



AGENDA REPORT
January 8, 2019

Appointment re: Community Based Care of Brevard, Inc.

SUBJECT:

Appointment re: Community Based Care of Brevard, Inc. d/b/a Brevard Family Partnership.

DEPT/OFFICE:

County Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) appoint Ms. Ruth Long to the Board of Directors for Community Based Care of Brevard, Inc. d/b/a Brevard Family Partnership.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

Brevard Family Partnership was established in 2003 as a non-profit organization in response to the Legislative mandate to privatize foster care and related services (Section 409.1671, Florida Statutes). The agency was subsequently awarded the contract, through the Florida Department of Children and Families to manage Brevard County's child welfare system. Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) and its community partners provide child abuse prevention, foster care and support, adoption, case management independent living and community outreach services to the children and families of Brevard County.

The Community Based Care initiative has been instituted throughout the State of Florida and nationwide. The CBC initiative in Brevard County is the collaborative effort of local child welfare agencies and community partnerships through the leadership of Together in Partnership and Brevard County Government.

Since it began operations in 2005, Brevard Family Partnership has consistently ranked among the top performing CBCs in the state of Florida. Since the advent of Brevard Family Partnership, and the implementation of family-centered case practice, using the wraparound process, Brevard County's child safety has increased by nearly 50%.

As one of the founding entities of Brevard Family Partnership, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners appoints three individuals to the BFP Board of Directors. This request is for the Board of County Commissioners to appoint Ms. Ruth Long as a County Appointee to replace Mr. Stockton Whitten (who recently resigned). Ms. Long has been unanimously approved by the BFP Board of Directors to serve as the Board Treasurer.

Ms. Long is the Director of Critical Care and Respiratory Therapy at Wuesthoff Hospital in Rockledge Florida and started her healthcare career over 25 years ago as a Respiratory Therapist. Eventually she decided to broaden her scope of practice and earn her nursing degree. Once she became a nurse, Ms. Long decided that she really enjoyed working with critical care patients and their families. She worked as a staff nurse and then a Nurse Manager in the ICU for several years while working on her Master's in Health Service Administration. Ruth is a native Floridian who grew up on Merritt Island and resides there with her husband Doug.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

No Attachments Available



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Frank Abbate, County Manager

RE: Item F.3., Appointment of Ruth Long to Community Based Care of Brevard, Inc.
d/b/a Brevard Family Partnership

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 8, 2019, approved the appointment of Ruth Long to the Board of Directors for Community Based Care of Brevard, Inc., d/b/a Brevard Family Partnership.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK**

Tammy Rowe

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Housing and Human Services Director