



# **Brevard C.A.R.E.S.**

**Executive Director Report  
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**Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!**

## **Key accomplishment(s) this past month**

- This month our care coordinators began the Motivational Interviewing training. This training is being provided by DCF through funding from the Family First Prevention Services Act. The training is extensive and will take a few months for each one to complete. We were awarded 40 slots from the Department of Children and Families. So far we have had 15 care coordinators begin their training.
- Brevard CARES is working with Molina insurance to contract for additional funding for the Mobile Response Team. There are four managed care organizations in Florida that are launching a housing pilot program. The insurance companies have realized that when they help with resources for prevention efforts this reduces their costs when services are needed. The program will focus on adults over 21 with a mental health diagnosis. They will provide the Mobile Response Team number and when we respond we will be compensated. We will also be able to refer adults to the program. The program helps with housing funding and care coordination to help the client stabilize in housing and on mental health medication. This is an exciting opportunity for additional resources for the adult population.
- I attended the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Council and Small Business Council joint luncheon with Phil. The luncheon was created to help each council understand how they can help to serve the community together. It was a great event to network with small business that we may not have had an opportunity to connect with.

## **Key challenges moving forward**

- We are working diligently to fill the gaps in our agency. We have been able to get some new candidates and are moving in the right direction. Space continues to be an issue. Family Allies has returned to in office at least 2-3 days a week. The leadership team is working to build a plan to do this so when each team is in office they have adequate space to work.

Respectfully Submitted,

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