

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
February 10, 2021  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

**Board Members in Attendance:** Ms. Paula Ferrell, Board Member; Ms. Christa Bailey, Board Co Chair; Ms. Tracy Newman, Board Member;

**Board Members Absent:** Mr. Dan Rodgers, Board Chair; Ms. Valeta Cameron, Board Member; Ms. Lori Huertas, Board Member;

**Others in Attendance:** Mr. Phil Scarpelli, FOA CEO, Ms. Kathryn Parker, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Executive Director; Ms. Rebecca Melick, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Program Director; Ms. Osha Fordom, Board Liaison;

Ms. Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to state their name for the record.

Ms. Bailey reminded members that if they had a real or perceived conflict of interest to please complete the Conflict of Interest form (available at meeting). None was reported.

Mrs. Fordom informed the Board that there was a last minute cancellation by Ms. Cameron so there will be no board quorum but the meeting can continue as an informational meeting with no voting.

**Informational Items**

Mr. Scarpelli presented a Family of Agencies update. Mr. Scarpelli reported as follows:

- Ms. Parker arranged for the FOA staff and Board Members to receive COVID-19 Vaccines through the Brevard County Health Department.
- Mr. Chad Poppell has resigned as the Secretary for the Department of Children and Families. Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Ms. Shevaun Harris to serve as the interim Secretary.
- A car was donated through the community to a 22-year-old mother who has overcome great adversities and met the Road to Autonomy criteria.
- BFP and faith partner Truth Revealed International Ministries were interviewed by Brevard Business News. This new partnership incorporates an Open Table Model integrating child and family centered issues with our faith partnerships facilitating the “table” of discussions, support, and resource building.

Ms. Parker presented the Executive Director’s report. Ms. Parker reported as follows:

- The state is moving forward to address the evidence programs needed for the continued funding of our Family Support Services now known as Prevention Services. A request has been submitted for all Family Support Services care coordinators be trained in Motivational Interviewing and it has been requested for Brevard CARES to be able to offer the

Homebuilders model. She is waiting to hear from DCF about training and what they have been allocated.

- The self-study for CARES Counsel on Accreditation reaccreditation is due June 2021 and surveys has been distributed to all Board members to complete as part of the process.
- The annual board retreat is currently being planned. One of the main focuses of the retreat is to complete a new 5-Year Strategic Plan for Brevard CARES.
- CARES will be applying for the Criminal Justice grant to expand the Mobile Response Team to the adult population. The current grant from the Managing Entity allowed CARES to add two additional therapists and a full-time care coordinator. The Criminal Justice grant will allow CARES to expand into the adult population.
- The Brevard Housing Coalition has a new Interim Executive Director. The IED has disclosed that the state government is set to release additional housing dollars because of the continuing pandemic. This funding becomes available March 1, 2021 and will be allowed to be used through the next year. The exact numbers that will be allocated is not known yet, but they are expecting it to be as much, if not more, than what has already been received. For Brevard CARES this would be about \$ 55,000.

Ms. Parker presented the Monthly Data Reports for December 2020.

Mr. Scarpelli reported that Mr. Don Johnson, FOA COO had a scheduling conflict and wasn't able to attend the meeting. Mr. Johnson will attend the next meeting to present financials.

**Member/Public Comment:**

There was none.

Meeting ended at 5:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Osha Fordom  
Board Liaison