

Regional Service Council Minutes Region #12

Meeting Date: July 17, 2017
Meeting Location: Fayette County DCS Conference Room
Meeting Chair: Kelly Owens
Meeting Secretary: Myrna Baldwin

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:33 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Bill Ammerman, Rush County DCS; David Balmer, Henry County DCS; and Tonya Smith, Rush County DCS.

Council Members Absent: Karen Bowen, Wayne County CASA; Kimyi Taylor Henry County DCS; Bette Jones, Fayette County Prosecuting Attorney; Judge Bob Witham, Henry County Circuit Court; Judge Brian Hill, Rush Superior Court; Catherine McNamara, Franklin County DCS; Kathy Hobson, Fayette County DCS; and Aimee Reese, Franklin County CASA/Foster Care Representative.

Others In Attendance: Hannah Robinson, Regional Service Coordinator; Norm Smith, Wernle; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad; Jason Woods, Meridian Health Services; Chelsea Shelburne, Indiana Youth Services; Robert Daugherty, DCS Regional Finance Manager; Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation; Carl Scheib and Dan Brumfield, Children's Bureau; Pasha Ferris, The Villages; Brandon Scott, Indiana United Methodist Children's Home and Craig Myers, Family Community Connections.

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome, Introductions

- a) Council lacked a quorum – no votes were taken
- b) Meeting agenda distributed.
- c) Introductions and welcome.
- d) Susan Lightfoot serving as proxy for Judge Bob Witham.

II. Program/Committee Reports:

➤ Community Partners:

Carl Scheib reporting

Referrals- First quarter referrals down slightly at 179; Second quarter referrals- 243

Events- Activities in April, Prevent Child Abuse Month, had good turnouts and variety.

The biennial goal to have Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) councils in all Region 12 counties continues to progress; councils will need to elect officers and register with PCAmerica.

Service Standards/Outcomes- State Standards have been met and/or exceeded in every quarter and continue to do so. Of particular note, the standard for *Discharged Clients states 95% of families receiving 8 or more face to face contacts will not have a substantiated child abuse case following the 8th contact for a period of 12 months after discharge* continues to be met or exceeded.

Fall Workshop- Workshops have not been planned and council was asked to contact Scheib with any ideas.

➤ **Regional Service Coordinator:**

Hannah Robinson reporting

There is no date set for Request for Proposals (RFP) and there may not be one. Any provider wishing to expand should contact Robinson.

➤ **Regional Finance Manager:**

Bob Daugherty reporting

Expenditures for fiscal year end were at a 20% increase for DCS. Probation had a decrease of 8%.

III. Other Business

No business to discuss.

IV. Public Comment

- Jason Woods, Meridian Health Services, informed the council that the Residential Treatment Center is receiving referrals, however they are still working out the kinks and addressing staffing issues.
- Norm Smith, Wernle, stated construction on the residential secure unit is completed and they have broken ground on a new administration building.

V. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on October 16, 2017, at 3:30pm, at the Fayette County Local DCS Office.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.