

Board of Directors Report

Family and Community Partnership Division – Carol Leonard, Manager

January 2018

Summary:

- BCHS met funded enrollment for the months of September, October, November and December. We have children on the waiting list in areas where we are fully enrolled and no children on waiting lists in areas where we need children.
- Shirley Clevestine, ERSEA Specialist I and Jacky Rossman, the new ERSEA Specialist II have been working together prepare for the upcoming recruitment season. Jacky is scheduled to work with the Case Manager at the Fairview Center to do door to door recruitment this month.
- A group made up of a Case Manager, ERSEA Specialist I and II, FCP Supervisor and FCP Manager have been meeting regularly to put ERSEA forms and Application on ChildPlus to make the recruitment process as paperless as possible for the 2018-19 program year.
- The first Policy Council meeting with our newly seated representatives is scheduled for January 23, 2018 at 5:00PM. Officers have been elected and we are anticipating a smooth transition. Candace McQuillen remains as Chairperson and Casey Croft will continue as Vice-Chair.

Trends:

- To date 90 BCHS enrolled children are considered homeless (temporary housing situation). This number is only expected to increase. This is due in a large part to the high cost of rent in the county. Our families are being priced out of their homes. Many of our families also struggle with obtaining subsidized housing due to one or both parents having a criminal history.

Items on the Radar:

- The FCP division is staying informed with the ever changing status of health insurance for the families enrolled in Head Start. The CHIP program has been given a brief extension and Case Managers are encouraging parents to obtain the health and dental treatment their children need as soon as possible in case of de-funding.