 **Regional Service Council Minutes**

**Region # 15**

**Meeting Date**: April 17, 2019

**Meeting Location**: Ripley County DCS, Versailles 47042

**Council Members Present**:

Sandy Ante, Dearborn Local Office Director

Gary Keith, Jefferson Local Office Director

Michelle Smith, Ripley Local Office Director

Denise Burton, Switzerland Local Office Director

Teresa Patrick, Decatur DCS Supervisor

Alyssa Shelton, Jefferson DCS Supervisor

Michelle Huber, FCM/Ripley County FCM

Kerri Fox, Foster Parent

Jackie Murray, Foster Parent

**Council Members Present by proxy:**

**Council Members Absent**:

Michelle Russell, Region 15 RM

Sandy Thurston, Decatur Local Office Director

Jennifer Sturges / Proxy for Judge Day, Decatur Circuit

Dena Steiner / Proxy for Judge Humphrey, Dearborn Circuit

Vacant, Proxy for Jefferson County Prosecutor

Shannon Schmaltz / Proxy for Ripley County Judge

K-Lynn Minor, Jefferson FCM

Stacey Beauchamp, CASA

**Others in Attendance**:

Erica Roberts, Community Partner/IHBS

Nick Miller, Community Partner/IHBS

Meagan Arthur, IN Trafficking Victim Asst Program (ITVAP)

David Cruse, WERNLE

Norm Smith, WERNLE

Liz Stauth, Anthem

Gabriela Quinones-Cueller, Youth Villages

Tyler Bittner, Abbott (formerly Redwood)

Teresa Nobbe, DCS Clerical

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order at**: 1:30 pm

1. Welcome/Roll Call – Introductions completed
2. Approval of Minutes:
3. ***Alyssa Shelton made a motion to approve January 17, 2019 RSC minutes; Michelle Smith seconded; all in favor.***
4. ***Alyssa Shelton made a motion to approve March 20, 2019 RSC minutes; Gary Keith seconded; all in favor.***
5. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:
6. Community Partners / Erica Roberts & Nick Miller
7. Handouts: Referral reports; budget & flex fund reports

* Erica went over stats for region & individual counties
* Currently on budget

1. Erica shared success stories



1. Regional Finance Manager – Belinda Foreman not in attendance but Sandy Ante shared our region was currently at budget or slightly below
2. Regional Services Coordinator – Position Vacant, no update at this time
3. Biennial Plan Goal: Provider Presentations
4. Amanda Green / LifeSpring Health Systems

* Handouts: WRAP Facilitation Services & Services Provided
* Child needs a CANS score of 1 to qualify for services
* A child that is BDDS approved is not eligible for their services as BDDS will provide the same services for them.
* They can choose the location/facilitator for services
* Crisis number, which is monitored 24/7: 812-280-2080 (main switchboard)



1. Tiffany Ortega – Anthem

* Questions about Medicaid / 1-800-403-0864
* Now offering incentives for being healthy (keeping dr appointments, complete screenings, etc,)
* Transportation is available – can cross into bordering state (Cincinnati, Louisville, etc.) 1-844-772-6632
* Interpreter Services available
* 24/7 Nurse Help
* Cell phone assistance
* Tutoring for CHINS; tutor can meet in-home or community and is offered for 4-21 yr olds. Can also assist in getting GED
* If a child has Medicaid prior to becoming CHINS; they will keep the same Medicaid coverage. If not – they will be assigned to a CHINS Medicaid category. A grievance can be filed to switch provider, when needed. The process can take awhile & is not always approved.
* Bordering cities do have contracts with IN Medicaid or can apply to get one.
* If you have a lost card for a CHINS or need a PPG change – you may contact Liz Stauth / [Liz.Stauth@anthem.com](mailto:Liz.Stauth@anthem.com) for assistance.
* Tiffany is able to present at local office staffings as well



1. Jennifer Sturges / Speranza House – unable to attend
2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
3. Child Abuse Events for Region 15:
4. Dearborn/Ohio: April 26; 2-5 pm / Dearborn & Ohio DCS offices Safety item can be donated at local schools and churches; kids will be making pinwheels
5. Decatur: April 4; 11-2 pm, Greensburg YMCA; games and food provided as well as Gleaners providing family with a bag of food to take home.
6. Jefferson: April 26; 6-8 pm / Madison Boys and Girls Club / These is Safety; lunch and activities provided / Poster contest among local elementary schools – theme: draw a place that makes you feel safe
7. Ripley: April 25 / Tyson Gym; food and activities
8. Switzerland: April 1 / Pinwheel “planting” on Courthouse lawn
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. PUBLIC BUSINESS
11. Tyler Bittner / Abbot (formerly Redwood); [tbittner@redwoodtoxicology.com](mailto:tbittner@redwoodtoxicology.com) / is covering for Kathy until she returns from medical leave.
12. Meagan Arthur / IN Trafficking Victim Asst Program (ITVAP); [marthur@indysb.org](mailto:marthur@indysb.org) offering training in Jefferson County week of May 10-17 – contact Meagan if interested. Can also provide training to local offices – lasts 1- 1 ½ hrs.
13. Norm Smith / WERNLE / [nsmith@wernle.org](mailto:nsmith@wernle.org) / new facilities; if interested in more information they can also attend local DCS staffings

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time**:

July 17, 2019 / Ripley DCS Training Room / 1:30 pm

**Meeting Adjourned at**: 2:15 pm

***Michelle Smith made a motion to adjourn; Denise Burton seconded; all in favor***