



**AGENDA REPORT**  
**September 18, 2018**

**Brevard Family Partnership County Appointee to the Board of Directors**

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**SUBJECT:**

Brevard Family Partnership County Appointee to the Board of Directors

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

Agenda Coordinator

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

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

**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. Barbara Loftus as a County Appointee to replace Dr. Greg Howes (who recently resigned). Ms. Loftus has been unanimously approved by the BFP Board of Directors to serve as the Vice Chair. Ms. Loftus has lived in Brevard County for 25 years and is the founder and owner of Tech-

Mark Services, LLC., and an engineering and marketing consulting firm. Her involvement in non-profit organizations includes president of the Student for the Ethical Treatment of Animals chapter at North Carolina State University and chartering the first chapter of the Society of Technical Communication, also at North Carolina State University. She holds a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from Clemson University, and a Master's in Technical Communication from North Carolina State University. Ms. Loftus joined the BFP Board in April 2015 in support of the mission and vision of Brevard Family Partnership and has served as a community member and Board Treasurer. Additionally, she was recently appointed as Vice Chair of the Board and serves as the Chair of the BFP Board Risk Management Subcommittee established to assess potential risks that may impact the agency's mission and fulfillment of its obligations to serve children and youth in Brevard County.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

No Attachments Available



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Frank Abbate, County Manager

**RE:** Item F.20., Brevard Family Partnership County Appointee to the Board of Directors

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on September 18, 2018, appointed Barbara Loftus to the Board of Directors for Community Based Care of Brevard, Inc. d/b/a Brevard Family Partnership (BFP), replacing Dr. Greg Howes.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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