



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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Narrative Report

March is National Professional Social Work Month emphasizing how every day social workers act as advocates, champions and leaders to strengthen families and change lives. I am pleased to report that collectively staff from the Family of Agencies has been featured in social media throughout the month and will be featured in the agency newsletter to highlight the outstanding work of dedicated staff in the field. Members of the The Holy Trinity Church were featured in the Viera Voice for recognition of their donations to children in foster care; received by members of the BFP Licensing Team. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and a schedule of activities and events has been provided.

In partnership with Family Allies, BFP has re initiated the Casey Permanency Roundtables (PRT) as another initiative to expedite permanency for children in care. An upcoming Values Training will be held to stimulate thinking and learning in ways to accelerate permanency and address any systemic barriers to achieving permanency through the engagement of Brevard County Stakeholders (such as Guardian Ad Litem, DCF and Children's Legal Services). The specific target population includes youth with a goal of Another Planned Permanency Living Arrangement (APPLA), youth whom will age out in foster care and youth who have been in care for more than 18 months and have not achieved permanency. A Permanency Action Plan is designed for each child and youth that is reviewed monthly through a teaming process.

Five Points has designed a system for BFP to modernize and increase efficiencies with the licensing and placement functionality; the new software system titled "Care Match" in the beta testing process. Software training is scheduled to occur this month. Care Match will receive data feeds from Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN), the current Florida State Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS).

Planning is well underway for The Annual Youth Summit; scheduled for June 22 at the Holiday Inn in Viera. Jared Vermillon has been secured as the keynote speaker for the event. Jared attended the most recent National Wraparound Training Institute and resides in Davie, California. As a transformation and Wraparound Champion, Jarred has provided support for administrators, direct line staff, families and communities. He is affiliated with the University of California, is a former consumer and parent advocate. The youth attending the Brevard Youth Leadership Academy will also be recognized followed by a youth panel at the Summit.

BFP has been a partner in the Child Welfare/Behavioral Health Integration Project with the goals of effective integration of child welfare and substance abuse/mental health services. Timely response to mental health and substance abuse treatment needs is critical to achieving positive outcomes for children and families in the child welfare system with coordinated case planning as the primary mechanism for integrating the provision of services. An interagency meeting was held with Circles of Care, Aspire Health Partners and DCF to launch the initiative. The Family of Agencies will receive training at the next all staff meeting.

I have continued to serve on the Space Coast Health Foundation Behavioral Health Task Force ("BHTF") which has recently launched a new project to improve attendance rates for adult consumers of mental and behavioral health services. This consists of a pilot transportation project to begin in 2018 to help to determine the effectiveness of providing transportation services to a targeted group of behavioral health recipients. The pilot will be conducted for a time period sufficient (at least 6 months) to capture meaningful data. The identified sites for the pilot are Circles of Care and Lifetime Counseling Center.

The NewCo inaugural board meeting was held at which time the organization was named Systems of Care Technology Solutions. The group discussed potential new business opportunities for the C.A.R.E.S. Data Platform (retitled the Wraparound Children's Management System (CMS), the model design, dashboard for capturing data, potential sources of funding and utilization management functional scope. The Board will convene monthly; the next meeting will occur on March 27. The Erie County New York Contract is also underway; a conference call

with the leadership team was initiated to review the major deliverables of the contract, establish a timeline and execute a plan to coach new Wraparound practitioners into high fidelity practice.

A gap in services analysis has been initiated by the BFP Quality Assurance and Compliance team to evaluate current service delivery and obtain feedback needed to pro-actively plan for the new Fiscal Year. A Request for Proposal has been posted for the service delivery of Family Reunification Services. In compliance with the Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP), the BFP Annual Progress and Services Report update was submitted to DCF. The report outlined a broad overview of the BFP child welfare system design, continuum of service and practice, assessment of performance and mechanisms of collaboration and oversight.

During the month of April, (in lieu of the Board Meeting), a Strategic Planning Workshop will be held at the Crowne Plaza. The agenda will include a legislative update from Dixie Sampson, a summary of the progress and current status of the Family of Agencies Organizational Assessment and an overview of the FY 17/18 Strategic Plan through the end of Quarter 3.

Respectfully Submitted,

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