

DCS Region 5 Regional Services Council Minutes

Friday, April 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

250 Main Street, Suite 301, Lafayette, IN

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Members Present: Judge Faith Graham, Christina Thomas, Debbie Brenneman, Jamie Wilson, Penny Neal, Caitlin Jackson, Jennifer Johnson, Brooke Brown, Rachel Gallichan

Members Absent: Judge Stephanie Campbell, Judge Hunter Reece

Others Present: Angela Guimond, Iwona Morretino, Lois Logan-Beard, Samuel Brooks

1. Welcome/News from the Region
 - a. Welcome to Christina Thomas, Tippecanoe Co. CASA Director.
 - i. This is her first meeting since Coleen's departure earlier this year.
 - b. Fountain/Warren DCS LOD Rhonda Friend's last day with Region 5 was Friday 4/14/2023. She took a position with SafeACT.
 - i. The selection process for a new LOD is underway. Her position on RSC will be filled by her replacement.
 - c. An updated RSC member roster was attached to your Outlook invite.
2. Budget Review (Lois Logan-Beard)

- a. Regional Finance Manager, Lois Logan Beard, provided information on the Region 5 budget.
 - b. Region 5 is slightly over the target for March. Late billing by providers was noted.
3. Bauer—Community Partners Report
- a. Cassie Wade informed the RSC members that she has resigned from Bauer and will be working for IYI.
 - b. Information regarding the Family Resource Center grant was provided to the group.
 - i. Meeting with Bauer and Tippe DCS staff scheduled to discuss planning.
 - 1. Judge Graham asked to participate as well as CASA Director Christina Thomas.
 - ii. Asked permission for \$75k in prevention funding to assist with concrete needs for the proposed FRC in Tippecanoe County.
 - 1. This would be for upgrades to the facility (including laundry) as well as supplies.
 - 2. Motion was raised and seconded and agreed to by members.
 - iii. Samuel Brooks (NYAP) asked about the potential for this to support foster, relative, kinship placements.
 - c. Community Partners had additional prevention funding and will be putting out an RFP to the Region.
4. Service Updates (Iwona Morretino)
- a. Iwona provided information about opportunities for DCS partners to learn more about Family Preservation Services (FPS) and DCS Practice Model.
 - i. Judge Graham asked if Probation Officers would be able to attend the DCS staff FPS forums.
 - 1. Iwona stated she would look into it and let us know.
 - ii. Iwona will send links to the forums for RSC members to attend and share.
5. Practice data for the Region
- a. 2023 data so far

- i. RM Angela Guimond discussed practice indicator data for the Region through the end of March 2023.
 - ii. The Region is making steady progress on increasing youth served in-home as well as those placed in relative/kinship settings.
 - b. Updated data dashboards available to the public on the DCS website at <https://www.in.gov/dcs/reports-and-statistics/data-dashboard/>
 - c. Additional Practice Indicator Reports can be found at <https://www.in.gov/dcs/reports-and-statistics/practice-indicator-reports>
- 6. Schedule for 2023 RSC meetings
 - a. Location, date, and time
 - i. Reminder that the remaining meeting dates for 2023 are 7/21/2023, and 10/20/2023 at 9 a.m.
 - ii. Provider meeting would follow at 10 a.m.
 - iii. RSC Meetings would be a mix of in-person and virtual option for those outside of Tippecanoe County.
- 7. Good of the order
- 8. Adjournment