Regional Services Council Minutes

Region 9

September 27, 2019

9:00 AM

Avon Town Hall

1. **Call to order**
2. **Approval of Minutes**

* All voting members were in favor to accept the meeting minutes from 6.28.19.

1. **Budget Updates**

July and August Expenses

* Region 9 is 8.10% over budget from last year.
* Counties are working diligently to get services aligned and expenditures down.
* The target is 16.67%, we are under target at 16.19%.
* We have a decrease in number of children of 12.26%.
* We have an increase in cost per child of 1.55%

Boone

* Budget is at 38.38% - higher than last year.
* Number of children decrease of 2.70%.
* Cost per child increase of 19.19%.

Hendricks

* Budget is at 11% - down from last year.
* Number of children decrease of 33.78%.
* Cost per child increase of 20.51%.

Montgomery

* Budget is at 6.3 % - down from last year.
* Number of children decrease of 14.14%%
* Cost per child decrease of 9.51%

Morgan

* Budget is at 9.15 % - higher than last year
* Number of children decrease of 1.38%
* Cost per child decrease of 20.47%

Putnam

* Budget is at 22.15% - higher from last year
* Number of children decrease of 4.57%
* Cost per child decrease of .25%

\*\*Next meeting - would like to know the number of children.

1. **Services**

Update on Family Preservation – RFP/RFI

* RFI closed – A lot of agencies submitted information and now there is work on setting rates and establishing what services it will be for. Once that is done the RFP will be released.
* 2nd statewide RFP – Some of the services are already on for agencies that applied and were accepted – others will start 10/1.
* RSC will vote on contracts after selection process - Looking at possibly December - we need to make sure we have a voting proxy for this meeting if so.

Biennial Plan - Trying to make a usable document.

* We have a shortage on some services in the region, one is a batterers/DV treatment program. If any providers interested in that let Carolee know. She has reached out to one that may be able to come to Boone if there is a space available to run the groups.
* Hamilton Center is opening a Methadone clinic in Plainfield – $20 a day – only for those with opioid addictions – have vouchers for 1000 – have grants if no Medicaid. Target date to start Dec 31st.

Also talked to them about hearsay and psychological evaluations as well.

1. **Community Partners**

Handout Provided

Highlights –

* As of yesterday 795 referrals for the year - Think we will go well over 900 referrals for the year.
* Hendricks and Boone – liaisons are leaving.

Boone - one liaison covering Boone and Montgomery – Ben

will be assisting in covering.

Boone –

* Transportation issues, car repairs, homelessness, no homeless shelters

Community Outreach -

* Church Christmas program – wants us to refer 10-15 families.
* New Systems of Care - Ben will be working with Johnny Wilson.
* Grandparents Café – have had some show up, feels attendance will improve.

Hendricks –

* Housing is a big issue, still at $700-$800 rate for low income housing, DV referrals on the rise, homelessness.

Community Outreach -

* Prevent Child Abuse Hendricks County Kids Fair is Oct 19th – Will be having a coat drive.

Montgomery –

* Homelessness – an issue they are finding is that people are staying at Lake Waveland camping ground and they close in OCT., transportation issues, car repairs.

Community Outreach –

* Nicholson School Farm to School Supper Oct 1st
* Parent Open House/Community Fair Oct 10th
* It takes a Village Spectacular October 19th

Morgan –

* Trauma Informed Committee came to Children’s Bureau - provided training.

Community Outreach -

* Wants to start up a Grandparent Café again.
* PCA dissolved – trying to get it started back up

Putnam –

* Bed bugs, transportation, liaison has reached out to education programs.

Community Outreach -

* Putnam County Kids Count Camp – able to now expand to South Putnam.
* Working on a possible grant
* Trying to start a class on safe sleep

Community Outreach Summer Events – Had a busy summer.

* National Night Out
* Back pack attacks
* Fire safety program

They now have a new electronic medical records system

Safety Items:

All counties are good with safety items.

* New item - wands that go on back packs so the bus driver can see the kids, will be sending these to the counties.

Still need to work on having the liaisons go to the schools – plan to set up meetings.

Not all schools are aware of Community Partners.

\*DCS Education liaisons have points of contact to communicate with at each school.

1. **Foster Care**

* Foster Care now has a director that specially focuses on foster care – has been beneficial and allows for extra supervision of foster care.
* They will have an additional position – will have 7 Foster Care Specialists. One person will only be doing relatives, one will only be doing licensing. This will free up time for the other FCS to focus on other things, home studies, etc. There will also be a new foster care clerical position – this will be beneficial as well.
* Foster Care Portal phase 1- launched this week, phase 1 allows foster parents to log in and see the children in their home, listed with specific information about the children, the FCS and FCM, and who to reach out to if there are any issues. This portal is very easy to understand.

Right now foster parents can’t add information but the goal is

for them to be able to upload information later.

Phase 2 plan - will be able to see CANS and education

information.

Services for foster parents -

* Working with Traders Point Church – caring communities - foster parents have to agree to this.
* 6-8 people providing services such as transportation, a meal for foster families once or twice week, respite, mentoring, support to relatives, bedding, and car seats.
* This can be used for the entire region.

Support services for foster parents –

* Putting services in place for the majority of foster parents – addressing foster parents needs specifically –provider can provide services for foster parents that don’t understand the trauma of the kids or having issues, or for their biological kids struggling with foster kids being in their home.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM.