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# Brevard Family Partnership

*A Community Based Care Agency*

## Board Report



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## **Narrative Report**

As BFP winds down this fiscal year, the Board will be presented with the FY: 2014 proposed operating budget for approval at the June Board meeting. This year has been marked by many successes and challenges including budget development with \$632,000 less funding. Please note as of June 10<sup>th</sup> we have yet to receive our schedule of funds; and as we are projecting a \$200,000 deficit in adoption subsidy we may need to present a proposed budget showing the deficit with the planned sources for reconciling the deficit in the event DCF does not adequately fund adoption subsidy.

I am pleased to announce that COA went exceptionally well. Due to the dedication and commitment of our stellar team, under the leadership of Ms. Debbie Davidson Cook, BFP has received expedited status once again. I would like to extend a special word of appreciation to our executive committee members of the Board for their participation in the COA site visit; and to Ms. Debbie Dorfman, Ms. Laurie Anna Blackburn, Ms. Rose Savoy and our executive team and staff for their dedication to the process over the past year.

On May 31 the FCC President Kurt Kelly met with the CEO's and Board Chairs to strategize the FCC agenda for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Jim Carlson attended this meeting on my behalf. Please note that Mr. Kelly is scheduled to attend the June Board meeting to share his vision for the FCC in the coming year. As a result of the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, a delegation of five (5) FCC members were selected from the FCC to meet with the Secretary and staff on June 7, 2013 to discuss the new A1.

As a result of the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, Secretary Wilkins met with representatives from BFP on Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> in Orlando to discuss and resolve issues pertaining to the contract and Attachment 1. Mr. Stockton Whitten, Judge McKibben, Ms. Leigh Holt, Mr. Jim Carlson, Ms. Kelly Swartz and I attended this meeting. The following morning the award announcement was posted and I was presented with the contract and negotiated A1 to be signed and forwarded to the Regional Director to execute on Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> to allow for the 72 hour announcement protest period to end.

On Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> the FCC hosted a meeting with the CBC CEO's and provider representatives and DCF. The meeting included an overview of DCF's new procurement process, acknowledgement that the process Jacksonville and Brevard were subjected to was problematic, and an open dialogue addressing the tensions existing between the FCC membership given the current administration's direction and priorities as compared to the CBC model as prescribed in statute.

DCF indicated a willingness to compose a subcommittee of CBC CEO's and attorneys to review and amend the new A1. Ms. Kelly Swartz and I have been elected to serve on the committee. However it should be noted that the Chief Legal Counsel for DCF has determined when and where the meeting will be convened and has limited it to 2 -3 sessions at which time he will listen to concerns.

On June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> we launched the first phase of the TIC/PYD campaign with the Community Summit at the Holiday Inn Viera. This event has generated interest from all over the country. As a result we will have the President of the Center for the Study of Social Policy in attendance as well as the President and Board members from the Orange Duffle Bag Inc. The plan for the implementation of the TIC initiative is included in your packet.

On June 7th BFP celebrated our Mass Adoption Day with 15 children being adopted into their forever homes. There was widespread press coverage for this wonderful event. A special thanks to Ms. Kelly Swartz for an outstanding job in processing adoptions and working with the families to finalize the process. We are steadily approaching our adoption target and hope to meet and possibly exceed it. However, there have been a few families scheduled to adopt that have postponed finalization.

I am also pleased to announce that BFP received three (3) awards from the Florida Public Relations Association. One was an Image Award and another Judges Award in the category of Public Relations Programs and Special Events for the Run for Love 5K. The third award was an Award of Distinction in the category of Printed Tools of PR for the Quality Parenting Initiative Campaign. We have also submitted the Run for Love 5K to the state Golden Image Awards and the winner of that category will be announced at the FPRA conference in August

As a reminder there will be no Board meeting in the month of July. The next meeting will be held on August 22, 2013. We will convene a Board recruitment subcommittee over the summer for those interested in attending. I have tentatively scheduled the meeting for August 1, 2013 at 9:00 AM. Any and all members are encouraged to attend as the committee has downsized with the recent resignation of Board members.

I am pleased to report that our outside legal counsel has communicated to us that they have been informed that this week we may receive verification of being dropped as parties to the lawsuit.

With 10 days notice BFP has submitted an application for a Substance Abuse grant released by DCF as a result of a Legislative appropriation.

Please note as it is the end of the fiscal year you may be receiving numerous contracts for your 5 day review. Should you have any questions or concerns about any of the contracts you receive please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Nellius

Chief Executive Officer