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SERVICE, COMPASSION AND LOVE



Larry Allen (left) with William McKeever

Love is important. That sentence wrapped up a visit and studio interview with Larry Allen, an administrator with Central Florida Behavioral Health Network (CFBHN), our state Managing Entity. His words make perfect sense to us. Love and compassion are central to our day-to-day operations.

We were excited to invite our good friend and colleague Larry back to the Academy for a visit and a bit of reminiscing. It is not a stretch to say that without CFBHN's involvement, the Academy might not exist. From the start, CFBHN embraced our vision for Sarasota and guided us in the creation of a public-private partnership for mental health. Reflecting back through the lens of time, things seemed to have flowed effortlessly. But that was not the case. The creation of the Academy was a winding road, indeed. Through the ups and downs, we knew CFBHN had our back.

Larry is the Chief Operations Officer for CFBHN, a nonprofit that manages state mental health and substance abuse funding for 14 counties on Florida's central west coast. Larry has a big job. He is in charge of all operations, from quality improvement to roll-out of program services. He is a former clinician with a heart for service and a good mind for business (he also has an MBA).

Larry's boss, Linda McKinnon, CEO of CFBHN, has been one of our most ardent allies. Like Larry, she is available 24/7 to serve us and other CFBHN providers. And

also like Larry, Linda's work as a clinician fueled her belief in recovery. She understands the relationship between funding and quality of services. In an era when new state mental health funding is rare, CFBHN—along with their state partner, the Department of Children and Families—committed financial support to our Clubhouse program. Currently, CFBHN provides 40% of our annual operating budget—a key component of our sustainability. The Academy is committed to raising an additional 60% through fundraising efforts, family and member support, grants, and corporate sponsors. This public-private partnership model of diversification makes perfect sense in a state that looks to private investment to ensure the quality of services.

During his visit, Larry provided a message to our members:

"The Academy is a place of opportunities, a place of healing, where members can come and explore. To those who are struggling, hang in there. To those who are successful, please help those who aren't."

We are truly fortunate to have the support of Larry, Linda, and the entire CFBHN team. We know that we are on solid ground when our public funding administrators share the values of service, compassion, and love. Thank you, Larry!

Please don't miss it: To watch the Larry's studio interview at the Academy, visit www.AcademySRQ.org/CFBHN



(left to right) Ian Churchill, William McKeever, Larry Allen, Rebecca Wolfson, Melissa Leslie, Joan Geyer, Patricia Overway and Linda McKinnon

The Academy maintains normal hours of Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., using screening procedures and COVID-19 precautionary measures.



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