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Public Meeting
Regional Services Council
Region 10
January 20, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
4150 North Keystone Avenue
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Council Members in Attendance

J. Hubartt, Chair, Reg. 10 Dir., DCS; P. Surbey, Deputy Director, DCS; M. McGeney, Division Mgr., DCS; K. Reid, Supe, DCS; C. Ball, Juv. Probation; A. Foxworthy, Supervisor, DCS; P. Haughan, MCPO; S. Lyons, Practice Consultant, DCS; G. Ellis, Child Advocates; B. Ping, Juvenile Court; K. Bullington, Attorney, DCS (non-voting Legal Counsel)

Visitors

C. Couch, DCS Regional Services Coordinator for Region 10; T. Vance, DCS Clinical Resource Consultant; J. Klein, Children's Bureau; J. Dalton, A. Knapp, G. Kulal & L. Goldberg, Damar Services; S. Martin, MCCOY; B. Robison, Adult & Child; J. Cox, Columbus Behavioral Ctr.; T. Dent, Choices; S. Kegl, Midwest Psychological; L. Highley, ACS; M. Williams, Valle Vista; K. Rompala, PassWord Cmty. Mentoring; J. Van Wicklin, White's Residential & Family Services; K. Riley, Probation; C. McConn & P. Winning, McConn Partnerships; D. Augenbergs, Midtown; T. Johnson, IJJTF; B. KIELTY, Indiana Mentor; K. Brannen, Gibault; Y. Hampton, Wernle; J. Schmidt, Dockside

Introduction of Members/Housekeeping

Members introduced themselves. Chair noted that Couch is attending to help update Council on the Biennial Plan. Chair introduced T. Vance, who recently joined DCS as the Regional Clinical Resource Consultant. It's a licensed social work position and she assists staff members determine best placements and treatments for wards. She has provided child welfare services through various community health centers since 2005. Ms. Vance came from Adult & Child where she set up



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psychological testing, dealt with mental health issues and family problems with clients, supervised staff, among other duties.

October 2011 minutes were reviewed and approved as written. They will be posted to website within 10 days.

Biennial Strategic Action Plan

Chair emailed this approximately 1000 page document to Council members before the meeting. Its five sections include the Overview, which discusses the service array in Marion County and the steps we've made in Safely Home/ Families First, and Healthy Families, the Prevention Services Array survey that went out, and the efforts of DCS and Child Welfare partners in the county. Also attached are the Child Protection Plan (statutory) and the Regional Action Plan (probably the most important document). RSC also funds about 30 agencies via our Community Partners; this info is provided in another section of the document.

The survey identified a number of concerns and Couch looked for the most commonly mentioned items. One topic of concern is LGBTQ training services which we were already funding. Some action steps were identified and we would like to continue funding in the coming year. We have received a lot of positive feedback from the community training we've provided; we've had full classes at virtually all sessions.

Mentoring is another topic identified in the survey. This topic often means different things to different people, so we will discuss it in a workgroup. Ball asked if this applied everywhere or just to DCS. She & Ping noticed that Probation and the Court were not represented in the workgroup. Chair clarified that the workgroup would most likely be composed of RSC members or their designees, providers, and community partners, so Probation can be represented in the workgroups. Since this topic continues to crop up, Chair would like to address it and make it concrete so RSC can take some action. Then, reports—perhaps quarterly—would be presented.

Ball and Ping noticed that in-patient drug treatment for youth is not included. Funding at the county level can't be done because of a lack of grant money. Is the Biennial Plan concerned only with prevention? After discussion, Chair advised that if this is another area that is identified as an area of need, RSC can open it up for a modification or an RFP. She understands their concern and this might be something to consider going forward

Couch added that there is a lot of information in the survey and section. She has found that Region 10 is on target with what the State trends are.

Ping noted that the Child Protection Team doesn't list T. Dent and M. McGeney. Dent replaced J. Kennedy of Choices and is a member. McGeney is not. Chair responded that Couch and Surbey can update the membership.



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McGeney moved to approve the Biennial Plan with these changes. Foxworthy seconded and the motion was passed. Chair will email reports to those who didn't receive them and will pull together the workgroups within the next month. We can then get started on our mentoring work.

Quarterly Prevention Provider Reports

Chair also emailed members a number of the quarterly prevention provider reports. Although they aren't due until January 31, quite a few have come in and she wanted to share them with the group; Safe Sleep, Domestic Violence Network, Probation's Runaway Reception Center, MCCOY (for the EIP Initiative), Christamore House, EmberWood, Hawthorne Community Center, and Inspire Mediation Center submitted their quarterly reports. You can look them over and ask any questions of Klein. Ping had a related question for EmberWood and asked for a contact, which Klein provided. Chair said she would assist if necessary.

Budget

As of the end of December we have spent 40 per cent of funds (target was 50 per cent), so we doing well on the budget. Probation and Child Welfare are both operating within their means. Chair thinks providers have done a great job over the past couple of years, what with budgets and trainings and new ways of doing things.

Ping commented that the number didn't match what he and Judge Chavers expected. They don't know what to aim for until half-way through the year. Ball warned that RSC can expect a bit of an increase in the services area in substance abuse spending because in the past people had to find and pay for their own out-patient treatment. Foxworthy stated the service standards are somewhat vague, but they can investigate.

Spend-downs

Members next reviewed spend-downs through December 31. We still have a number of providers who have not submitted any billings. The Safety Store hadn't submitted a spend-down because we still had product to deliver. Surbey and a couple of supervisors are working with the Riley Safety Store on items to order and Surbey will have a list by the end of the day. Surbey mentioned some information provided by Riley that shows all injuries across all age groups in a pie chart. It also details the number of injuries by ZIP Code, which Chair thinks is really good (similar to Safe Sleep's information of a year or so ago). She will email the data to members and to the Child Protection Team via A. Qualitza (latter per Ping's request). Surbey added that the info is only a sample, from only the kids that come through Riley's ER. She and her supervisors will work on matching product with the types of injuries to deliver appropriate product to the right neighborhoods.

Chair and Klein met earlier in the week and determined that several providers have not submitted anything (Safety Store, PassWord Mentoring, MCCOY Sexual Abuse Prevention Education, Community Alliance of the Far East Side, Christamore House, Fay Biccard Glick, Jameson Camp and Happy Hollow), while others have submitted only minimal billing based on their allocations. They are Reach For Youth, Domestic Violence Network, Forest Manor, Mary Rigg, and Inspire



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Mediation Center. Some providers did have problems getting fingerprinting and background checks done in a specified time (the State's window was 30 days) so they are still having problems catching up.

Chair plans to send letters to these providers noting that the fiscal year is half over and they haven't submitted billing or have submitted only a minimal amount. "The Council certainly will need to be considering reallocation of funding." Surbey and Klein will follow up with Rev. Walker, who also has not billed yet. Klein stated that she really didn't expect to hear from him yet. He usually sends out only yearly reports. She will have those letters out by the next meeting, most likely by the end of the month.

Children's Bureau also submitted a couple of spreadsheets which showed some good stats. The reports show a "lack of a match" which translates as no abuse in families over the next 12 months after contact with certain programs.

Chair mentioned next a project that Surbey has been working on with community health centers, G. Ellis, Ping, and others. This spring we'll present a symposium on Trauma Informed Care. We have adequate funding based on what was left in reserve, but any unallocated money may be used for this. We partnered with Choices and will send out a monthly letter. Surbey is working with a multi-disciplinary group to do an in-service on trauma informed care. It's a community approach to education about TIC. We've been gathering information and just yesterday she was contacted by speakers who are very interested in working with us. Every month we will send out a flyer, and the first one will go out in about a week. Foxworthy will send out a flyer and Hubartt will kick off the initiative with the first letter shortly.

Chair, Ping and others mentioned that we've only recently become aware of what trauma does to brain development. Ping stated that when you are a witness to one of these presentations about what trauma does to brain development, you are absolutely sold! He knows Judge Moores will be very supportive of this. Chair feels that Indiana might be a bit behind the curve nationally, but she thinks that Region 10 is ahead of the curve in this area. Klein thinks the State is working on the topic under the Reactive Attachment Disorder program.

Other Updates/Business

We won't discuss it today, but it's time to start thinking about next year's needs. There were no updates from the gallery or providers.

Public Announcements/ Comments (as time permits)

No announcements.

Adjournment

Although we automatically set up meetings for the third Friday of each month, we are required to have only a meeting quarterly. Chair anticipates there will be nothing new to discuss or vote on in



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February. In addition Jim Dalton of Damar will host an ISP Provider Forum here on February 17, so the next meeting will be held on March 16. The meeting was then adjourned.



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