

Region 13 Regional Service Council

Date / time 8/21/2020 10:00 AM | *Location* Microsoft Teams

Meeting called by: Laura Fish-Fair

Minutes: Trista Spires

Motion to Approve Minutes as Written: Judge S. Galvin

Second to the Motion: Shawn McBride

Meeting Minutes

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1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Meeting called to order at 9:58 AM, Sign-In sheet available upon request.
2. **Review & Approval of May 15, 2020 Minutes**
3. **Community Partners for Child Safety with Natalie Kassenbrock, Ireland Home Based Services**
 - Assist families with housing, utilities, resources, job placement, etc. as long as the family has no DCS, Probation or Families First involvement.
 - IHBS case workers are still seeing clients face to face & in homes.
 - Since the COVID-19 pandemic, mental health & employment assistance needs are on the rise.
 - Currently IHBS is working with 88 families.
 - The fiscal year was completed on June 30th at which time IHBS had seen 479 referrals. This is an increase from the previous fiscal year of 343 referrals.
 - Family success Story & Budget information shared with council.
 - Provider Fair 2020:
 - Due to current COVID-19 gathering restrictions, this event originally scheduled for October 28th will be rescheduled for spring 2021. More information to come.
4. **Prevention Services:**
 - Currently prevention services subcontract through Community Partners for Child Services & utilize the following agencies:
 - Middle Way House
 - Turning Point
 - Life Solutions

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5. **Regional Budget – Joe Fistrovich**

- Fiscal year ended on June 30th. At that time, R13 was operating under budget at 88%.
- Current budget attachments are available upon request.

6. **Preservation Services – Jason Nelson**

- R13 currently has 33 open family preservation referrals.
- R13 is no exception to the statewide struggle in accommodation of child hearsay & child diagnostic referrals. R13 has utilization of only one provider at this time & they're currently booked out until February 2021.

7. **Legal & Courts**

- R13 welcomed Grace (Allie) Chimples as the new Chief Counsel.
- DCS Monroe County Attorney, Morgan Wills has accepted a position as R13 Deputy Chief Counsel.
- Monroe County Courts
 - Justice building is now OPEN.
 - Ongoing criminal hearings are being held in person with civil hearings being conducted occasionally on a case by case basis.
 - CHINS hearings will continue to be held virtually.
- Lawrence County Courts
 - Court hearings being held via ZOOM virtually.
 - A limited amount of Fact Finding hearings were held in person throughout July & the early part of August. These hearings have since been transitioned back to virtual.
 - Expect operations to remain virtual through the end of 2020, possibly into 2021.

8. **Public Comment & Adjournment:**

- R13 is currently overstaffed by 20%. According to the state standard, R13 has a need of 81-82 Family Case Managers & currently staffs 94.
 - Positions will not be reduced at this time.
 - Vacancies will not be filled when staff exit.
 - Overstaffing provides the potential for staff to share multiple job duties throughout R13 instead of one county within the region.
- Adjournment: 11:06 AM

Other Information

Next Meeting Scheduled: November 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Location: TBD