



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.

- The month's highlight was our annual trip to the State Capitol for the Rally in Tally event during Children's Week. This year we brought a foster/adoptive family and their seven children to meet with several legislators (Senators Mayfield and Wright; Representatives Altman, and Sirois, along with representatives from our Brevard Youth Thrive Council. Their testimonies and message of hope gained the hearts of our delegation. We are moving forward with follow up contact meetings with each legislator at their local Brevard County offices through the coming months. While in Tallahassee, our Youth had the opportunity to tour Florida State University's campus, an exciting opportunity for them.
- We reconvened the National Center for Innovation and Excellence's council membership and *prospective* members this past week for an open "think-tank" forum discussing everything from membership composition, re-evaluating its mission, scope of activities and options for its entity status. The group will be meeting every two weeks for the duration of its planning period. The group wrapped us with several assigned tasks to include some market research efforts, legal and financial consultation, the pursuit of grant opportunities, etc.
- I co-presented with our Licensing Director LaChrista Jones at the local Northrop Grumman facility to an audience of thirty engineers on the prospect of fostering and adopting children from within our system of care. It was one of the most engaging and stimulating conversation we have had in such a recruitment event. Two of our current licensed foster/adoptive family members participated in the question and answer segment. Several individuals responded favorably with an interest in taking the next steps toward becoming a potential licensed foster home.
- I had the privilege of participating in our CARES Wraparound training held here in Melbourne facilitated by Tracy Little, Tracy Pellegrino and Dr. Nelliuss. This was a large audience of attendees from across the US combined with local providers and some of our own staff. The feedback provided by the participants were favorable with a strong consensus that the model will bring them opportunities for success in the replication in their respective counties.

Key challenges moving forward

- Our newly formed finance team is working diligently to get our financial documentation up to date addressing competing priorities and yet making steady progress. Both the Department of Children and Families (Regional Contracts Team and HQ) and our Independent Auditor have provided much support and guidance attributing to the progress that has been made to date.

Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- I have been asked to conduct a full day leadership training for the Department of Children and Families' Central Regional Leadership Academy. I co-authored the Academy's leadership curriculum with the former Regional Managing Director almost ten years ago for which much of the content remains today.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Chief Executive Officer