 **Regional Service Council Minutes**

**Region # 15**

**Meeting Date**: July 17, 2019

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

**Council Members Present**:

Michelle Russell, Region 15 RM

Sandy Ante, Dearborn Local Office Director

Gary Keith, Jefferson Local Office Director

Michelle Smith, Ripley Local Office Director

Denise Burton, Switzerland Local Office Director/Acting Decatur LOD

Teresa Patrick, Decatur DCS Supervisor

Alyssa Shelton, Jefferson DCS Supervisor

Michelle Huber, FCM/Ripley County FCM

K-Lynn Minor, Jefferson FCM

Stacey Beauchamp, Advocates for Children

Kerri Fox, Foster Parent

**Council Members Present by proxy:**

Jennifer Sturges / Proxy for Judge Day, Decatur Circuit

Adam Rauch / Proxy for Judge Humphrey, Dearborn Circuit

**Council Members Absent**:

Vacant, Proxy for Jefferson County Prosecutor

Shannon Schmaltz / Proxy for Ripley County Judge

Jackie Murray, Foster Parent

**Others in Attendance**:

Erica Roberts, Community Partner/IHBS

Nick Miller, Community Partner/IHBS

Meagan Arthur, IN Trafficking Victim Asst Program (ITVAP)

Sara Middendorf, NYAP

Dedra Watkins, Youth Villages

Angel Johnson, Lifeline Youth & Family

Norm Smith, WERNLE

Liz Stauth, Anthem

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 minutes from April 17, 2019 meeting; Michelle Smith seconded; all in favor***
4. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:
5. Community Partners / Erica Roberts & Nick Miller
6. Handouts: Quarterly, Referral, Budget & Flex fund reports
* Erica summarized report data
* Shared success stories
* New budget year began 7-1-19



1. Regional Finance Manager – Belinda Foreman
2. Handout: Region 15 Budget stats; R15 came in under budget
3. Regional Services Coordinator – RM for Austin Hollabaugh
4. RM stated RFP is currently open for community based services until 4 pm August 11
5. Services Coordinator position is still vacant
6. Biennial Plan Goal: Provider Presentations
7. Jennifer Sturges, Speranza House (Recovery Residence for Women)



* 8 person capacity – currently at 7
* 12 month program; with up to additional 6 months of after-care (client can complete sooner)
* Home setting; parenting time/supervised visits can be done at Speranza House
* Working on getting Recovery Works approved
* Completion of Rural Works is required
* Drug Screens administered
* Transportation provided to residents
* Handout – Information Sheet
* Preference is given to Decatur County residents but isn’t required
* Cost: $200/week which includes shelter and services. This may change if they receive Recovery Works approval.
* Foundation for Recovery / also located in Greensburg is a residential recovery program for men (contact Speranza house)
1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2. NEW BUSINESS
3. Michelle Huber is taking a different position within DCS so we need another FCM to replace her. Michelle Smith will email name to Michelle Russell.
4. Prevention Provider Presentation: Please send suggestions for October meeting to: Michelle Russell or Teresa Nobbe
5. PUBLIC BUSINESS
6. Meagan Arthur / IN Trafficking Victim Asst Program (ITVAP); marthur@indysb.org Meagan is familiarizing herself with Region 15. If you would like her to attend a staffing or have questions for her; please feel free to email her.
7. Medicaid Anthem: Reminder: As a new school year is set to begin, tutoring is a service provided by Anthem

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

October 16, 2019 / Ripley DCS Training Room / 1:30 pm

**Meeting Adjourned at**: 2:00 pm

***Michelle Smith made a motion to adjourn; Alyssa Shelton seconded; all in favor***