



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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Jim Carlson, Interim CEO

Narrative Report

BFP received its back of the bill funding of \$397,000. This amount is designated to cover the deficit of \$196,000 from FY 16-17 and \$201,000 to cover Independent living funding shortfalls in FY 17-18. BFP has executed amendments with Family Allies and CARES to cover their projected deficit of \$235,000 for Family Allies and \$65,000 for CARES

The DCF narrative around The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) is coming into focus, and the current message is that Florida will opt for the delay in group care funding/prevention. On several conference calls DCF financial leadership indicated the potential loss of IV-E funding for group care placements far exceeds the ability to earn prevention service funding at this time.

The Brevard Children's Services Council (CSC) continues to meet monthly working towards their effort of a ballot initiative for funding through a property tax assessment. Initial community polling indicates there is support for this initiative, and the members of the council are planning to present to the Board of County Commissioners on July 24 to get on the November ballot. At their June meeting, the CSC voted to have the council be an independent entity, and that the ask would be for the authority for 0.33 millage with the initial assessment being 0.25 millage. If passed, this initiative would generate over \$8.5 million in the first year, with the funds becoming available in December 2019. The CSC is currently chaired by Judge Kelly McKibben, and staffed by the United Way.

We are currently in the midst of the 1 year anniversary celebration for Family Allies. Bill Bucher and I met with the staff of Brevard Business News (BBN) for their feature article that will appear in the July 9 edition of BBN.

A candidate has been identified for the Family Allies Executive Director position. 65 candidates applied for the position. The interview process included 3 face to face interviews and a battery of assessments. Thank you to Kathleen Rich-New for her assistance and guidance through the assessment process.

Phebe Powell, the Executive Director at CARES has accepted the Brevard Director position at Children's Home Society effective July 16. Dan Rogers the CARES board chair and I have met to outline the plan for identifying the attributes needed, and setting up the hiring process for a new CARES Executive Director. In the interim, Debbie Davidson-Cook will assume the role of Interim Executive Director effective July 16.

Our current lobbyist Dixie Sansom and I met with Representative Rene Plasencia on June 19. After discussing the issues around BFP receiving a 2 year renewal, Rep. Plasencia offered to speak on our behalf to the new governor, and incoming Secretary of DCF, as well as current DCF leadership that will be staying after the election.

Director of Licensing LaChrista Jones and I met with staff from Family First/All Pro Dad which is an agency funded by DCF to generate leads for foster and adoptive homes throughout the state. Family First has a contract with Tony Dungy to market the need for foster and adoptive homes. Family First will be working with BFP to create digital billboard marketing that will be displayed on Clear Channel digital billboards in Brevard.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Carlson
Interim Chief Executive Officer