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Regional Service Council Minutes Region #12

Meeting Date: March 8, 2010
Meeting Location: First floor conference room, Fayette County Courthouse
Meeting Chair: Vickie Jones
Meeting Secretary: Myrna Baldwin

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:38 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Vickie Jones, Regional Manager; Kelly Persinger and Erin Lambert, Franklin County DCS; Farrah Chambers, Fayette County DCS; Courtney Matthews, Wayne County DCS; Judge Mary Willis, Henry County Circuit Court; Jacqueline Reed, Wayne County DCS; Judge Brian Hill, Rush County Superior Court; Karen Bowen, Wayne County CASA; Frank Paddock, Foster Parent Representative; and Mark Munchel, Fayette/Union County DCS.

Council Members Absent: Nichole Williams, Henry County DCS; Judge Daniel Pflum, Fayette County Circuit Court; Paul Barada, Jr.; Rush County Prosecutor; Jennifer Munden, Henry County DCS; Judge Matt Cox, Union County Circuit Court; and Tonya Bates, Foster Parent Representative.

Others In Attendance: John Mallery, Community Mental Health; Patrick Jamison, Lutheran Family Services; Bill Ammerman, Rush County DCS; Mike Fleming, Angela Jordan and Karen Blessinger, Henry County DCS; Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation; Jeff Catlett, Youth and Family Centered Services; Scott Noel, White's Residential and Family Services; Becky Kime, DCS/Probation Service Consultant; Tracey Lickfelt, Centerstone of Indiana; Sarah Lee and Deanna Boyd, Ball State; Carl Scheib, Children's Bureau; Ruel and Audrey Chilton, Castle Counseling Center; Shannon Hicks, Sam Smith and Meme Sneed, Lifeline; Teresa Farlow, Villages and Norm Smith, Wernle.

Meeting Minutes



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I. Welcome, Introductions and New Members

- a) The agenda was distributed by Jones.
- b) Michael Fleming votes in proxy for Nichole Williams.
- c) Jones reported that Rebekah Hunter has left state employment. Bill Ammerman is the new local office director in Rush County. Mark Munchel is now the acting director in Union County, and will represent Union County on the counsel.

II. Update on Community Partners for Child Safety Program:

Carl Scheib distributed a *Community Partners for Child Safety* handout. The handout contains a summary of year end statistics. Scheib noted:

- Referrals for 2009: 433; current referrals through February, 2010: 65.
- Material relief: total \$30,000; funds dispersed through January: 16,424; leaving a balance of \$13,576. Scheib added that February's totals are not in yet, but \$2,700 is allotted for each month through the end of July.
- Outcomes for 2009: Scheib noted that we are lacking in one area, Parent Inventory. The state standard is set at 90% and the year end total for Region 12 is 76%. He added that the fourth quarter total is 100% so we are moving in the right direction.
- April Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Committee Recommendations:
 - Medabag program. The committee is seeking to expand the program to all counties in the region. Currently in Kroger pharmacies in Rushville, New Castle, and Connersville.
 - Billboards with "Pinwheel" message. Pinwheels on the courthouse lawn to coincide with the billboards.
 - Working on the possibility of a Prevent Child Abuse Council in every county.
 - Naomi Griffith- funds were allocated previously for a workshop originally scheduled for fall 2009. Ms. Griffith was unable to schedule the workshop in the fall, but is coming to northern Indiana in April. The time frame is still within the grant cycle of 2009-2010. The committee would like approval to expend the funds for a workshop in April.

III. Prevention Funding:

Jones reported the fiscal period ends at the end of June and there is \$50,000 left in funds. These are funds we as a region do not want to send back. She distributed a handout



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detailing Positive Parenting Prevention possibilities. The handout contained a brief description of programs/dollar totals in each county:

County	Agency	Suggested money
Wayne	Birth to Five	\$6,000
	Diplomas	\$6,000
	Richmond HS	\$2,000
	Young Lives	\$2,000
Henry	Cradles	\$6,000
Franklin	Family Connection	\$6,000
Union	HF	\$500
	Community Care	\$6,000
Rush	HF	\$500
	Family Connection	\$3,000
Fayette	HF	\$500
	HOPE	\$2,000
	Head Start	\$3,000
TOTAL		\$43,500
Balance		\$6,500 +/-

Add \$5,000 for the April Prevent Child Abuse Awareness for speaker Naomi Griffith, leaving a balance of \$1,500.

Judge Willis stated she would add the Youth League, teen target program in Henry County. She added they had lost their funding and even \$500 would be helpful.

Willis made motion to accept recommendations as stated with Fleming seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

IV. Biennial Plan Update, Ball State:

Jones reported that at this point we have targeted the services for the community. She asked for volunteers for a committee to help redefine the service standards and address the need for joint trainings with probation department and family case managers.

V. RFM Report Budget Update:

The Region 12 budget through January was distributed. The numbers for February are not in yet. Jones made note that the Regional Finance Manager (RFM) is currently working in



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Central Office on a special project and the acting RFM will get February data out as soon as it becomes available. Jones reported that there had been some monies moved around and two counties, Rush and Henry, may have to borrow. She stated as a region, we are in great shape at 47% of the budget spent year to date.

Jones reported that the state is moving toward a fiscal unit based in Indianapolis and will no longer have account clerks in local offices. The anticipated date for the change is April 19, 2010. Lightfoot questioned if ICPA/LCPA would go to Indianapolis. Jones responded that they will go to the local office director who will go on-line to get the amount, sign it, send a copy to probation and forward it on to the institution who in turn forwards it on to Indianapolis.

VI. Centralized Call Center:

Jones reported that all child abuse/neglect calls are scheduled to begin going through the call center on May 3, 2010. She noted that the call center is staffed by trained FCMs and Marion County is already "rolled out". The call center staff will decide if a report should be assessed and if so assign it to the proper county. Jones added the report information gathered at the call center is lengthier and more thorough. Law Enforcement will have an access code so their calls will be routed to the top.

Judge Willis questioned the turn around time of these reports and due process, the right to confront the person (FCM) who brought forth the initial report. Jones noted turnaround time was almost immediate and call center staff will know who is on call in the counties. She added that to protect a child, if a call center staff is needed in Court, we can get them there. More information would be forthcoming as it becomes available.

VII. Other Issues:

Jones presented a request to add a provider not under state contract. She noted that council would decide if there is a need for the service, vote on the request, send for a proposal, and conduct a quick review so the provider can get through the process of obtaining a contract. Services needs are: counseling; home based therapy; and substance abuse monitoring (treatment) including Intensive Outpatient.

Judge Willis made the motion to approve the request with Mike Fleming seconding. The motion passes with no opposing votes.

Jones asked the council to again approve allocation for Community Partners that had been passed previously. She reported that Community Partners couldn't find where the



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allocations were approved. Persinger made the motion to approve with Fleming seconding. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Jones asked if the council would like to address the need for a committee to start the process again for prevention funding or wait until the next council meeting. Persinger stated she would like a committee. Jones stated she would send an email soliciting volunteers. She noted members don't have to be on the council and the start date is April 1st.

Fleming asked if the wave process would be opened again for the providers "waiting in the wings". Sarah Lee reported the state wide Request for Proposals (RFP) will be in the fall.

VIII. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held May 10, 2010 at 3:30 P.M. in the first floor conference room, Fayette County Courthouse.

Meeting Adjourned at:

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.



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