

Broward Behavioral HEALTH COALITION

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The School Board of Broward County
Patricia Good
600 S.E. 3rd Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Ms. Good:

Broward County has received an \$800,000 grant from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to develop a comprehensive plan to enhance the system of care for adolescents and young adults ages 14-21 who have serious emotional problems and other conditions such as substance abuse and a history of trauma. The one year grant begins on September 30, 2014, and will be administered by the Broward County Human Services Department/Community Partnerships Division in collaboration with the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition. **The Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC) was created in 2011 and was selected by the Florida Department of Children and Families as Broward County's managing entity for mental health and substance abuse services. BBHC seeks to advocate and ensure an effective and efficient behavioral health system of care is available in Broward County. BBHC is committed to the provision of services that are consumer driven, culturally competent, compassionate, and efficiently managed in an innovative system with fiscal integrity.**

We are inviting you to appoint a representative from your Board of Directors to participate in the Governance Board of The One Community Partnership Expansion Planning Grant. The first Governance meeting will be schedule in the last week of September 2014. We would like to have your appointment by the 3rd week in September, if possible. Please send your appointee's information to Kerline Robinson at krobinson@bbhcflorida.org.

We look forward to your participation and involvement during this period to ensure we have an excellent plan to present to the Federal Government and to provide most needed services to the adolescents and young adults targeted by this grant.

Thank you for your support and participation.

Sincerely,

Silvia M. Quintana, LMHC, CAP
CEO/Principal Investigator

