



Collaborating for Excellence

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Lee County Legislative Delegation Meeting

Dear Delegation Membership;

Thank you for the opportunity to come before you today to discuss issues and concerns. My name is Ann M. Arnall and I am proud to represent Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, your Managing Entity for the Suncoast and Circuit 10 geographic area. In my capacity as President and CEO of this nonprofit organization I have seen the solid development of a system of care for those in need of publically funded substance abuse and mental health services. While we have been very good stewards of the public trust over the years and have seen progress, more still needs to be accomplished.

I am here today to report on our progress and to ask for your consideration concerning investment for the future. There are many of our less fortunate citizens that rely on the provision of public services through the safety net we manage. Without these services they would crowd hospital emergency rooms, fill jail cells and courtrooms or be on the streets – homeless. Many of them would struggle to provide for the safety and welfare of their own children. Oftentimes our provider organizations struggle to keep pace with the growing needs.

Thank you for your time today to hear from me as I advocate for those who are in need of care.

Ann M Arnall
Governance Chair
Board of Directors

