



# Brevard Family Partnership

*A Community Based Care Agency*



## Board Report

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## Narrative Report

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I am pleased to report that the strategies employed to improve the BFP Scorecard performance are demonstrating positive results as we were ranked at 6<sup>th</sup> in statewide performance on the most recent report. This is a result of the strong and committed partnerships we have with our provider agencies and community of practice leadership who are serving on the Scorecard Steering committee and each leading a subcommittee pertaining to a metric.

On September 4, 2013 the Board Recruitment Subcommittee convened to explore potential prospects to serve on the Board. Preliminary information is being gathered to proceed with informal meetings with select prospects.

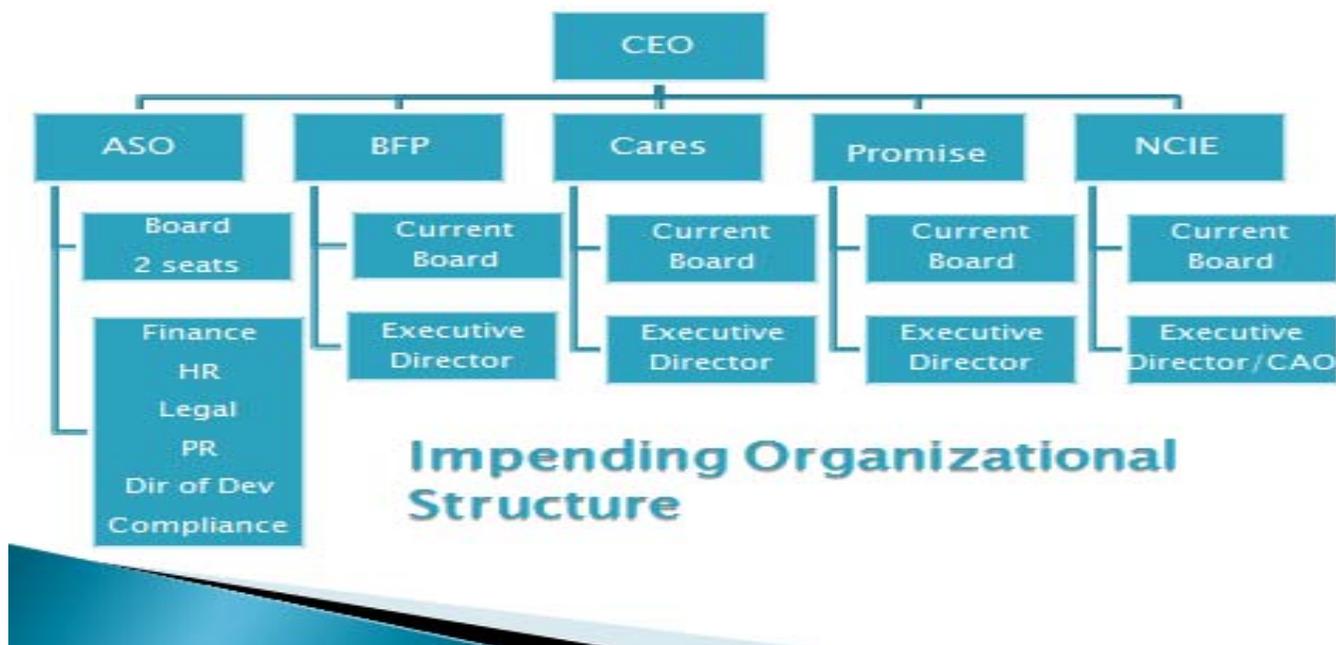
The Rollins Center for Philanthropy has agreed to conduct our annual retreat training on January 23, 2014. The topic will be “The Board's Role in Fundraising” – This module helps board members learn the importance they play in the cultivation of new donors and the stewardship of existing donors. It is designed to help Board members recognize their role and responsibility to ensure the organization has sustainable funding.

I would like to thank the Melbourne Beach Rotary Club and Eric Smith for their recent contribution of \$2,500. I would also like to thank Brooke Deratany Goldfarb for presenting to the Rotary and accepting this generous gift on our behalf. In addition, Eric Smith has agreed to be the title sponsor for our Run for Love. I would like to thank Eric for his generosity and support for this important cause. The Annual Run and Walk for Love are scheduled to be held on November 16, 2013 at the Church of Viera. The Second Annual Run for Love will begin at 7:30 AM and the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Love will begin at 9:00 AM.

Plans for the Upcoming National Wraparound Conference to be held on March 11 – 13, 2014 at the Cocoa Beach Hilton are coming along nicely. We have a stellar group of Keynote speakers and guests from leading National Organizations who have agreed to participate. The sponsorship goals are progressing with \$13,000 committed to date. This event will also include the launch and announcement of the opening of the NCIE currently scheduled for March 12, 2014. Please put this date in your calendar to ensure you will be able to attend the NCIE evening event. At this time, we are targeting an early evening activity in the 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM start time.

I would like to inform the Board of the diversification status to date. Kelly Swartz and I have been working on the details of creating an ASO/MSO. To date we have conferred with outside legal counsel on the best legal status for us to consider achieving our objectives. The intent is to create an ASO (Administrative Service Organization) and move all administrative staff under the new entity. Once complete the new entity will be positioned to provide ASO support to local nonprofit agencies seeking consolidation and efficiency as a strategic alliance. The first agency to begin purchasing services is slated to be Promise in Brevard. Promise will purchase these services under BFP in the interim and once the ASO is fully established Promise has expressed interest in coming under BFP as a division similar to Brevard C.A.R.E.S. and the NCIE.

Betsy Farmer will be a guest at the Board meeting to share about Promise to better acquaint the Board with the agency and its mission and vision. There is a significant amount of due diligence and restructuring that will be required. This will include reviewing all Bylaws and Articles of each subsidiary to ensure alignment, the establishment of the new Board of Directors and the model for Board membership which is envisioned to include a select number of members from each subsidiary Board. I will be meeting with the executive Team for our annual retreat on Sept 27<sup>th</sup> at which time I will be rolling out a new model of matrix management in an effort to begin the necessary preparations for the transition. Below is an overview of the direction we are moving toward.



The DCF Child protection Summit was held during August 28 - 30. I would like to extend a special word of appreciation to Kathleen Rich New and Dixie Sansom for their participation. There were several meetings at the Summit. These included a meeting with Annie E. Casey to discuss modifications and recommendations of the scorecard methodology, an FCC Legislative and Board meeting, Circuit meetings with Judge Mahl and community of practice to assess areas of needed improvement and to strategize action steps, and a meeting with Secretary Jacobo to discuss the priorities of the administration and the CBC Legislative agenda.

As you know BFP has formalized its partnership with the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) as a Thrive Site. The Thrive model will be integrated into the Trauma Informed Care-Positive Youth Development Initiative (TIC-PYD). This includes assessing the desired results with the identification of 3-5 goals over the next five (5) years that will improve the quality of life for our youth, indicators that we are making strides, and the manner in which we will collect, analyze and report the data and trends. The CSSP will provide TA, consultation and TIC training by national experts including a Train the Trainer module. BFP will be permitted as a pilot to use the Thrive logo and materials. As part of the TIC-PYD we have been working with the IL Youth to engage participation and establishment of a Youth Advisory Board. Including former foster youth on all levels of the System of Care is a requirement of the CSSP that aligns with the values and practice of BFP.

I am also pleased to announce to further support this initiative BFP was selected by Lead Brevard as one of the project sites for the upcoming 2014 class. Our request was to specifically assist with the development of the Youth Advisory Board. We have also been working with a local attorney who has expressed interest in doing a fellowship with BFP to lead, guide and direct the Youth Advisory council formation and to build public private partnerships that will support and sustain our youth upon exit from the system. An application for a 2 year fellowship from Equal Justice in the amount of \$82,000 was submitted on September 17<sup>th</sup> to begin FY: 2014-15 if selected.

On September 12, we convened a meeting with 10 IL Youth seven (7) of whom expressed interest in participating. We also had one of our IL youth speak at the Summit with Dr. Schneider-Munoz at a statewide leadership session and another youth, Trenton Miller who previously spoke with the Board, graduate from the statewide youth leadership academy.

In order to prepare for the impending change to the IL Law, we have diligently met with each of the young adults who have aged out and currently receive RTI funds who would be in jeopardy of losing the funding to assist them in obtaining their GED and to offer the option of returning to care. To date 21 are schedule for the Fastrack GED program.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has submitted its COA self-study and is scheduled for an onsite visit on November 10 – 12, 2013. As part of the preparation and analysis of the program we have begun to assess caseloads and staffing in accordance with COA requirements as Brevard C.A.R.E.S. currently substantially exceeds the national standards. In addition as a result of the drastic increase in the census at Brevard C.A.R.E.S., they are currently running a projected \$325,000 service deficit. This projected deficit is being presented to our Legislative delegation.

Dixie Sansom and Geo Ropert have met with each of our Legislative delegates and will be providing a report to the Board at the upcoming Board meeting.

Kurt Kelly will be joining us at the October Provider Network meeting to share the benefits of becoming a FCC Member and to update the community on the Legislative priorities of the membership.

Representatives from Bouchard Insurance will also be present at the September meeting to provide an overview of insurance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Nellius

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