



A personal note from Linda McKinnon, CEO.

## E-News This Week September 4, 2012

*I trust all enjoyed a restful and well deserved Labor Day holiday. CFBHN reopens after the holiday "Under One Roof" and I am pleased to welcome additional team members to various departments. For those organizations in the community that would benefit from additional staff training, please remember to check our website calendar for upcoming sessions. CFBHN also directly supports many worthwhile endeavors in communities we serve and today are posting information concerning upcoming events in this edition of the E-News This Week. CFBHN is pleased to share news concerning two valuable community providers we currently contract with who are exploring options for merger and to announce the release of a Request for Information (RFI) for all services in Sarasota and Desoto counties.*

*As always, have a great week and pass the good information along!*

## CFBHN Notices Intent to Procure All Sarasota & Desoto County Services

### **CFBHN will release Request for Information (RFI) this Friday, September 7**

Mike Krause, Director of Contracts, announces the Request for Information (RFI) will be posted on the CFBHN website Friday, September 7. To access the RFI, go to the CFBHN website home page and click on the "hot button" link called Competitive Procurement Advertisements. This link will take you to the RFI which provides details for the types of services that need to be delivered by a provider under contract and information concerning vendor qualifications. The RFI identifies potential providers who are interested and possess the qualifications to provide services in a Behavioral Health System of Care in Sarasota and Desoto counties. The System of Care will serve both adult and child populations and provide services to persons with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI), target populations classified as Serious and Acute, Forensic, children who are seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) or emotionally disturbed (ED) and persons who experience substance abuse disorders. The System of Care services will range from the most intensive (Crisis Stabilization) to the least restrictive (Prevention) service. In order to submit a bid for the System of Care ITN (Invitation to Negotiate) you MUST have submitted a response to this RFI. The effective contract date is January 1, 2013.

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## CFBHN Welcomes New Team Members

### Positions filled in a variety of departments

Rebekah Bickling, Human Resources Manager, announces that Patrice Johnson-Miller has been added to the Administrative Assistant Team. She joins recently appointed Denise Bryant and Desiree (Dee) Robinson in providing support throughout the organization as well as at the CFBHN front desk. In addition to rotation duties to staff the front desk, each of the administrative assistants are assigned to a particular department; Dee provides direct support to Network Development and Clinical Services, Denise will support the Finance Department including Contracts, Consumer & Family Affairs and Human Resources, and Patrice will support the Quality Improvement and Information Management departments. Julie Patel, CFO, also announces the appointment of Jennifer Syedin as Senior Financial Analyst and Marcia Monroe, VP Network Development & Clinical Services announces Crystal Goolsby as the latest appointment to the Utilization Management (UM) team. "Get to Know CFBHN Team Members" will be part of a future E-News.

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## CFBHN Training Calendar Available on Website

### Posted opportunities for staff development

On the home page of the CFBHN website a hot button link called "Calendar" will take you to a posting page on upcoming trainings and other events of interest. Please remember to check this resource at [www.cfbhn.org](http://www.cfbhn.org).

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## Volunteers Needed for October Kids Event in Tampa

### Public stand against drugs in local community

Volunteers are required for the annual **TOO GOOD FOR DRUGS WALK & KIDFEST** in October. The annual event draws between 3,500-5,000 children, youth and parents. Over 100 schools participate in the banner contest and approximately 30 community organizations host information tables and activities at the event. This year's date is October 6, 2012, at MOSI in Tampa. Volunteers are needed the afternoon of Friday, October 5, from 3:00-7:00 pm to set up tables, chairs and safety barricades and the morning of Saturday October 6 from 7:00 am -1:00 pm to distribute tee shirts, water and help clean up. CFBHN staff volunteers headed by Marcia Monroe, VP Network Development & Clinical Services are pleased to again support this event. Call Eddie Santiago, 813-277-4023 at the C.E.Mendez Foundation or sign up at [http://www.volunteertampabay.org/HOC\\_Volunteer\\_Opportunity\\_Details\\_Page?id=a0CG000000E42i0](http://www.volunteertampabay.org/HOC_Volunteer_Opportunity_Details_Page?id=a0CG000000E42i0)

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## Vote DACCO to Win Tables for Treatment

### Local organization in competition for \$4000 in furniture donation

Banquet Tables is sponsoring a contest to supply furniture to a community service organization. Along with other nationwide organizations, DACCO was invited to participate by the local retailer. Drug Abuse Coordinating Office, better known as DACCO, provides drug and alcohol programs designed to offer comprehensive addiction treatment to meet the spiritual, physical, and psychological needs of each individual. While their primary purpose is to treat substance use disorders centered around alcohol, illicit drugs, and/or prescription drugs, they also specialize in providing treatment to individuals who have co-occurring mental health disorders. They believe that to truly treat an individual, an assessment must include

an identification of any underlying emotional or psychiatric illness such as depression, trauma, grief or loss issues, anxiety, bipolar disorder, ADHD, and post-traumatic stress disorders. Their medical treatment approach includes a thorough assessment and proven treatment models that address all issues related to the addiction. To support DACCO, visit <http://www.banquettables.pro/> to cast your vote from now until September 14. You can vote once per day. Please contact Tricia Pierce, Director of Resources & Contract Management at Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office (DACCO) at 813-384-4216 with any questions.

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## Hospital Merger Planned

### Two local provider organizations enter into formal discussions

The following information was provided to current employees of both hospitals and has been released to the news media. "On August 28, 2012, Winter Haven Hospital's Board of Trustees signed a letter of intent to merge with BayCare Health System. Both BayCare and Winter Haven Hospital are seeking a partner that will enable them to improve quality and access through shared experience, contain cost through volume, share non-clinical functions and prepare for a future in which health care will experience dramatic change. The signing of the letter of intent enables both parties to complete the phase of "due diligence" that includes sharing information. It is expected that this information exchange will be complete by the end of the calendar year. If the due diligence results in a willingness by both parties to go forward, a definitive agreement will be written. We expect this to occur in the first quarter of 2013." CFBHN currently contracts with both Winter Haven Hospital and BayCare for provision of behavioral health services in the communities they serve.

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