



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



March 23, 2017

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Narrative Report

March is National Social Work Recognition Month. To recognize our child welfare care managers BFP hosted a luncheon recognition event on March 16th at the South and Central Care Centers.

BFP was informed by DCF that we will be undergoing another fiscal audit of compliance with federal sub recipient requirements.

The BFP COA site visit has been postponed until September 24-26, 2017.

The Legislative session began on March 7, 2017 and there has been a great deal of activity surrounding proposed Child Welfare legislation. This includes: SB 1044 and corresponding HB 1121, SB754 on Trauma Informed Services pertaining to Human Trafficking victims, SB 1694 and the corresponding HB 1199 on Ungovernable Youth and Parent Victims of DV as well as many others. Jim Carlson will be providing a Legislative Report to the Board monthly throughout the session.

The NCFIE pilot demonstration project for Volusia Flagler has been filed by Representative Plasencia as HB 4095 - Relating to National Center for Innovation and Excellence - C.A.R.E.S. Pilot Project, Services to Reduce Placement in the Child Welfare System – 2017 and is pending approval at the Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee.

Staff will be presenting at the CWLA Conference on March 29th and conducting congressional visits while in DC. We have also secured advertising in the CWLA program and will be a vendor to promote the C.A.R.E.S. model program. BFP and C.A.R.E.S. staff will be in Tallahassee the week of March 27th for Children's Week.

As previously requested members will find a Return on Investment report on PowerPoint with supplementary documents that outline the draft cost model for the National Replication of C.A.R.E.S. demonstrating the investments made towards capacity building to date. The NCFIE has received 5 replication inquiries with 2 very promising prospects. The NCFIE will be holding its 5th National Wraparound Training Institute in Melbourne Beach in May.

At the Board of Directors meeting on January 26, 2017, the Board considered a potential business relationship to develop software for use by human services agencies. The Board considered several business organization options, including the formation of a Limited Liability Company with the National Center for Innovation and Excellence ("NCFIE") and five individuals as members. Based on the requirements for a nonprofit to have control over an LLC to ensure the nonprofit's charitable purposes are furthered by the company, the Board recommended that NCFIE explore partnering with a single business entity in lieu of five individual members. Outlined below is the response from Growing Tree and its partners that proposes a business organization that attempts to fulfill the Board's recommendation. A motion for direction will be presented at the Board meeting.

Proposed Limited Liability Company

Member	Ownership Interest	Voting Interest
NCFIE	50%	51
TBD, LLC	50%	49

- Since the Board's recommendations centered on control over the LLC for tax purposes, this organization provides equal ownership interest in assets while providing NCFIE with controlling authority over the strategic direction of the company.

- Internal business and organizational decisions will require unanimous approval from both members (e.g., dissolution/sale, changes to LLC Organizational Documents, membership transfers/additions, contribution requirements, employment decisions, and contractor decisions).
- Initial capital contributions are to be determined by the members, but are likely minimal to cover organizational costs.
- TBD, LLC will be a Florida Limited Liability Company comprised of the five individuals (Kellie Sweat Darnell, Marc Slager, Astrid Pallme, Scott Popovic, and Ravi Palacharla).
- The Proposed LLC will subcontract with TBD, LLC for all technology-related offerings and services.

We are waiting to receive the narrative and draft Strategic Plan priorities from the Strategic Planner. Upon receipt the Board will be provided a copy for comment. Patrice has drafted the Bylaws and Articles for the new subsidiary as directed by the Board will be presented for motion at the March 23, 2017 Board meeting. As directed by the Board, Andrea Betting will be proposing 2 new Board candidates to be appointed to the new enterprise to include Kelly Swartz, former BFP Attorney and current Director of Legal Services for the Florida Statewide Guardian ad Litem Program, and Ms. Leigh Holt, former Brevard County Lobbyist and Strategic Planning Officer.

BFP continues to operate within the approved annual budget and staff have begun preliminary work to review gaps, needs and projections for the new FY.

The Annual Board Strategy Session will occur on the regularly scheduled April Board meeting date and run from 8:30-12:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Nellius
Chief Executive Officer