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# Brevard Family Partnership

*A Community Based Care Agency*

## Board Report



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Jim Carlson, Interim CEO

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## Narrative Report

Brevard CARES selected their new Executive Director, Tracy Pellegrino. Tracy brings over 27 years of work experience in the child welfare, mental health, and exceptional educational systems, most recently serving as the Project Director for nearly five years at CBC Central Florida. We thank Heather Howlett for her service as Interim Director. I also want to recognize the work of the subcommittee who worked collaboratively throughout the selection process.

CARES also announced they had been chosen as a recipient of a 20 month, \$423,000 contract for increased Mobile Response services. The specific terms are scheduled to be negotiated before the first week of November. This contract will expand the age group of recipients of Mobile Response to 25, and will add service to Brevard schools and the community.

At the June meeting the board approved the FY 18-19 budget that included \$491,890 in reserve funding under the capacity building line. The Family of Agency Executive Directors have met bi-weekly and unanimously approved the following expenditures from that line.

CARES Family Support Worker for the NJIS unit	\$32,750
PLL contract provider	\$18,920
ESSA transportation contract Crosswinds	\$41,000
CAES additional NJIS unit	\$319,675
BFP QA/training coordinator	\$45,500

Currently \$33,045 remains unencumbered in the capacity building line.

We have received our final reconciliation of our DCF funding for FY 17-18. BFP ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$494,676, when coupled with our FY 16-17 deficit of \$ 196,437 BFP has a roll forward balance of \$298,239. The Executives of the FOA have agreed to a plan on setting aside a portion of the carry forward funding to pay for one-time expenses, including the cubicles to house the two Non Judicial units at Brevard CARES.

I attended the Alliance For Strong Families and Communities Conference on behalf of the NCFIE October14-17. The NCFIE was a sponsor at the event, and I was able to make contact with several government and private agencies regarding their opportunity to open a CARES replication site. An expanding program in North Carolina led by Will Jones had previously expressed interest, and I had several conversations with Will at the conference, Arapahoe County Colorado also expressed interest in the CARES model and several attendees were interested in wraparound certification training.

Our annual Lip Sync Gala was a success, gross proceeds have exceeded \$40,000 and we are still receiving funds from the event. I want to thank the board members and BFP staff who participated, and those who supported the event through their attendance. We have planned that next year's event will take place October 19 with music from the 90's.

Reports regarding the devastation that occurred in the Florida Panhandle include information that 40 of the 60 case managers working for Childrens Home Society in the affected region are not able to live in their homes due to storm damage. Through the Florida Coalition a fund has been set up to assist case managers. At their meeting October 19 the FOA Executive Directors collectively agreed to support a request from all BFP family of agency staff to raise \$1,000 in support of the affected case managers.

I want to thank the recruitment subcommittee of the board for their work over the past year, and to express my appreciation to the BFP board for allowing me to serve as interim over the past 13 months; it has been a great privilege to work with the leadership of each agency, and the 4 boards.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Carlson  
Interim Chief Executive Officer