



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



May 27, 2021

Phil Scarpelli, Chief Executive Officer

- Our Leadership Retreat for our directors and executive level staff was a great success with exceptionally positive feedback. Building on unity, fellowship and being “Better Together” through such unprecedented challenges this past year. We look forward to potentially hosting a similar retreat opportunity in the future for our mid-level managers throughout our family of agencies.
- Our Dependency Court Judge Kelly McKibben hosted a Dependency Stakeholder Meeting to address current trends, challenges, and action items from the court perspective. We look forward to working closely with Judge McKibben in the future to ensure that BFP and our FA case management teams meet expectations to our consumers, stakeholders, and the judiciary.
- The new Brevard C.A.R.E.S. website is now live, designed by Rock Paper Simple. The BFP website design is now in progress and should be finished very soon. In addition to the website design, we are piloting a new agreement with RPS to provide us with various Public Relations and Communications services in lieu of a replacement for our Public Relations Manager position. We are excited to see their resources and creativity come to life throughout upcoming projects.
- Going forward, I will be sitting in on a full day of court proceedings per month to observe our team’s efforts in the courtroom and identify areas for improvement and areas of well-deserved praise.
- The Annual Child Abuse Prevention Task Force Awards Banquet was held virtually on the last day of April. Congratulations are in order to our very own Osha Fordom and Kathryn Parker at Brevard C.A.R.E.S.! Osha received the Social Service Individual Award and Kathryn Parker received the Child Abuse Prevention Leader Award. In addition, the Melbourne Square Mall raised \$1,000 for CAPTF through fountain donations for the month of April!
- I attended the Proclamation for Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week with Tracy Pellegrino on Tuesday, May 4th at the County Commissioner’s Office in Viera.
- Brevard C.A.R.E.S. held their board retreat on Wednesday, May 5th and several of our directors were able to join their board members and participate in a wonderful team-building and strategic planning experience in Satellite Beach.
- I attended the “It Takes a Village Fundraising Breakfast” for Impower in Longwood on Thursday, May 6th. Impower (our premier Adoptions Provider) was incredibly grateful for our support and it was a very successful event with testimonials.
- The BFP Foster Parent Appreciation Picnic was held on Saturday, May 8th at the Space Coast Stadium Complex in Viera. It was a wonderful event for our foster parents and their families on a beautiful day. During the event, I also had the opportunity to engage in action-oriented dialogue with several foster parents.
- Month 1 of the new Peer Mentor Academy, hosted by Heather Howlett, including orientation was very encouraging. There are 9 students in the inaugural class for this initiative. As a speaker and certified MBTI trainer, I was able to engage the class on various elements of emotional intelligence (EQ).
- We completed a walk-through of our new office location in Rockledge recently and progress is coming along nicely. We have chosen our flooring and paint colors and are working on finalizing our signage for the building. The landlord is working diligently to ensure our requested renovations are completed for a July move.

Upcoming Community Events

- May is National Foster Care Month as well as Mental Health Awareness Month. We are highlighting several posts on social media regarding both topics and including useful information in our newsletter.
- Momento Music Festival is taking place on June 19th at Wickham Park Amphitheater and will benefit Ready for Life Brevard.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Scarpelli, CEO