



A personal note from Linda McKinnon, CEO.

## E-News This Week September 12, 2012

*This week continues to be busy for CFBHN as contracting activities continue for a variety of services and areas in our geographic region. We are pleased to share news from the local NAMI affiliates as well as announce an upcoming drug summit featuring guest speaker Attorney General Pam Bondi and Professor Emeritus Paul Doering, and the HOPE Clubhouse of Southwest Florida symposium featuring special guest speaker Kathy Cronkite, daughter of CBS legend Walter Cronkite. Voting continues in the competition for donated tables for DACCO and it is shaping up to be a close race – they are narrowly ahead – so cast a support vote every day this week! Children’s events are also planned in both Hillsborough and Manatee counties. As always, have a great week and pass the good information along!*

## CFBHN Notices Intent to Procure Services

### **Intent to Bid information posted on website. Responses due this Friday, September 14**

This is a reminder that there are several posted bid opportunities on the CFBHN website. Go to the homepage at <http://www.cfbhn.org/> and click the hot button link titled “Competitive Procurement Advertisement”. The link will take you to the web page providing further details. The following advertisements are currently posted:

- All behavioral health services for Sarasota and Desoto counties
- FACT Team services (four teams) for Sarasota/Desoto, North and South Lee and Charlotte counties
- Mental Health Court services in Lee county

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## NAMI News from Around the Suncoast

### **NAMI Manatee and NAMI Polk**

**NAMI Manatee** will be providing *Awareness + Education = Hope* via a panel of Manatee County experts to share views concerning the cause, care and treatment of persons with severe mental illnesses such as

schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic disorder, PTSD, and disorders affecting adolescents and children. Panel participants include Mary Ruiz from Manatee Glens, Dr. David Panting from Manatee Hospital, Dr. Andrew Cutler from Florida Clinical Research, B.J. Graf from Volunteers of America, Lt. Lorenzo Waiters from Manatee County Sheriff's Office, Larry Eger from the Public Defender's Office, Steadman Knight as a Peer Representative and George Manson as President of NAMI Manatee. The date is October 13, 2012, from 9:00 am till noon, at State College of Florida Neel Auditorium, Bradenton, 26<sup>th</sup> St W to 60<sup>th</sup> Ave W. There is no cost to attend but donations are gratefully accepted. There will be refreshments and a raffle. For further information you may contact NAMI at (941) 758-3562 or visit their website at [www.namimanateecounty.org](http://www.namimanateecounty.org).

**NAMI Polk** has recently relocated from Bartow to a new office at 1409 Meadowbrook Avenue, Lakeland, Florida, 33801. With the move they also have a new phone number: (863) 450-2943. They can be reached via email at [namipolk@gmail.com](mailto:namipolk@gmail.com) and the web address is <http://www.namipolk.com/>. As they are settling in to their new location, plans are being formulated to host an "Open House" with guest speakers, informational tables, a raffle and refreshments in early November. Look for more information to follow through the ENews and on their website. You may reach Executive Director Melissa Songer through the office phone.

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## "Strong" Families Create "Strong" Communities

**18<sup>th</sup> annual Manatee Children's Summit October 6, 2012**

Free admission for all at Manatee Civic Center, One Haben Blvd. in Palmetto. There will be fun activities, games, a bounce house, food and more including the Mote Marine Touch Tank on site. Volunteers will host informational booths and local talent will entertain as kids have fun climbing the rock wall. All children under the age of 11 must be supervised by an adult. Media sponsors include METV, Brighthouse, Bradenton Herald, Bay News 9, Festival Latino, Herald Tribune, and Manatee County Florida.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Drug Summit in Central Florida

**StandUp Polk, Drug Free Highlands and Alliance for Substance Abuse and Pregnancy Prevention Hardee County join to host event September 27, 2012**

This collaborative effort provides information about the latest drug trends and will offer proactive measures to prevent substance abuse in families, schools, and businesses. Florida Attorney General **Pam Bondi**, will be on hand as a guest speaker with keynote speaker **Paul Doering**, M.S., a Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice Emeritus at the University of Florida, College of Pharmacy. Participants may earn free CEU's, CME's, or a Certificate of Attendance. The fee is \$20 and includes breakfast and lunch. The event will be from 8 am to 5 pm at the W.H. Stuart Center, 1710 US 17 in Bartow. To register visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/standup/event/13015>. For more information, call Suzanne Lambert from Hardee County ASAPP at (863) 767-0401, Aisha Alayande from Drug Free Highlands at (863) 449-0028, or Lisa A. Jones from Stand UP Polk at (863) 802-0777.

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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=a0CG00000E42i0](http://www.volunteertampabay.org/HOC_Volunteer_Opportunity_Details_Page?id=a0CG00000E42i0)

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## Vote DACCO to Win Tables for Treatment

### Local organization in narrow victory for \$4000 in furniture donation – still time to vote!

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 Comprehensive 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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## HOPE Clubhouse of Southwest Florida Presents 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Symposium

### Kathy Cronkite, daughter of CBS legend Walter Cronkite, is featured keynote luncheon speaker October 12, 2012

Mental health advocate **Kathy Cronkite** will describe her own journey to wellness from depression and life with her famous father. Her book "On the Edge of Darkness: Conversations About Conquering Depression" is a collection of interviews with celebrities who have fought depression, and a signing will follow the luncheon. Other speakers include **Judge Steven Leifman**, Chairman of the Florida Supreme Court Task Force on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in the Court and **Joel Corcoran**, M.ED who is Executive Director of the International Center for Clubhouse Development. The event will be held at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. Cost is \$50 per person or \$65 with 2.0 CEUs. Tickets can be purchased by calling (239) 267-1777 or by visiting [www.hopeclubhouse.org](http://www.hopeclubhouse.org). HOPE Clubhouse of Southwest Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people with mental illness lead lives of dignity, respect and acceptance.

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