



**Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
Board Report November 2016**

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

October 2016

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. application to become a Medicaid provider is still pending. The application was returned and the Executive Director was directed to update the application using the legal name to match the finger prints. That was completed and the application was returned again. An updated application and new finger prints have been submitted. The C.A.R.E.S. online enrollment was approved 10/26/16.

A draft Donor Card to support Cribs for Kids has been developed. The card will support and enhance the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Board efforts to raise additional funds for Cribs for Kids. In addition to the Donor Card, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has applied for funding for Cribs for Kids through the Walmart Foundation 2016 Community Grant Program. Each Walmart/Sams Club location has foundation funds to benefit the facility's service area. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has applied to five facilities for the maximum grant of \$2,500.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Executive Director participated in the Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC) 1st Annual General Meeting. The meeting included a workshop/planning session to discuss ways to improve the BHC process, service delivery, and performance. One of the near term action items that the BHC will undertake is to participate with LEAD Brevard in a "Cost of Homelessness" study for Brevard County. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has a Challenge Grant to provide case management services to chronically homeless families through December 2016 and is currently awaiting an award of an Emergency Solutions Grant through the BHC to continue to provide services to chronically homeless families through June 2017. We have received notification that the BHC was awarded 80% of their requested amount and Brevard C.A.R.E.S. can expect to receive a contract at 80% of the fifty thousand requested in our grant proposal.

Hurricane Matthew provided Brevard C.A.R.E.S. with its first opportunity to fully implement and deploy its Emergency Preparedness Procedures for a "major disaster". The procedure lays out a plan of action and lists responsibilities and tasks for Brevard C.A.R.E.S. personnel in the event of a disaster striking Brevard County. Full deployment of the plan allowed staff and leadership to identify gaps and opportunities for improvement to be addressed prior to a future event. A full team debriefing was completed following the storm in which staff were encourage to brainstorm and discuss strategies related to the identified gaps and opportunities for improvement. The full implementation, deployment, and debrief will result in a more effective and efficient continuity of operations plan for future implementation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phebe Powell
Executive Director