



A personal note from Linda McKinnon, CEO.

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## CFBHN E-News this Week

Latest happenings with just good information

*I certainly hope you were able to watch the riveting news story put together by ABC Action News and the Tampa Bay Times - "If I Die Young" was broadcast both Friday, July 13 and again Sunday afternoon. It is the story of two local young women consumed by addiction to prescription pain medications and the efforts made by their families and the system to break the hold. In this same vein we applaud the recent action of Congress to pass the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act S. 3187 which requires 26 synthetic chemicals, including those commonly found in products marketed as "K2" "Bath Salts" and "Spice" to be considered Schedule I substances. Those are substances with a high potential for abuse, have no medical use in treatment and lack an accepted safety use of the drug. President Obama signed the act into law July 11. Research shows that preventing drug use before it begins is a cost-effective, common-sense approach to promoting safe and healthy communities. CFBHN manages and coordinates a comprehensive effort for prevention in the SunCoast and C10 Regions.*

*Other news; CFBHN announces new positions available, the date for issuing an Invitation To Negotiate, commonly referred to as an ITN, for Sarasota County services, staff attendance at state and federal meetings and upcoming Candidate Forums you won't want to miss.*

*Please send your thoughts, ideas and questions my way and we look forward to sharing more news and information with you next week.*

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## Employment Opportunities at CFBHN

Managing Entity contract budget is approved and recruitment is underway

All current open positions have been posted on the CFBHN website [www.cfbhn.org](http://www.cfbhn.org) under Career Opportunities. Applicants can simply click on the position title and they will be directed to [jobing.com](http://jobing.com) to

initiate the application process.

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## **New Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) Will Be Released July 20**

### **All services for Sarasota County will be bid**

Please watch the CFBHN website for the release of the ITN for specifics on bidding for services in Sarasota County. Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, the currently contracted provider, will continue to provide services during the process. Public input is welcome and can be forwarded to Dr. David Clapp, Community Manager, at [dclapp@cfbhn.org](mailto:dclapp@cfbhn.org).

Any questions please contact Larry Lumpee, COO or Linda McKinnon, CEO at 813-740-4811.

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## **CFBHN Manager of Business Development & Marketing Chairs State Meeting**

### **Doris Nardelli serves on State Mental Health Planning Council**

Serving her second term, Doris will chair the quarterly meeting of the Council in Tallahassee this week. Comprised of consumers, family members, advocacy organizations and a wide range of state agency representative, they focus on the entire system of care for Florida citizens in the area of substance abuse and mental health services. With specific duties prescribed by the Federal Block Grant for Mental Health they have also been actively engaged in fully integrating substance abuse representation onto the Council over the past year. This coincides with the national movement for integration as well as supports the Department of Children & Families joint application for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grant funding. Doris will also attend the national conference meeting in Baltimore at the end of the month. More information about the Council is at [www.floridamentalhealth.org](http://www.floridamentalhealth.org).

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## **Plan to Attend Your Local Candidate Forum**

### **Dates set for Largo and Tampa**

On Thursday July 19 at 5:30 pm, Operation PAR will host a local candidate forum and on Thursday August 2 at 7:30 am DACCO will provide an opportunity to meet candidates over a continental breakfast. Detailed information and fliers can be found on the home page of CFBHN's website [www.cfbhn.org](http://www.cfbhn.org).

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