

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Offsite Board Breakfast Meeting
March 15, 2019
Minutes

Attendees: Mr. Eric Smith, Board Chair, Ms. Barb Loftus, Board Vice Chair, Ms. Ruth Long, Treasurer, Ms. Andrea Betting, Mr. Rob Cramp

Members absent: Ms. Catherine Wright, Ms. Jean Bandish

Others in Attendance: Mr. Phil Scarpelli, Ms. Laurie Anna DeGennaro, Board Liaison

Mr. Smith thanked members for attending the offsite board breakfast meeting and asked for approval of the agenda.

The agenda was approved by consensus.

Discussions then ensued regarding the BFP Board and Subordinate Board structure. Members agreed to the following:

- Subsidiary board Chairs will be members of the BFP parent board for added input.
- Subsidiary Boards may elect their own Chairs and present the nominee to the full board for approval.

ACTION ITEM: The Bi-laws for the family of agencies and applicable Governance policies will be ratified to reflect this change. Mr. Smith will reach out and inform Mr. Dan Rodgers, Chair of the CARES board and Ms. Kathleen Rich-New, Chair of The NCFIE Board.

Mr. Scarpelli then provided the following legislative updates:

- Met with the Brevard Youth Thrive Council to prepare them for their speaking engagements at the Rally In Tally conference.
- Quarterly the Community Based Care Agencies across Central Florida along with the Managing Entity, APD and DCF representatives meet to discuss joint child welfare initiatives. Mr. Scarpelli reviewed a handout ranking Florida's Community-Based Care agencies leading the nation in key performance areas.
- Performance measures are based on metrics put in place by DCF. Mr. Maloney reports on the performance in the monthly Board Data Report

Discussions then ensued regarding the following:

- The conditions upon return, placing children with relative and non-relative caregivers and the recidivism rates for children returning into CARE.

- FCC Legislative language regarding the 35% rule; If CBC's go over the rule; the community within the system of care must agree that the CBC can bring case management and local recourse in house and under local control.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Scarpelli will report the actual percentage of in house services provided within our system of care.

- The BFP lobbyist maintains a positive influence on the legislature and fully supports the FCC Language empowering the community to determine the CBC's local control.

Mr. Scarpelli then provided clarity on Jordon's law imposed as the result of a 2 year old, who was prematurely returned home by the courts ruling and the child was subsequently murdered by his mother. Members then discussed promoting law enforcement in the family investigative process to support safety concerns with Child Protection Investigators (CPI's) and the consequences with the Judge's decision to return a child home to their detriment.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Scarpelli will look into the appeal process and report back to the board.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Scarpelli will meet with the new Brevard County Dependency judge to propose monthly meetings to include the judge, CBC leaders, Children Legal Services (CLS), law enforcement, and case management.

Members then discussed the CARES website and found it to be confusing and lacking content in alignment with Prevention and Diversion services. Members indicated the emphasis has been more on the brand and not the CARES Program Model, resources and leadership contact information.

ACTION ITEM: The CARES website and content will be vetted through the Board Marketing Subcommittee to determine:

- Retooling process for CARES Model content
- Locate a project management professional vendor with social services industry experience
- Develop a search engine that supports the redirection to Brevard CARES
- Market the Brevard CARES Model on the NCFIE website with a link to the Brevard CARES replication model and vice versa

Members discussed the Brevard CARES High Fidelity wraparound program that will align with the implementation within the Eckerd Pinellis County contract and their local system of care.

ACTION ITEM: Members recommended as follows:

- Identify staff
- Identify resources
- Assign Dr. Nellius as the Senior implementor to oversee certified trainers and field systems of care.



Mr. Smith reported that the current NCFIE Board Chair will stepdown within 6 months and has asked for a Board Chair Succession plan.

ACTION ITEM: Develop an NCFIE Replication committee

- Substantiate routine feedback at the BFP Parent Board meetings
- Develop the NCFIE infrastructure.
- Pursue retired engineers within the local area of Brevard to assist with infrastructure and grant writing.
- Develop a Business Plan for revenues returning to the local system of care.

Members then discussed the family of agencies reporting structure under contract:

- DCF contracts with the Lead CBC and the ED of BFP is the Point of Contact for all edicts from the department. Subsidiary ED's will implement edicts received from BFP ED in accordance with DCF.
- The Subsidiary ED's will continue to report to their Board Chairs.
- The CEO will supervise the ED of BFP and the ED will continue to report out to the BFP Board of Directors and continue to work with the BFP Board Chair to develop the meeting agendas.

The meeting adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie-Anna DeGennaro
Board Liaison

Approved by the Brevard Family Partnership Board of Directors at the May 23, 2019 Board Meeting.