



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 15

Meeting Date: September 15, 2010
Meeting Location: Ripley County DCS, Versailles

Council Members Present:

Melissa Hayden, Michelle Smith, Amy Phillips, Tisha Linzy, Gary Keith, Rob King, Sandy Ante, Barb Bowling

Council Members Absent:

Natalie Williams (rep. for Judge Taul); Dena Steiner (rep. for Judge Humphrey); Chad Lewis (rep. for Judge Todd); Cindi Wagner, FCM

Others In Attendance:

Cathy Piche, YES Home; Tish Webb, Rhea Murray, Joan Caylor, RFM; Jennifer Sturgeon, Community Partners; Steve Adams, RFM; Kim Kirchner, Pathways; Stephanie Black, CAC; Lisa Fawbush, Probation Consultant; Katie Stoffel, BB/BS – Decatur Co.; John Mallery, CMHC; Sam Smith, Lifeline

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at:

- I. Prevention Budget
 - A. Due to extra funds being available – we voted to allot the following: BB/BS of Decatur County - \$15,000; Successful Family Resources - \$10,000; Lifeline – increase of \$2,000 for a total of \$17,000; PCA of Ripley County - \$2,000. This will leave a balance of \$16,200 in Pathways Client Material Relief Fund.
 - B. Tisha Linzy made a motion to accept all of the above; Rob King seconded; all in favor.
 - C. It was also mentioned the Baby Basket is closing and they are to receive \$8,000 for 2011 budget year. While discussing whether to re-allocate or not, Cathy Piche received an email stating a local church may take it over. Everyone agreed to table to issue until the November meeting at which time we should have more info.
 - D. Council discussed the possibility of getting regular “performance based reports” from service providers, especially providers with large contracts. Steve Adams noted that these types of reports are obtained

from providers in other regions, and we might want to contact the Community Partners reps from these regions to obtain the type of contract language necessary for these reports to be required. Jennifer Spurgeon had information on Ireland Home based Services (Comm. Partners agency in another region) that requires these performance based reports from their service providers. She was going to email the information to Rob King who volunteered to follow up on this issue.

II. Regional Finance Manager – Introduction

- A. Steve Adams introduced Joan Caylor as the new RFM for Region 15. Joan (pronounced Jo-Ann) :) came to DCS from DOC. She brings a lot of budget/accounting experience and we welcome her to our team. Thanks to Steve for his assistance during the hiring process! Joan stated if we are experiencing billing issues/concerns – please use her as a point person for Region 15.

III. BUDGET Update – Steve Adams

- A. Family and Children Budget – MRO not in the line budget this year. DCS and Probation will each have 4 lines they will need to monitor.
- B. We don't have a copy of the budget expenditures yet, but hope to receive them in October. Jennifer will receive a copy and will then distribute to region.
- C. Steve gave an update of expenses for July and August. Region 15 expenses for last July were \$615,000 and for this year was \$500,000. August expenses are down \$50,000. Budgets are going to be cut by 25% (up from 15% last year). However, Region 15 returned 30% of their allotted budget last year – so he is hoping the new cut will not have a huge impact on how we have been operating.

IV. OTHER

- A. Foster Care Specialists discussion. Michelle thought it was going well. The positions just took effect 3/1/10 so they are currently involved with ways to up recruiting and retention.
- B. Amy Phillips stated one of the concerns of foster parents is the Medicaid issue. Children are placed that don't have Medicaid or it has lapsed and it takes days/weeks to get it approved. In the meantime the kids need medical attention, including meds. Doctors and pharmacies are refusing treatment/RX unless Medicaid is approved. Foster Parents are paying out of pocket for this. Steve Adams stated in these instances the local director should be contacted and P-card utilized. If the charge exceeds the allowable amount – it can be appealed through the regional manager.

C. Hotline Issues – Providers report their call has been “dropped”; or told the call will be screened out when they feel the concerns are valid, etc. Any concerns/issues with the Hotline should be called in to the local Supervisor or Director who will then refer to Jennifer.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:

November 17, 2010 / Ripley County DCS / 10 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:30 a.m.