Regional Services Council Minutes

Friday, July 17, 2020

9:00 am

Department of Child Services—Region 5

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Conference ID: 438 193 411#

**Those in attendance:** Angela Guimond, Kara Boyles, Sandy Lock, Lois Logan-Beard, Penny Neal, Rhonda Friend, Samantha O’Neal, Kathy Seymour, Jennifer Steinsdoerfer, Stephanie Campbell, Tara Hamilton, Ambyr Wade, Brooke Brown, Coleen Connor, Austin Hollabaugh, Caitlin Jackson, Jennifer Johnson, Pam Biggs-Reed

1. Welcome
	* Regional Updates
		+ DCS’s Back on Track Plan available on the DCS website.
		+ Currently state offices remain closed to the public unless they have an appointment.
		+ Staffing levels in the office setting remain low to maintain social distancing.

2. Community Partners Report

* Kara Boyles went over the RSC report and expanded financials
	+ $50,000 to Duke Energy to directly support families with outstanding bills at risk of disconnection.
	+ Anticipate an additional $3000 in expenses to be added to the report.
	+ Underspent by roughly $60,000
* Prevention Budget allegations for 2020-2021 Community Partners contract year
	+ Recommendations emailed to RSC
	+ Prevention priority areas—childcare, food insecurity, DV prevention, substance abuse, youth enrichment, sustainable housing, COVID related needs/expenses
* Judge Campbell asked for clarification on Bauer’s presence in Fountain County.
* Coleen motioned to accept the proposed budget and allocations and Rhonda Friend seconded the motion.
1. Practice Indicators for the Region
	* Practice Indicator summary emailed to RSC members
	* Highlighted the strengths and opportunities for the region.
2. Budget Review (Lois Logan-Beard)
	* Regional budget emailed to RSC members
	* Region 5 under budget for the SFY.
	* Budget for next SFY not available yet

 5. Service Updates (Austin Hollabaugh)

* Family Preservation updates
	+ Service standard emailed to RSC members
	+ Region 5 initially led the state in referrals.
	+ Some hiccups in the initial assessment process, but that is getting resolved.
	+ Concrete service expenses not as much of a concern per provider calls than initially thought.
	+ Continues to meet with FPS providers bi-weekly
* Provider fair
	+ We are going to discuss potential options with providers during our meeting following RSC.

 6. Good of the Order

* Next 2020 RSC meeting date is 10/16/2020 at 9:00 a.m.
	+ Venue TBD
* Provider meeting to follow at 10:30 a.m.
	+ Venue TBD

Penny Neal motioned to adjourn and Rhonda Friend seconded. Meeting adjourned.