

## SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** Child Mental Health Initiatives Program - Grant Application

**DEPARTMENT:** Fiscal Services

**DIVISION:** Administration - Fiscal Services

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**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve to partner with Community Based Care of Seminole to submit a grant application to the US Department of Public Health Services for their Child Mental Health Initiatives Grant Program; and authorize the Chairman to execute supporting documents.

County-wide

Jennifer Bero, Shirley Boyce

**BACKGROUND:**

The US Department of Public Health Services is accepting applications for its Child Mental Health Initiatives Grant Program. This program seeks to support State and local government organizations in developing integrated home and community-based services for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families. This is achieved by the development and expansion of effective and enduring systems of care.

On January 22, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners approved to partner with Community Based Care of Seminole (CBC) in pursuit of the grant for the Families and Communities Together in Seminole (FACTS) initiative. The grant was not awarded; however, a new funding cycle is now available and resubmission is being requested.

The purpose of the initiative is to integrate existing systems for mental health services provided to children in Seminole County; an effort overseen by a team of child-serving agencies, providers, professionals, families of children with serious emotional disturbances, and other interested stakeholders. Their goal is to strengthen the existing system of care by linking agencies in Seminole County who provide child welfare, mental health care and substance abuse programs, juvenile justice, and education. The team would also coordinate comprehensive training and technical assistance to ensure these linkages remain in place.

The proposed grant application would request \$9,000,000 over a six (6) year period. Annual continuation awards will depend on the availability of funds, grantee success in meeting project goals and objectives, timely submission of required data and reports, and compliance with all terms and conditions of the grant. The anticipated award and match schedule is as follows:

Year	Grant Share	Match Share	Total Program Cost
1	\$1,000,000	\$ 452,108	\$1,452,108
2	\$1,500,000	\$ 806,126	\$2,306,126
3	\$2,000,000	\$1,001,426	\$3,001,426

<b>4</b>	\$2,000,000	\$2,068,234	\$4,068,234
<b>5</b>	\$1,500,000	\$3,004,587	\$4,504,587
<b>6</b>	\$1,000,000	\$2,134,519	\$3,134,519
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,000,000</b>	<b>\$9,467,000</b>	<b>\$18,467,000</b>

Match resources may be in cash or in-kind services, and must be derived from nonfederal sources. CBC is coordinating efforts to accommodate the required match with donated funds and services. **No financial commitment from the County is requested; however, Seminole County would be the applicant and grantee as only government agencies are eligible to apply.** As the grantee, oversight and monitoring of the grant and subsequent project would be conducted by the County (Community Services Department). CBC would administer the project to be implemented by the FACTS team. An agreement between Seminole County and CBC to formalize the requirements of each organization would be prepared upon notification of grant award.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board consider approving to partner with Community Based Care of Seminole to submit a grant application to the US Department of Public Health Services for their Child Mental Health Initiatives Grant Program; and authorize the Chairman to execute supporting documents.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Project Summary
2. E-mail detailing plan for match funds

<p><b>Additionally Reviewed By:</b> No additional reviews</p>
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## **Family and Communities Together in Seminole**

### **Project Description**

Families and Communities Together in Seminole (FACTS) is a coordinated initiative of child-serving agencies, providers, professionals, families of children with serious emotional disturbance, and other interested stakeholders who believe that there is a need to re-organize the way that mental health services and supports are provided for children in Seminole County, Florida. The FACTS initiative will strengthen the existing system of care by linking, child welfare, mental health care and substance abuse systems, juvenile justice and education and develop strategies to ensure that these linkages remain in place. The Families and Communities Together in Seminole FACTS will use the CHMI Grant to strengthen these existing partnerships and create a family and youth driven, culturally and linguistically competent system of care. The priority population will be child welfare involved families of children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances.

The goals of the FACTS initiative are:

- Expand community capacity to serve children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances and their families.
- Serve as a catalyst for broad-based, sustainable systemic change inclusive of policy reform and infrastructure development.
- Give families and youth “a voice and a choice” in the development, evaluation and implementation of overall system transformation activities.
- Deliver culturally and linguistically competent services
- Reduce placements in deep end residential settings

The Governing Body of the FACTS initiative will be comprised of the Executive Committee of Children’s Cabinet of Seminole and the Management Team of Community Based Care of Seminole. This body will be responsible for:

- Assessment of the existing of care and proposing strategies to increase the capacity of the system of care.
- Development of a family-run organization to participate in the development, implementation and evaluation of the system of care.
- Creation, or changing of public policy to support and sustain the system transformation.

Service initiatives include developing a culturally competent, comprehensive, integrated, non-duplicative, family centered, youth driven strengths based system of care with a “no wrong door” approach allowing access to services through any child serving agency or provider, a research-based model of intensive wraparound services will be implemented to prevent residential placement. The quality of local children's programs will be improved by: using more effective data collection and reporting mechanisms; using data as a change agent for system-wide continuous quality improvement activities; assuring culturally competent service delivery; and creating a training and technical assistance program to develop a trauma informed network and work force. Social marketing strategies will be used to promote and advertise the local children's mental health system of care and to facilitate better coordination and linkage between child serving networks.

## **Bero, Jennifer**

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**From:** Michael Bryant [Michael.Bryant@cbcseminole.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 21, 2008 11:12 AM  
**To:** Boyce, Shirley  
**Cc:** Bero, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Match Calculation Clarification  
**Attachments:** FACT Budget and Match Worksheets 2009 draft.xls

Shirley,

I spoke with Jennifer yesterday and she relayed that you were looking for a listing of the source of match from the provider agencies involved in the FACTS Project. In the last Children's Cabinet meeting, the members agreed to provide the match listed as a condition of participating in the project and will have the percentages of match outlined in the letters of commitment and support. The In-kind/Services match is calculated on 25% of the Service Enhancement Total and the Staff In-kind is based on 10% of an intake and admission position from provider agencies that participate in the project.

As part of year 1 activities, we will be doing a system assessment to identify how much each portion of the network needs a service enhancement and we will use those findings to identify how much we will fund for each service. Until then, we cannot put a specific dollar amount to what each provider agency will contribute in match. However, each participating agency will have in their letters of commitment that are submitted with the grant that they will provide the agreed percentages of match. Additionally, we will use the model that we have in our DCF funded contracts that require the providers to report monthly on the match they have committed in their CBCS funded programs. With this model, the County would not be required to use any of their funds for match.

Thanks,

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