



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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Phil Scarpelli, Chief Executive Officer

- As chair of the FCC Lead Agency Council, I have been promoting several key issues faced by Lead Agencies across the state. We are working on resolutions to proposed language that will address “indemnification” required by the Department and ensure managing liabilities are a shared responsibility of the Lead Agency and their respective case management agencies, ie. Family Allies. As the requirements of FFPSA continues to drive rising costs of residential care for our children and youth we are continuing our plight to have DCF and the Legislature recognize “adequacy funding” to keep Lead Agencies and Providers “whole” without compromise to the care necessary for the needs of our children served in “high-end” placements.
- RPS is continuing to make significant progress in the advancements of our family of agencies’ websites, including a page for the new BFP Foundation.
- Our Golf Tournament Fundraiser promotion is in high gear as we are reaching out to businesses via phone and email, posting on social media and networking to spread the word as far and wide as we can.
- We are planning customer service and crisis strengthening trainings for our entire team in the near future.
- I attended the DCF Summit conference in Orlando from September 8th through September 10th. WE were fortunate to be selected to host our own Circuit break-out session at the recent DCF Summit conference. A major focus was on our Youth Thrive Council which is recognized as a statewide model. I also attended a dinner with Secretary Harris on Wednesday, September 8th as a “Meet & Greet”.
- On Sunday, September 12th, myself and two of my colleagues (Chief Financial Officer Don Johnson and Sr. Executive of Strategy and Performance, Kevin Maloney) attended the Cars and Coffee Central Florida event representing BFP. This event benefits Nemours Children’s Hospital cancer program and we were able to promote foster care and adoptions.
- Our inaugural Peer Mentor Academy class graduated from the new professional development program on Tuesday, September 14th. We are extraordinarily proud of their dedication and commitment and look forward to the ways in which they enrich the learning of their peers. The candidates also presented projects highlighting was to improve our performance and proficiencies across the family of agencies.
- Our annual COA review is taking place on Monday and Tuesday, September 27th and 28th. Our team has prepared long and hard and are ready to shine for the reviewers.
- We are very proud that our Open Table initiative continues to serve children and families using the support and implementation driven by our faith community.
- We have created a “housing” workgroup to assist in addressing a significant need that places many of our families served. Our focus will be advocacy, education and leveraging non-profit community at large. Housing is one of the top 6 deficiencies faced by families in Brevard county that receive our services.
- Our new facility sites are coming along slowly, as often seen with such moves, but we anticipate completion by early October.

Upcoming Community Events

- Our Golf Tournament fundraiser is fast-approaching on September 25th – next week! Our annual United Way fundraiser and holiday gift drive are also fast approaching.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Scarpelli, CEO