



## ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 14, 2023

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

- Mr. Dan Rodgers, Board Chair
- Ms. Christa Bailey, Board Co-Chair
- Ms. Paula Ferrell, Board Treasurer
- Ms. Tracy Newman, Board Member
- Ms. Brittany Bartusek, Board Member
- Ms. Samantha Johnson, Board Member

#### **Others in Attendance:**

- Mr. Phil Scarpelli, FOA President and CEO
- Ms. Rebecca Melick, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Executive Director
- Mr. Don Johnson, Family of Agencies CFO
- Mrs. Taheerah Jones, Board Liaison

Dan Rodgers calls the meeting to order at 4:35.

Mr. Rodgers reminded members that if they had a real or perceived conflict of interest to please complete the Conflict-of-Interest form. None reported.

#### **Consent Action Items**

Mr. Rodgers asked the Board to make a motion to approve the agenda.

**Motion:** Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Ms. Bailey and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Rodgers asked the Board to make a motion to approve the minutes from the May Advisory Board meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the meeting minutes from the May Advisory Board Meeting. This was seconded by Ms. Newman and the motion was passed unanimously.

#### **Informational Items**

Mr. Scarpelli was happy to share Channel 6 & 9 reached out to schedule an interview to discuss a grant that we are in collaboration with Aetna and a provider to be named to develop a program designed towards intervening where there is evidence of human trafficking.

Mr. Scarpelli also mentions he spent the last 2 days in Ocala with a statewide congregation of leadership which includes DCF, DJJ and other providers that came together to talk about the nature

of communication, collaboration, and resources. He was the co-facilitator for 200 professionals, mostly upper and executive senior managers.

Mr. Rodgers introduces Ms. Melick to present the Executive Director Report.

Ms. Melick shares the leadership team had a Lunch & Learn with Palm Point and they shared info about the services they offer. They also made a connection with the Neighborhood Partnership Program. There were 15 supervisors in attendance. This is another example of how we are trying to build relationships with people in the community which will help to increase our referrals which we have seen with our Neighborhood Partnership Program.

Ms. Melick also shares they met with Brevard Public Schools at Career Source and attended the student in transition meeting. We shared about our NPP because other than our Mobile Response Team it's the one program we have at CARES that anyone can access. There were other community partners in attendance as well.

Ms. Melick states we had several supervisors recently graduate from the training class to become Certified Child Welfare Supervisors. This has been our largest class to date and it's a new certification that the state started offering within the last year.

Ms. Melick mentions CARES has hired their second therapist on the Mobile Response Team. She also mentions CARES is still on the hybrid schedule and each team is developing their own schedule. Supervisors are establishing their own requirements for different days for their team to come into the office.

Mr. Rodgers introduces Mr. Johnson to present the Financial Report.

Mr. Johnson reports there are currently no red flags of concern for CARES, and they are still under budget by 16%. There are only 2 weeks left in the fiscal year.

The next meeting will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at the CCC, located at 4050 Riomar Drive, Rockledge, FL.

Mr. Rodgers asks if anyone wants to comment and then adjourns the meeting at 5:07 pm.

**Member/Public Comment:**

There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Taheerah Jones  
Board Liaison