



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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Narrative Report

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. In recognition of local child abuse prevention and diversion efforts, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. will be present to share information about upcoming activities with the BFP Board members at the March meeting. Members will have the opportunity to hear from a staff member, family, and the Executive Director. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. will be hosting a signature event Kayaking for Kids at Kiwanis Island in Merritt Island on April 13, 2013 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Members are welcomed. The Child Abuse Prevention Task Force will be hosting an awards breakfast at the Suntree Country Club at 7:30 AM on Thursday April 18th. There are several other events planned for the month of April to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention which are provided below:

April 2 Pinwheel Plantings start at 9:00 AM for North, Central and South County

April 6 Squid Lips Boat Regatta to benefit CAPTF starts at 5:00 PM

April 10-12 Children's Week in Tallahassee

April 18 CAPTF Breakfast Awards Banquet at 7:30 AM

April 22 Prevention Walk scheduled at 9:00 AM for zip code 32935

April 25 Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Alumni Meeting at Family Resource Center

April 26 Fiesta Brevard BFP and Brevard C.A.R.E.S. will share a table to increase community awareness about Child Abuse Prevention

Due to the impact of the sequestration on the Brevard Public Schools, the Head Start contract will not be renewed on July 1. A proposal was submitted to retain one position to provide training, technical assistance and coaching and to carry a small caseload. A response is expected in the next month.

The National Center for Innovation and Excellence in partnership with Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has been awarded a \$30,000 contract to conduct statewide Wraparound Training at three (3) innovation sites. The 2nd National Wraparound Conference is scheduled to take place at the Cocoa Beach Hilton from March 11-13 2014. The volunteer subcommittee has begun the planning process for the event. Any and all volunteers are welcomed to participate. I had the privilege to meet with Ms. Judy Nee in West Palm Beach whose resume can be found on the portal and in your binder. Ms. Nee's resume will be presented for consideration to the Board as a potential candidate for the NCIE Board of Directors.

May 8th and 9th will launch the kick off for the Trauma Informed Care /Positive Youth Development Initiative. The Brevard County Stakeholder's Summit will take place on May 9th at the Melbourne Airport Hilton from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.. This forum is intended as an introduction to the transformation of the system and will include three (3) successful young adults who were involved in the foster care system as teenagers: Lydia Joyner, Mark Anthony Garret and Lucas Boyce from Orlando Magic. These young adults will meet with the youth on the evening of May 8th and with the community leadership and partners on May 9th. Members are encouraged to attend this inspiration and educational forum. In preparation for the event I am meeting with key community leaders to share the vision, mission and purpose and to solicit their support and involvement.

In preparation for the proposed budget reductions I have been working with the executive team to analyze areas of potential reduction with as minimal impact to the children and families served as possible. I am devising a three (3) tier reduction plan. The first tier will consist of efficiencies that will be implemented as a result of the economic environment. Tier 2 will be implemented if we do not (?) receive the one time appropriation or some relief from the equity allocation formula. Tier 3 will be implemented if we experience the full scale proposed reduction and fiscal impact of unfunded Legislative mandates. I have received quotes from James Moore for outsourcing accounting and book keeping and am proceeding with this transition effective July 1. This will result in over \$43,000 in savings with minimal impact to our operations. This includes the reduction in the services through economy of scale, a reduction in administrative overhead and ancillary required supports purchased such as the Solomon and Tribridge contracts, postage, storage, etc.

We have been informed that DCF has postponed the announcement of our award scheduled for March 27, 2013 due to a hold up in Tallahassee. The review committee meeting that was scheduled to make the nomination has been canceled. BFP received a request to respond to some of the provisions in the contract. Our responses were submitted to DCF on March 13, 2013.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Debbie Davidson Cook for the countless hours and her leadership, dedication and commitment in overseeing the COA process. The COA site visit is scheduled to occur on May 20 and 21. Select members will be called upon to meet with the reviewers.

Members will be provided a copy of the CEO performance Evaluation tool for completion and submission to Valerie Randall by April 10, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Nellius

Chief Executive Officer