



Greetings CareerSource Central Florida Board Members!

It has been a busy and very productive past couple of months here at CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF), thanks in large part to your ongoing commitment to our mission.

We have celebrated key success moments across the company and connected with partners and its leaders through engaging programs and events. In February, we sponsored the Victory Cup Initiative, received a \$25,000 grant from the **FAIRWINDS Foundation** and co-hosted a FORTE event at the Amway Center. We have lots to be proud of.

As we spring forward and look ahead to our CSCF Board Retreat this April 24, I am delighted to share with you the news that it will be hosted at the beautiful Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. Get ready for a little extra "magic" during our Board Retreat this year. Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best,

-Pam

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

CSCF & Partners Unite at FORTE Event

Earlier this month, CSCF CEO & President Pam Nabors co-hosted the "Finding Solutions, Saving Lives, and Solving the Overdose Crisis in 2023" event along with Project Opioid's Executive Committee, including partners and sponsors [Linda Landman Gonzalez](#) with The Orlando Magic Foundation, [Tony Jenkins](#) with [Florida Blue](#), and Project Opioid Co-Chair [Dick Batchelor](#).

Central Florida leaders and businesses from across the region gathered in support of our multi-pronged initiative FORTE (Fostering Opioid Recovery Through Training and Employment), which is designed to stem the opioid crisis impacting our communities and workplaces. FORTE provides vital workforce solutions in the fight against opioids—particularly the deadly impact of illegal fentanyl.

During the event, a special panel presentation outlined the epidemic's impact on Central Florida's workforce and highlighted CSCF's collaboration with HR professionals to provide workplace training and resources. Panelists included CSCF Director of Community Initiatives [Maura King](#), GOSHRM's President [Cheryl Brown Merriwether](#), and Charlie Health's Vice President of Clinical Outreach [Allison Walsh](#).

Those looking for more information and who want to learn how to support the workforce that has been impacted by the opioid crisis, can attend an upcoming online session on April 19 from 10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

[Register for the Online Session Here](#)

CSCF Sponsors 8th Victory Cup Initiative



In February, CSCF sponsored the **Victory Cup Initiative**, spotlighting innovative, local nonprofits. During the 2023 Victory Cup Initiative Storytelling Breakfast, 10 Central Florida nonprofits were awarded more than \$550,000 in unrestricted funding. More than 400 community organizations and businesses participated in the “Shark Tank”-style competition, in which the carefully selected nonprofits pitched their inspirational story and mission to excited audience members who determined the winners.

First-place winner Paving the Way Foundation received \$78,000. Second place winner Samaritan Village won \$73,000, and Victims Service Center came in third place, winning \$68,000. Remaining participants walked away with a \$48,000 participation grant. All three winning organizations serve those victims of child and adult trafficking and violent crimes.

National Association of Workforce Board 2023 Forum

Recently, our CSCF leadership and some board members attended the workforce development sector’s largest annual conference in Washington D.C., which provided insights, collaboration, and learning opportunities surrounding the critical need and transformational potential in workforce today. Mimi Coenen and Leo Alvarez, did a presentation about revenue diversity strategies, featuring a [video](#) about Level Up Orange.



REACH Update: CSF Recommends Consolidation to 21 LWDBs

CareerSource Florida’s (CSF) board [voted to consolidate](#) 24 local workforce development boards (LWDBs) into 21 to better serve Floridians in need of employment services, job training, and upskilling.

None of the proposed changes will modify CareerSource Central Florida’s geographic footprint, and we’ll continue to provide services to the five counties surrounding the City of Orlando, including Lake, Seminole, Orange, Osceola, and Sumter. CareerSource Central Florida has worked closely with CSF during the process and will continue provide support to CSF and the state as they evolve to meet the needs of businesses and individuals throughout Florida.

SPOTLIGHT MOMENT

CSCF Awarded \$25,000 FAIRWINDS Foundation Grant

Earlier this month, CSCF received a \$25,000 grant from the **FAIRWINDS**

Foundation. The funding will support programming for our 2023 Summer Youth Power Skills Academy. Since its inception, the program has provided youth from underserved communities with financial knowledge and tools to foster long-term financial stability and professional success.



The award was accepted by CSCF CEO & President Pamela Nabors and CSCF Board Chair Jody Wood, Disney Parks, Experiences & Products Vice President, Recruitment & Talent Management, during a breakfast at Full Sail Live.

CareerSource Central Florida was one of 12 community organizations awarded grant funding by the *FAIRWINDS* Foundation, the philanthropic arm of *FAIRWINDS* Credit Union with the core mission of improving lives by fostering financial well-being.

GET TO KNOW THE BOARD

Meet Sheri Olson

Director, Foundation, Government & Guest Relations
South Lake Hospital



How long have you been serving on board?

Since 2013.

What do you enjoy about being on the board?

There are SO many things I enjoy about being on the board: learning about all the exciting and accessible opportunities CSCF has for career seekers and the business community to connect; working with such a dedicated, forward-thinking, innovative leadership team and their staff, and getting to know – and learn from -- other board members across a myriad of industries and counties.

What is the favorite part of your career?

Too numerous to count! I enjoy the every-changing variety of roles and responsibilities of my job, being able to work with colleagues across many disciplines, and representing Orlando Health South Lake Hospital in our community.

Can you share your best work tip or inspiration?

Best work tip or inspiration: Eat the frog first: in other words, identify your most difficult task of the day (or the one you dread the most) and complete it before you do any other work.

A book that changed your life.

Meditations by Marcus Aurelius at the moment but ask me again next week as it could be something totally different.

What is your favorite quote and why?

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory. (Dr. Seuss)

UPCOMING REMINDERS

Mark Your Calendars

Workforce Development Council | April 13 - 14

Workforce Development Council Board Members will be meeting in Orlando on April 13 - 14.

CSCF Board Retreat | April 24

Stay tuned for more details on the CSCF Board Retreat this April 24 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We'll be sharing a full agenda in the coming weeks.

Committee and Board Meetings

- The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 12 from 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- The Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, April 20 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- The Board and Consortium meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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