

***Regional Services Council
Region 4 Meeting***

Date: January 9, 2023

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Meeting Chair: Erin Shidler, Region 4 Manager

Meeting Secretary: Helen Garmon

Call to order

Start time: 12:00 p.m.

Roll call

Approval of minutes from last meeting

As read As corrected

Recommended Correction:

Program/Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

None

New business

Welcome

Do to scheduling conflicts, a motion was made by Wesley Husselman to change the remaining 2023 RSC meeting dates from the 2nd Monday of each quarter to the 3rd Tuesday of each quarter as following:

- Tuesday, April 18, 2023 (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.) Virtual via Microsoft Teams
- Tuesday, July 18, 2023 (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.) Virtual via Microsoft Teams
- Tuesday, October 17, 2023 (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.) Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Motion was seconded, motion carried.

Community Partners Update – Christy Robbins

Christy shared her screen to review the:

- Local Prevention Dollar Services 7/1/22 through 12/31/22
- Prevention Outreach Data – 7-1-2022 through 12/31/2022
- Referrals Summary Data - 7/1/22 through 12/31/22
- Program Outcomes Data - 7/1/22 through 11/30/22

Starting January 1, 2023, they will be able to take prenatal clients. Those families that do not qualify for a Healthy Families Program or another Prenatal Program they have opened the door that if you have a

Pennsylvania. We're hoping for 300-500 people to be present for this very important conversation

- Our annual 2022 average for timely initiations of assessments was about 89%. We were at about 96% for Timely completion for assessments
- In 2022 we had around 365 reports come through. We have 2 FCMs that manage assessments and 4 that manage ongoing, or permanency cases and they did a great job managing those reports that were coming in that year

Noble – Andrea Hoy

- We have been successful in hiring. We have 12 FCMs. One started today as a rehire and we're excited to have him back! We have 3 in cohort
- We continue to use Family Preservation Services for our In-Home and IA cases
- Our assessment numbers are down however, that kind of flows with when schools in session or different times of the year
- We are continuing to see a trend that most of our assessments revolve around substance abuse issues
- We have an all staff meeting every Wednesday of the month. If you service, the Noble County area and would like to come present to us, please reach out to Andrea Hoy. She usually allows 15-30 minutes at the beginning of their staff meeting

Steuben – Nicholas Molyneux

- We have a clerical position that is currently open and we're processing applicants for that
- We have a vacant FCM position that we've posted and will be working through applications on that end
- Our new supervisor is Chelsey Vance is doing a great job! Chelsey was an FCM out of Whitley County
- We're still using Family Preservation. We're seeing an increase in our In-Home and IA cases
- Intakes are also increasing for us. We had 48 in-takes in December and close to 15 already for January which is a little above average for us
- As far as initiations are concerned our end of year is approximately 81% and that's really good for us

Whitley – Erin for Amanda Herendeen

- Our intakes are like what everyone else has said. Through the year it has not been super consistent. Some months we have 50 which is a lot. The last 3-months we've averaged about 30 new assessments a month which is about where we should be
- We are currently fully staffed with 5 FCMs working full time and 2 FCMs in cohort. Staff will feel relief when we get our 2 FCMs through cohort and cases assigned to them
- We currently have 40% of our cases as IAs or In-Home which is slightly down for us. Through 2022 we averaged between 45 -50 percent of our caseload In-Home and IA so we've used Family Preservation Services pretty heavily and will continue to do so

Provider Presentations (10-Minutes)

- Bonita Byman, H.O.M.E. Program Supervisor Children First Center
- Gloria Whitcraft, SAFY of Indiana

Providers, please contact Helen Garmon (helen.garmon@dcs.in.gov) if you are interested in signing up to do a 10-minute presentation. Helen will contact you the week before the RSC meeting to let you know you will be presenting

Provider Fair – Lisa Blanchard

- There's going to be a Provider Fair the beginning of May 2023 with the Allen County Systems of Care. It will be held in the park next to the Lutheran Foundation. Lisa will get the date and forward to Erin or someone that can distribute to this mailing list

The next RSC meeting will be via Microsoft Teams at 12:00 p.m. on April 18, 2023

Adjournment

With no other business meeting was adjourned

Signatures:

Secretary Helen Garmon

Date 4-18-2023

Approved hg (secretary's initials)

Chair Erin Thiele

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