Regional Service Council

Region 6

June 17, 2020

* **Welcome-**

Liz Learned Regional Manager

Iwona Morretino DCS Rep Regional Service Council

Paige Hamilton SCAN: Community Partners

Katie Craft DCS RFM

Mary Werner DCS R6 FCM Supervisor

Kerri Baker Huntington Co LOD

Kelly Moorman Huntington FCMS

Stacey Morgan Howard Co LOD

Delli Wells Cass Co LOD

Cassie Bault Miami Co FCMS

Janaei Smith Cass Co FCMS

Latasha Music Foster Parent

Andrea Colley Crossroads

Barb Hilton Family Service Association

Karen Hall Four County

Jason Cussen Bowen Center

Lauren McCammon LSSI

Libby Martin LSSI

Jan Williams YSB Huntington

Colton DeFluiter

Jennifer Johnson

Jennifer Lombard

Lisa Blanchard

Bradley Samuel- Family Case Manager, Fulton Co.

* **Approval of Minutes:**
* Motion to approve Stacey Morgan
* Second Janaei Smith
* **Budget and projections-Katie Craft**
  + End of May Region 6
    - $1,249,142
  + End of April
    - $1,068,1471
  + End of March
    - $1,156,345
  + For the entire fiscal year so far
    - $11,379,153
  + Target for the end of May was 91.67% actual is 96.10%
  + We are over by just under 10%. Since the pandemic hit, invoicing has been working from home. They have been very effective in their processing which turns out to be very good for providers.
  + By the end of the fiscal year, we will be over budget
  + We are a little over in In-Home community based, which is good because we are keeping the kids in the home with their families and getting their needs addressed
  + Out of home - we are down
  + Non-Relative LCPA foster homes we are up almost 20% compared to last year
* **Services Coordinator- Iwona Morretino**
  + Family Preservation
    - Brand new standard and a brand new approach
    - As of June 1 we have started referring in-home CHINS and IA families to family preservation providers
    - We have a number of providers contracted in the region, we were hoping for more providers
      * George Junior, Lifeline, Bowen & Whites for the whole region
      * Community Howard Regional Health for Howard and Miami Counties
      * Family Service Society for Howard, Huntington, Miami & Wabash
      * Whitington Homes and Services for Huntington
    - We are still in the beginning stages, but our region has done a good job so far
  + Once the provider goes out and meets the family, they are able to be reimbursed per diem for the entire time they are working with the family
  + Service also includes weekly safety checks of the home
  + There has been a little glitch in KidTraks that central office is working on.
    - When we have an out of home that moves to an IA or an In-Home CHINS this causes issues that we are having to work around
    - When this issue comes up we need to make sure that the local office is communicating with the providers
    - The programmers are working on this and it should be fixed soon
* Our new drug screen vendor has been put on hold
  + We will continue with our current vendors contracts have been extended to 6-30-2021
* **SCAN- Community Partners-Paige Hamilton**
  + Enrollments 200 people between Feb and April
  + April enrollments were only 13
  + Total clients served were 477
  + If anyone can make referrals in any programs, please feel free to make a Community Partners referral
  + Budgets- Services for April we were at 83% of what we wanted to be, we are looking at ways to spend the rest
  + Jan from YSB noted that they have Walmart gift cards and gas cards for Wabash and Huntington for people who may need assistance with items. Please see Jason or Jan. We need to try to provide some breathing room for families. There are families who have never needed assistance in the past who will need help now.
* **FSA has a big conference every year**
  + Barb Hilton was able to transfer the conference to virtual, it was broken into 3 days of training
    - 466 registered
    - 300 people signed in each day-there were more than 300 because some people were sharing computers
    - 93 people requested CEU’s
    - 18 Foster Parents attended
    - Excellent ratings all three days
    - Topics covered were
      * Brain and Trauma
      * Different Medical Options
      * Brain and Resilience
      * Reducing Bias
      * Combating Compassion and Fatigue
* **Regional Training-IYI** 
  + 432 registered participants
    - FCM’s
    - CASA
    - Foster Parents
    - DCS Staff
    - Social Service Providers
* **Foster Care Updates-Mary Werner**
  + The Community Engagement Specialist
    - Has been in contact with the community to discuss foster care recruitment
    - Reaching out to Hands of Hope
    - New brochures and flyers are being created
    - A recruitment plan has been completed and is being reviewed
    - We are having to get more creative in trying to get families that are interested in being licensed
    - CES is holding all of the orientations virtually via Team, these are every Tuesday at 5:30 PM
      * This is the first requirement that applicants have to attend
    - Most of the Foster Care Specialists are working remotely and have overcome most of the barriers although we still have a barrier for CPR and 1st aid training, none of the locations are open in our region at this time. Many of the families are having to go to Indianapolis, Noblesville and Fort Wayne for training
* **Regional Updates**
  + Mary has done a very good job leading her team and acclimating to new structure of Foster Care and providing outreach in recruitment and licensing.
  + Our local office is currently in Phase 4 of the Back on Track plan. We are able to staff our offices at 56%. We have to make sure to do this in stages to ensure we have PPE equipment and remain social distancing guidelines.
  + We will soon be able to have the offices open to the public. We currently can do by appointment only.
  + Our local directors have been working very hard at keeping their offices functioning well in this pandemic.
* Next Meeting at the Miami County Office at 300 South Broadway, Peru IN 46970 in December
  + Face to face depending on where we are at in the pandemic.
  + More information will be shared at a later time
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