**Regional Services Council Meeting Minutes**

**Region 11**

**Meeting Date: December 4, 2019**

**Meeting Location: Hamilton County DCS Office**

**938 N. 10th Street**

**Noblesville, IN 46060**

**Council Members Present:**, Joanie Crum, Lyndsay Krauter, Ashley Krumbach, Amy Waltermire, Iwona Morretino, Jessica Paxson, Bob Bragg, Cheri Coonce, Russell Beatty, Bob Daugherty, Annette Craycraft

**Council Members Absent:** Pam Owens, Blake Alexander, Britni Nelson, Niki Howenstine

**Guests:** Stephanie Fertucci, Ciara Coleman, Joan Wilson, Megan Stafford, Chelsea Mikesell, Kelly Reiff, Lynne Wisneski, Julie Ensinger, Debbie Branfield, Ulises Rodriguez, Jennifer Bradley, Tara Elless, Ciera Earnhart, Laura Snyder, Katrina Tillman, Shelly Ross, Kimberly Stevenson, Pamela Walker, Robin Emmons, Jill Kelly, Anna Sasin.

**Meeting Minutes**

* Meeting was called to Order at 9:08 A.M. by Regional Manager Joanie Crum
  + **Old Business**
    - **Approval of Minutes from July 31, 2019 Meeting.** RSC members spent a few minutes reviewing the minutes from the July 31, 2019 meeting. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.
    - **Biennial Plan Update –**
  + **New Business**
* **Biennial Plan for SFY 2021-2022**

**Region 11 staff and stakeholders participated in planning groups to create the action steps for the new biennial plan. The workgroup’s plans were presented to the RSC. A vote was taken to accept the new plan, and approved by the RSC.**

* + - * The focus of the Region 11 Biennial Plan is Prevention efforts, Maltreatment after Involvement, Permanency of children in the 24 month and over category, and Substance Use Disorder Treatment.

* + - * + The Prevention planning Group discussed Strengthening Indiana Families Grant that was awarded to Madison and Tipton Families.Region is participating in a pilot project to ensure there is an increase in Child and Family Team Meeting in the Assessment Phase. Maltreatment – focusing on the Child and Family Team meeting process.
        + Permanency for Children in care 24+ months. Discussion pointed out opportunities with a few themes:

Legal Barriers delaying timely and successful legal permanency.

Effective use and availability of support services for Permanency placements.

Limited field knowledge pertaining to the adoption process, financial assistance and pre/post adoptive services.

Difficulties with older youth not wanting legal permanency.

Correlation of the CFTM and the case plan goals

* + - * + Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Work group discussed Cross train and co-educate DCS staff, providers and Stakeholders to increase knowledge of drug use, safety planning/relapse planning and the tools available.

* + - * + Other things that were discussed-

Lack of transportation

Need for trained foster homes and group homes specific to the growing number of children with extensive or high needs

Access and availability for mental health services and lack of services in rural communities in general.

Turnover in the field for DCS and community stakeholders and partners.

* + - Fiscal – Regional Finance Report – Bob Daugherty provided an update. Region 11’s budget is $23,287,000. 1.5 Million Dollars under budget. Region has spent 12% less than last year. Spent 8.1 million in the first five months of the year.

* + - Community Partners Update –Stephanie Fertucci provided the update
      * Referrals: September-October 2019 - 141

Hamilton – 27

Hancock – 22

Madison – 85

Tipton – 7

Material Relief for Region 11 - $11,896.76

* + - * Community Outreach
        + Madison County -

Sept. 13 – Health Department Health fair- 140 Families Attended

Sept. 14 – St. Vincent Hospital Safety Fair – 200 Families Attended

Sept. 19 – Intersect Drug summit – 150 Attendees

Sept. 30 –Fire Dept. DOSE program provided 30 bags Filled of Safe Sleep Information

In the month of October, Places provided with CPCS information

Willows Place Homeless Shelter

Selah’s House

Clean Slate

CASA

TRC

Prosecutors Office

WIC

* + - * + Tipton County -

Oct 21 – Tipton Middle School – Provided CPCS Information

Oct. 28 – Chamber of Commerce Truck or Treat – Donated $100 of Candy

Partnering with WIC to Provide Safe Sleep Classes and Breastfeeding Classes

Nov. 6 – Meeting with Mustard Seed

Nov. – Providing 20 bags of food to Tipton Boys and Girls Club for Thanksgiving

Dec. 6- Christmas Cookie Walk

Safe Sleep- Scheduled Individually

SOC- 4th Monday of the month at 4-H in Tipton

* + - * + Hamilton County -

Sept.12- Carmel Clay Mental Health Fair – Provided 200 Journals

Oct. 5- Hamilton Southeastern Bright Beginnings Mental Health Conference – Provided 160 Sensory Objects

Oct.21 – Riverview Hospital- Provided CPCS

Oct.28- Safe Sleep Class partnered with WIC

Safe Sleep Class 3rd Wednesday of the month

PCA – 4th Friday of the month

Continuing to plan Spring Fling and reach out to Vendors

SOC- 3rd Tuesday of the month

* + - * + Hancock County -

Sept. 3 – Adult Basic Education Classes

Sept. 4 – Families First

Sept. 11 – Rise Above it Mental Health Event

Outreach meetings with community agencies: Healthy Families, Alternatives, Purdue Ext, Boys and Girls Club.

Safe Sleep Classes are every other month at Hancock Regional Hospital

Safe Sleep – Scheduled individually

* + - * + Prevention Funding Provider Updates: A vote was taken that unused funds Any unused funds go back to Children’s Bureau – Approved by the RSC
        + Community Partners hired Outreach Coordinator (working a lot in Tipton)
        + CCDF- Maximus is taking over
        + Guest comments :

Aspire- Progress House in Marion County 90+ beds for Men. Wanting to get 100+ beds in Madison County, waiting on Vote and can be up in running quickly.

Homecoming LLCH – Anna Sasin, Works with Juveniles and Adults, 3 assessments a week, hoping to expand in the next month.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 A.M.