



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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Key accomplishment(s) this past month.

- Covid-19 – The FOA leadership team continues to meet weekly to discuss in great detail our ongoing assessment and plans for our staff’s return to the workplace. I will be monitoring closely the guidance and actions to be taken by the Office of the Governor, the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Education and our local Courts. For now, staff have been informed that our return to the workplace will be no sooner than August 1st. In the meantime, all four FOA’s buildings have been sanitized and this week additional PPEs and our “Return to the Office” work plan have been distributed to each site ready for access to our employees upon their return.
- This year will mark BFP’s increased engagement of our Faith Community throughout Brevard County. Monday of this week I participated with Bishop Clark at the South Brevard Prayer Rally to unite with the community in prayer for racial reconciliation. Our churches in Brevard county have been both responsive and generous to our cause, I want them to know that we will reciprocate and unite in solidarity since together we represent all families.
- I shared with you all my message to our staff regarding the events in the news as of late. I have encouraged our expanded leadership team to engage staff so that they can share dialogue reflecting their thoughts and emotions regarding our social crises. It is truly times like this that define our Family of Agencies as a leader in demonstrating unity and an appreciation for diversity while remaining focused on our mission protecting our communities’ most vulnerable children and at-risk families.
- We are taking advantage of as much social media opportunities to share with our foster, adoptive families, community stakeholder, the Department and the Florida Coalition for Children to highlight the positives that continue to occur each week regarding our graduating youth, the adoption of our children and the amazing efforts to serve under these adverse conditions by our extremely dedicated staff.
- We are moving into negotiations with a potentially new information technology (IT) vendor after our team’s diligent review of several Request for Proposals (RFP). The desire was to challenge the company who will support our FOAs next chapter of IT services. We are looking for cutting edge technology, superior customer service, a cost-effective contract and finally a relationship predicated on working towards understanding the growing needs of our organization.
- We are working in concert with our local Ready for Life chapter who have resources to assist our mentors in working with our promising adults of tomorrow. I would like to share with the Board the opportunity for them, or someone they know, to mentor youth who are aging out of foster care. The expectation is for the individual to simply develop a healthy and supportive relationship while provide guidance towards independence.

Key challenges moving forward

- With the uncertainty of our Schools, DCF and our Courts return to full operations, the obvious challenges faced by our workforce is managing the multitude of tasks required to serve our children and families under such restrictive conditions. FOA’s expanded leadership team has provided and instructional documents and related professional protective equipment to our staff and sharing our limited resources to our partner agencies. Until such a time that the Supreme Court increases court activities and the school doors open, we will continue to use virtual media to stay on top of the services provided to our families through virtual media when possible and make family connections occur with a strict adherence to the CDC’s guidelines of social distancing and the vigilant use of PPEs.

Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- No requests but for you all to keep yourselves and families healthy and safe. On second thought, if you know any where we can purchase latex gloves, masks, and sanitizers, we *are* getting by on our inventory of such PPEs but more efforts in finding such supplies would be most appreciated!
- Please continue to check out both our BFP Website and Facebook pages regarding news and events we have been proud to share with our stakeholders throughout Brevard county.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chief Executive Officer