



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

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

April/May 2016

Brevard CARES will serve as the Title Sponsor for the National Wraparound Conference hosted by the National Center for Innovation & Excellence to be held June 7 -9, 2016. As the title sponsor Brevard CARES will benefit from extensive exposure through multi-media campaigns and promotional efforts before, during and after the conference. The agency will have primary logo placement or recognition in all event communications and marketing, primary banner placements during the conference, inclusion of company promotional items and information, complimentary vendor display table and general admission for 7 representatives to attend the conference. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. staff have taken on the responsibilities of the Wraparound Conference Look and Feel Committee. Staff are working closely with the Wraparound Conference Planning Team to ensure conference has a professional, child focused, inviting feel.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has received notice from the Council on Accreditation that the re-accreditation application is due on June 2, 2016. The organization's accreditation expires on 11/20/17. Completion of the application is currently in progress and delays are not anticipated.

The application to become a Medicaid Provider for Mental Health Targeted Case Management has been completed. Supporting documentation will be provided to the Agency for Health Care Administration in May.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has been presented with an opportunity to diversify funding for homeless family case management. The Brevard Homeless Coalition has designated \$55,000 in its current Challenge Grant to provide case management for homeless families. The funding is designated for the 2015-16 fiscal year but it is expected that the state will approve an extension to expend the funds through the 2016 calendar year. In addition, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. submitted a proposal to the Brevard Homeless Coalition for the 2016-17 Emergency Solution Grant for Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention services This is a change in process as the Department of Children and Families will only be awarding grants to the recognized homeless continuum of care across the state and has set a maximum threshold of \$250,000 per continuum. As the recognized homeless continuum of care, Brevard Homeless Coalition will review all proposals from providers and select projects to be included in their proposal response to the Department of Children and Families.

The Department of Labor has issued new regulations making more employees eligible for overtime pay, effective in December 2016. Under the new regulation, salaried employees earning below \$47,476 annually would receive time-and-a-half overtime pay when they work more than 40 hours during the week. This is a significant increase from the \$23,600 cutoff set in 2004. The change will impact 15 of the 20 currently salaried staff members.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. will implement new acceptance criteria for our signature wraparound model effective June 1, 2016. Under the new criteria only Level III (high/very high risk) referrals will be accepted for wraparound. This change was required to effectively manage caseloads and meet COA supervisor to staff ratios guidelines while allowing the agency to operate within budgetary limits.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phebe Powell
Executive Director