



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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Phil Scarpelli, Chief Executive Officer

Key accomplishment(s) this past month.

- Participated in our State's Annual Child Protection Conference in Orlando. While there, I was invited to meet with Erik Dellenback, the newly appointed Faith and Community Based Liaison to the Governor. He was interested in BFP's history and current involvement with our faith community. He was impressed with our strong community of cohesive foster parents and the record number of adoptions we set this past year. He and I agreed to collaborate our efforts sharing best practices.
- Met with tenant brokers to prospect opportunities to consolidate our work spaces in both the north and south of our county to create efficiencies in both cost and the operationalizing of services with the Department and Legal Services in the South while entertaining case management and our CARES teams in the north. The goal is to reduce costs, increase operational efficiencies while building positive working relations among our staff across program areas and with our stakeholders.
- Ready for Life Brevard (RFLB), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a youth driven solution-based skill center that helps teens and young adults avoid homelessness and crime by removing barriers to their education and employment utilizing lifeline support networks. RFLB provides support, resources and guidance that youth in foster care need to transition to adulthood. They are a family-like community that serves, inspires and empowers young adults that are transitioning out of foster care (and their children) to be Ready for Life. I volunteered to be one of their inaugural Board of Directors. Ready for Life, together with BFP, will unite and leverage our community's resources so that youth who will be aging out of foster care achieve their hopes and dreams. Check out their website: readyforlifebrevard.org

Key challenges moving forward

- As we prepare our trek to Tallahassee this coming week during the annual "Rally in Tally" and "Children's Week" to speak to legislators, we are asking a foster family and youth to join us be the voice of many in our system. Our challenge, as it is within our industry across the US, is to ensure that legislators engage themselves in Child Welfare issues and vote on policy and funding that advances our efforts to better serve children and families at risk.

Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- I have been working with our consultants from Insperity to ensure that this year's Board Retreat is the best to date. I am confident that, with our skilled facilitators, we will all be engaged in rich discussions, meaningful activities, creating the kind of synergy that will yield promising actionable goals and objectives. My only request is for our dedicated Board members to allow themselves to be engaged in an opportunity that will further build on our relationships and further build on the future of our organization and its mission.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Scarpelli
Chief Executive Officer