**Regional Services Council Minutes**

Friday, July 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Department of Child Services

Tippecanoe County

250 Main Street, 3rd Floor

Lafayette, IN 47901

Members present: Angela Guimond, Jennifer Johnson, Rhonda Friend, Judge Faith Graham, Jennifer Stiensdoerfer, Julie Larson, Iwona Morretino, Ambyr Wade, Coleen Connor, Julie Wolendowski (in for Karen Hayden Sturgis)

1. Welcome
   * Iwona Morretino is the new Service Coordinator for Region 5.
   * Her email address is [Iwona.Morretino@dcs.IN.gov](mailto:Iwona.Morretino@dcs.IN.gov)

2. Community Partners Report

* Bauer—Kara Boyles presented the summary of the FY 2019 contract year
* The transition to a new data base has resulted in some difficulties getting data/reports. They are just now able to input their notes and information in the system.
* Estimated around 1200 new referrals this year (which is an increase from the prior year).
* Saw an increase in the amount of the referrals from a school corporation in Fountain County than from the prior year thanks to outreach from the superintendent and contact with the local DCS office.
* Expended the total of their contract from last year. Housing is a need—saw the expense double.
* Discussed the budget for FY 2020 and the prevention allocations.
* Questions about the prevention priority areas addressed.
  + Childcare support
  + Safe sleep program can be funded through another source.
* Vote from the group around the allocation of $90,000 for prevention dollars (approved) and prevention priorities outlined (approved).

1. Practice Indicators for the Region
   * Discussions about practice indicators and regional goals for 2019
   * Judge Graham mentioned legislative updates that included Service Referral Agreements. How this would be implemented would be unclear.

4. Budget Review

* Lois Logan-Beard is on vacation this week.
* The budget for the new fiscal year is still in the works.
* Final tally for SFY 2019 provided to the group and discussed.

5. Service Updates (Iwona)

* There is a current RFP open for Community Based Services in an attempt to fill the service gaps. Proposals are not due until 8/9/2019.
* Iwona asked the members to notify other providers/vendors that there is an open RFP they could apply for.
* Family Preservation Services coming due to recent legislation. There will be an RFI open by the end of July 2019 to seek additional information from vendors/providers regarding services provided and payment rates.
  + Questions about the service standard, how that legislation will impact providers, and DCS and when the responses from providers will be required addressed.
* There is also an RFP open for drug testing/supplies.

6. Good of the Order

* Drew attention to the Practice Model Relaunch for DCS and provided a copy of the DCS Practice Model graphic.
* Provider meeting to follow

Next RSC meeting will be 10/18/2019 at 9 a.m. at the Tippecanoe County DCS office.

NOTE: Location is subject to change.