



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.

- Covid-19 – We are prepared to execute our return to the workplace plan in early June. All 4 of our facilities have been sanitized and prepped with Personal Protective Equipment. Our return will be slow, methodical and in a staggered fashion to ensure the safety and well-being of our workforce. We will continue to function within the guidelines of social distancing along with the mandatory use of PPEs when dealing with children and families whom we serve. Our team has been exemplary in their efforts to maintain communication and services to our foster/adoptive and biological families and their children with great diligence and compassion.
- As per the Child Abuse Protection Treatment Act & Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention for the provision of “Home Visitation for Substance-Affected Infants and their Families,” the Department of Children and Families intends to award Brevard Family Partnership \$294,000 to contract with Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida and the United Way of Brevard for Healthy Families Brevard. The Grant agreement may be renewed, subject to the availability of funds. Although a wonderful example of collaboration with several of our community partner agencies, much thanks go to Tracy Pellegrino who took the lead in representing BFP/FOA.
- As a member of our county’s most recently established non-profit, Ready for Life, I have brought together the collaboration with Brevard Family Partnership, Ready for Life, Crosswinds Youth Services. Open Table and our members of our Faith Community whereby the focus will be to ensure the readiness for success for our youth aging out of foster care with three primary goals, stable housing, continued education, and employment. Integrating the Open Table model will assist us in providing youth complex needs sustainable access to relationships and social capital they can use to develop the lives they envision for themselves.

Key challenges moving forward

- As we cautiously prepare for the return of our workforce from COVID-19, we remain vigilant should we need to return to our a “virtual operational status” should there be an increase of the virus and Governor order. Nevertheless, the experience has precipitated much discussion and planning around the re-evaluation of our organization’s carbon footprint regarding facility space, use of technology and the successful demonstration of running operations more efficiently. Challenges with restrictions imposed upon our circuit’s judiciary by the Supreme Court continues to negatively impact court activities and thusly permanency for a subpopulation of our children served. Lastly, although we have truly been blessed with minimal viral impact on our workforce, maintaining the safety of our field-based staff will remain among our highest priority indefinitely.

Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- For our valued Board Members to continue to keep yourselves healthy and safe.
- We will continue to need PPEs for our Family of Agencies in particular for our mission critical staff.
- Please take the time to visit our website to view our most recent events for which we celebrated:
 - May’s highlight: Our Team’s recent tribute to our foster parents as we continue to honor them throughout Foster Parent Appreciation Month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Scarpelli
Chief Executive Officer