COA site visit beginning on November 10, 2013. As you are aware I will not be present at the October meeting as Valerie Holmes and I will be attending Georgetown Institute from October 23-30th.

Rita Elkins will be presenting the Donor Relations plan and executive summary to members as well as seeking approval to proceed with the establishment of an account with the Community Foundation. Ms. Sandy Scanelli will be in attendance as a guest to share the activities of the Community Foundation and to answer any questions members may have.

We have invited three (3) group care providers to attend the board meeting as guests this month to share about their program models and experiences caring for our children and youth.

I would like to alert members that DCF has informed the CBC agencies that we will be subject to liquidated damages going forward. DCF approached the CBC's to provide any feedback or recommendations we may have for their consideration. In response to the announcement of liquidated damages being implemented the original A1 delegation reconvened to analyze the impact and make recommendations. I am pleased to report that following the collective efforts of the CBC's, Legal Counsel, and the FCC we have received a response from Jeff Atwater's office stating the current contract language meets the statutory requirement for financial penalties.

I am pleased to report that Kurt Kelly will be present at the October 18th BFP Provider Network Meeting. He and staff will share about the work of the FCC and inform our partners and providers of the legislative priorities for the upcoming year. The Annual FCC Conference is scheduled to occur in January 2014 in Tallahassee. We will advise members of the dates and exact location when we obtain the information. Any members wishing to attend should contact Valerie Randall to secure your accommodations and registration.

The Promise leadership has approached BFP about entering into discussions to explore the possibility of a merger. Kelly Swartz and I will be meeting with the Promise Board on October 21st to begin preliminary dialogue about the steps and the due diligence process for consideration of a potential merger.

The Case Management RFP was posted on October 1st. A bidder's conference was held on October 14th and responses are due on November 15th.

As we will not convene in the month of November I would like to remind members of the Annual Run and Walk for Love to be held on November 16th at the Church of Viera. The Run will begin at 7:30 AM and the Walk will begin at 9:00 AM. Once again I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to Eric Smith for serving as the title sponsor.

On September 27, 2013 the executive team participated in our annual retreat workshop at which time I shared a new model of management to which we will be transitioning as a result of our recent reductions in staff. Effective January 2014, we will begin to transition to a Matrix Management model of leadership. While this has no impact upon the members of the board it will streamline and clarify roles and responsibilities and align projects and special initiatives under lead staff. This approach to management creates economy of scale, greater accountability, cross training and efficiencies.

On October 17-18, 2014 an Independent Living Rule Summit was held in Orlando to review the new law and finalize administrative rule language for implementation on January 1 2014. I am pleased to announce that 35 youth have participated in the Fastrack GED program in preparation for the impending change to the Independent Living program. We have been working with our foster parents and group care providers to ensure capacity for those youth who opt to remain in extended foster care and have been working with the FCC to assess the financial impact to the CBC's as a result of these changes.

The first conference call regarding our partnership with the Sunshine Health plan was convened. The new plan is scheduled to be effective April 1, 2014. As the Magellan program will sunset on December 31, 2013 a transition plan will be required to be developed. Jim Carlson will share the details with members at the Board meeting.

In closing I am pleased to announce that to date we have completed six (6) adoptions with another seven (7) scheduled for Friday, October 18th. Kudos to Kelly Swartz for her diligence and role in finalizing adoptions so Brevard's children are placed with forever families.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Nellius

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