



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 8

Meeting Date: January 13, 2016

Meeting Location: Vigo County DCS
30 N. 8th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Council Members Present: Susan Lesko, Regional Manager, Heidi Decker, Vigo County Director; Andrea Williams, Vermillion/Parke County Director; Jason Holt, Clay County Director, Mike Goodwin, Sullivan County Director, Megan Richardson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor;

Council Members Absent: Terry Modesitt, Vigo County Prosecutor; Judy Schoffstall, Foster Parent Representative; Judge Dan Kelly, Vigo County Circuit Judge; Bruce Stengel, Vermillion Circuit Judge; Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director;

Others in Attendance: Kristina Killen, Regional Services Coordinator; Sandy Bennett and Angi Johnson, Children's Bureau; Richard Troyer, Lifeline Youth and Family Services; Mary Yelton, CRADLES of Clay County; Mike Singleton, Ireland Homes Based; Melissa Ketner, ISU School of Social Work

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:02pm

Susan Lesko welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Minutes were read from the June 17, 2015 meeting. Heidi entertained a motion to accept the minutes.

Programs/Committee Report:

Budget Update

The budget amounts have been allocated. Counties are watching their spending while ensuring families and children are receiving all necessary services.

Community Partners/Prevention Services Update

Sandy Bennett distributed the report. The information on the report was from the 4th quarter of 2015.

Father Engagement

Sandy Bennett - There is nothing to report at this time.

CRADLES

Mary Yelton stated they are open in Brazil and Clay City. There had 18 adults and 27 children enrolled in their program.

Service Coordinator Report

Biennial Strategic Plan

The Biennial Plan was discussed. The Plan is effective for the next two years. Kristina Killen went over the four goals of the region and stated the Child Protection Plan is also part of the Biennial Action Plan. Once it is approved by the agency it will be uploaded to the website. After discussion Heidi Decker made a motion to approve the plan. This was seconded by Mike Goodwin. The vote to approve the plan was unanimous.

RFPs

There will be a new RFP opened hopefully in April for CACs. Region 8 would like to establish a CAC for the region. There may additional RFP as well.

Kristina is now the Prevention Manager for DCS but she will still continue to cover Region 8 until her replacement is hired.

New Business

Meeting dates and times were discussed. The Council agreed that four times a year was sufficient as was the 3:00 start time.

Susan entertained a motion to adjourn. Heidi Decker made a motion to adjourn and Mike Goodwin seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33pm

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 3:00pm in the second floor training room of the Vigo County office.