



**Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
Board Report August 2017**

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

July 2017

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. executed the contract with Housing for the Homeless to provide case management services for their HUD Bonus Project. Our Housing Specialist and Wraparound Program Manager have been having on-going communications with their Executive Director and current case management provider to smoothly transition the families under C.A.R.E.S. supervision. A total of ten families will be transitioning over on August 1st, five of the ten are C.A.R.E.S. families.

On July 24th the Council on Accreditation (COA) Self-Study was submitted. The COA Site Visit will occur on September 24-26th with the opening meeting occurring the morning of September 25th. As a more defined schedule is verified I will be sharing additional details with the Board.

On July 25th Angelique Rinaldi, Legislative Assistant to Senator Dorothy Hukill visited Brevard C.A.R.E.S. to learn about our programs and services. During the visit Angelique was able to hear from Brevard Family Partnership and Brevard C.A.R.E.S. team members and learn about the C.A.R.E.S. model. We are anticipating a follow up visit with Senator Hukill prior to the start of session.

Shenelle Robertson/Youth Liaison was recognized with the Outstanding Youth Award during the Florida Coalition for Children Conference. This award is granted to a youth, 18 years and older served by an Florida Coalition for Children member agency who continues to strive to make life better for those youth still receiving necessary services.

Tracy Pellegrino joined Brevard C.A.R.E.S. as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) on July 10th. Tracy received a Bachelor's degree from Cornerstone University, and a Master's degree from Florida State University. Her expertise is with children and youth with Behavioral Health and/or Neurodevelopmental challenges. She has worked in the child welfare, mental health and exceptional educational systems for the past 27 years, most recently serving as the Project Director at CBC Central Florida for nearly five years and a SOC Wraparound Consultant for almost two years. Tracy has lived in Central Florida since 2003 and has worked collaboratively with Child Welfare, Mental Health agencies, Medical providers, Faith Based providers, Law Enforcement agencies, Juvenile Justice, Public and Private School Systems, Early Intervention programs, Advocacy and Parent groups, and other Child Serving agencies in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. She is a Certified Case Manager Supervisor with the Florida Certification Board, a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), National Wraparound Initiative (NWI), has provided private consultation and grant writing support to multiple initiatives that assist to develop and sustain Wraparound and Systems of Care. Tracy brings experience as both a professional and Parent Advocate and finds great joy in being the mother of 3 amazing boys with unique challenges of their own.

With Tracy coming aboard we were able to focus her attention during her first couple of weeks on assessing the status of Targeted Case Management. During this time Tracy met with internal and contract staff to determine what actions had been completed to date, reviewed the quality of the documentation, provided additional guidance and training regarding opportunities for improvement, and prepared the documentation for billing submission. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. billed for 3 cases in through July and has been approved to provide targeted case management services for 5 clients. We have received payment from WellCare for the billing submitted in June.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phebe Powell
Executive Director