



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

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

March 2017

The Space Coast Health Foundation Pickett Responsive Grant reviewed our submission for \$20,000 in funding to support our Mobile Response Team. The Executive Director received notification on March 8th the request for a Responsive Grant had been approved in the amount of \$10,000.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. continues to move forward with readiness activities for Targeted Case Management implementation. In the month of February the team created an overview flow for billing with commitment from finance to complete the billing; created an implementation organizational chart and a long term plan for supervision with the help of Human Resources. Created provider portals for pre-authorization for Well-Care and Cenpatico; and began drafting intake procedures and forms. In March we finalized the contract template for Targeted Case Managers and posted a Request for Information for Independent contractors and have initiated interviews with respondents.

HB 4095 - National Center for Innovation and Excellence - C.A.R.E.S. Pilot Project, Services to Reduce Placement in the Child Welfare System was filed on February 28th by Representative Plasencia. The bill is supported by Senator Hukill. The bill would provide technical assistance to Community Partnership for Children (CPC) with the purpose of implementing the C.A.R.E.S. model within the CPC system of care. Implementation of the C.A.R.E.S. program in Volusia/Flagler will reduce the number of children in out of home care, and the overall number served in the formal system. The Appropriations Project Request for the bill is \$300,000 in non-recurring funds.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. continues to move forward with readiness activities in preparation for COA reaccreditation. Current activities are focused on updating operating procedures and the Performance Quality Improvement plan and supporting documents. The Brevard Family Partnership COA site visit has been postponed and will co-occur with C.A.R.E.S. sight visit in September.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Executive Director along with Board Member Dan Rodgers and Brevard Family Partnership Senior Executive of Administration attended Children's Week in Tallahassee. During the visit the team met with Representative Goodson, Senator Debbie Mayfield, Representative Plasencia, Representative Altman, Representative Renner, Senator Hutson, Senator Simmons, Representative Brodeur, and Representative Randy Fine and Senator Hukill's staff. During our visit the C.A.R.E.S. Replication Project was placed in the Senate budget for \$50,000. While not the full amount it can proceed forward even without a House appropriations because a bill was filed on the House side.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phebe Powell
Executive Director