



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

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

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Key accomplishment(s) this past month

- The state is moving forward to address the evidence programs needed for the continued funding of our Family Support Services, Prevention, team. We have submitted that all Family Support Services care coordinators be trained in Motivational Interviewing. We have also asked for training for Brevard CARES to be able to offer the Homebuilders model. We should hear from the state soon about training and what we have been allocated.
- The self-study for our Counsel on Accreditation reaccreditation is due June 2021. Hopefully, you have received a survey to complete as a part of the process. We are still planning to organize a strategic plan process to complete the five-year Brevard CARES strategic plan to be ready for the next fiscal year starting July 2021.
- The Criminal Justice grant has reopened, and we will be applying to expand the Mobile Response Team to the adult population. The current grant from the Managing Entity allowed us to add an additional two therapist and a full-time care coordinator to the team. The Criminal Justice grant will allow us to expand into the adult population. The unique thing about this grant is that the team will respond with Melbourne Police Department to help de-escalate in a trauma informed way as well as be able to follow up after the initial call and help make sure the client is linked and follows through with medication and counseling services. The Melbourne Police who respond to these identified calls have been trained in a Crisis Intervention Training which focuses on approaching mental health calls from a trauma informed way.
- 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.

Key challenges moving forward

- Brevard CARES is on the last step towards completing the Behavioral Health application through Medicaid. This step requires a medical doctor to agree to attach their license to our agency for Medicaid billing. We have an existing contract with IMPOWER and will be meeting with them this month to discuss the option of extending a contract to include this.

Respectfully Submitted,

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