**Regional Service Council Minutes**

**Region 3**

**Meeting Date:** April 12, 2019

**Meeting Location:** Marshall County

Plymouth Library

201 N Center Street

Plymouth, IN 46563

**Council Members Present:** Erin Shidler, Regional Manager DCS; Michael Carroll, LOD Marshall County DCS; Wendy Disher-Taljaard, LOD Elkhart County DCS; Paige Hamilton, Community Partners; Dion Smith Sr., Regional Services Coordinator; Katie Solorzano-Malacara, FCM Kosciusko County DCS; Heidi Trenerry, FCMS St. Joseph County DCS; Teresa Zornig, LOD St. Joseph County DCS; Lindsay Castro, LOD Kosciusko County DCS; Joni Tusing, Regional Financial Manager

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Curtis Palmer, Marshall County Circuit Court Judge; Judge David Cates, Kosciusko Superior Court Judge; Magistrate Deborah Domine, Elkhart Circuit Magistrate; Ashley Eaton, FCM St. Joseph County DCS; Philice Hutchen, FCMS Marshall County DCS

**Others In Attendance:** Mariah Kerlick, Administrative Assistant Region 3; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad Child and Family Services; Kimberly Sim, Choices CCS; Libby Martin, LSSI; Leah Plank, Prevention-CAPS; Andy Ogle, Abbott-Redwood; Kiana Jackson, Young Mom Self Sufficiency (YSB); Kandyce Emmendoffer, Keys Counseling; Chandra Patton, Lifeline; Elena De La Cruz, Bowen Center; Emily Robinson, Oaklawn.

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Erin Shidler, Region 3 Manager

1. **Welcome/Introduction of Members & Guests:** Erin Shidler, Regional Manager
2. **Approval of Minutes**: January 11, 2019 minutes reviewed. Teresa Zornig motioned for approval, Wendy Disher-Taljaard seconded. Vote taken. All in favor. 0 opposed. Motion carried.
3. **Community Partners Update:**  Paige Hamilton, Program Administrator; Review of Community Partners Services March 2019 Financial Report and Comparison chart of YTD to 2018 and 2017. Budget is currently on track for the year. Next quarter report will be off slightly as we transition into our new system. Review of First Quarter Program Statistics. YTD we have served 525 families, on track for the year. Next year implement a set of 4 new service standards, to narrow them down.
4. Community education/Parent education
5. Gear up
6. Therapy/Relapse Prevention
7. Self-Sufficiency and Role Modeling

1. **Prevention Service Update:** Dion Smith, Regional Service Coordinator- Those receiving contracts will receive at the end of April beginning of May. Council Members reviewed handout of approved providers. Wendy Disher-Taljaard motioned for approval, Terri Zornig seconded. Vote taken. All in favor. 0 opposed. Motion carried.
2. **Regional Budget Update:** Join Tusing, Regional Finance Manager. The goal is to not exceed the 75% budget, Region 3 spent 66%. YTD, 16.1 million. In Home Care, 4.8 million and Out of Home Care, 11.3 million. Region 3 is down 11% from last fiscal year, with a little under 8 million left for the year.
3. **County Updates:** Local Office DCS Directors (April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month)

* Elkhart – Wendy Disher-Taljaard, Local Office Director; for National Child Abuse Prevention Month Elkhart had a rally with CAPS at the end of March. The local Magistrate was a guest speaker. Local Office is also planting pinwheels throughout the community.
* Kosciusko – Lindsay Castro, Local Office Director; for National Child Abuse Prevention Month Kosciusko partnered with the local CASA earlier in the week for an event where the local sherriff and new judge were in attendance.
* Marshall - Michael Carroll, Local Office Director; for National Child Abuse Prevention Month Marshall partnered with CASA to host an indoor walk at Life Plex from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday April 13, 2019. Theme is to dress as Superhero’s. Office staff created their own shirts for the event and have also created a pin wheel garden. Had a busy week for Marshall County as they detained 8 kids this week.
* St. Joseph – Teresa Zornig, Local Office Director; for National Child Abuse Prevention Month St. Joseph is hosting a PCA breakfast at aLoft, inviting local law enforcement, DCS Staff, and other organizations. DCS Director Terry Stigdon is to be in attendance. Will also be hosting an event at Cubs Field May 10th for DCS Staff, Foster Families, CASA and other community providers.

1. **Other Business:**

* Provider Presentations; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad Child and Family Services Communication Director

Erin accept motion to adjourn at 9:49 a.m., Terri Zornig seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next RSC Meeting is July 12, 2019 in Elkhart County, located at CAPS at 9:00 a.m.