



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 18

Meeting Date: 2/19/10

Meeting Location: Clark County DCS

Council Members Present

Myra Albertson, Washington County Probation
John Kaiser, Region 18 Manager
Joan Kelley, Scott County DCS Director
Lois Nugent, Family Case Manager, Clark County DCS
Debbie Ponder, Family Case Manager, Washington County DCS
Libby Tucker, Family Case Manager Supervisor, Harrison County DCS
Pat Brown, Clark County DCS Director
Rico Rosado, Floyd County DCS Director
Nancy Lambring, Washington County DCS Director

Others in attendance

Donna Russou, Family & Children's Place
Lynne Wisneski, Resolute
Christal Gimmel, New Hope Services
Brian Davis, ChildPlace
Rosie Morehous, New Hope Services
Tia Gill, New Hope Services
Dana Thomas, Sequel TSI of Indiana
Leah Pezzarossi, Floyd County Youth Services Bureau
Nathan Samuel, ChildPlace
Lisa Fawbush, DCS Probation Consultant
Pam Cotton, New Hope Services
Eli Spratt, New Hope Services
Kathie Danner, Clark Superior Court I
Vince Klein, Floyd County Step Ahead
John Taylor, Family & Children's Place
Laura Fleming-Balmer, Clark County Youth Services
Rick Hurst, ChildPlace

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 a.m. by John Kaiser, Region 18 Manager

I. Introductions

John Kaiser thanked everyone for coming to this special meeting on short notice and proceeded with introductions.

II. DSA

John Kaiser mentioned that Jim Shively from Dodson Shively Associates is retiring as the Regional Service Coordinator. He has served us well and will truly be missed. John stated that we do not know who will replace him yet.

III. Budget

Steve Adams, Regional Finance Manager could not be with us today. John gave the following information regarding the Regional Budget:

Our target budget for the end of January was 58% and our gross budget for the end of January was right on the money at 58%. Our net budget is at 60%, so that means our reimbursements and repayments are coming in at a slightly lower level than what we need to meet our budget for the year. We are spending 53% in Institutions and Group Home Care, 25% in Foster Care, 19 % for Family Preservation and 2% Miscellaneous for kids and a little bit of MRO costs.

There were no questions regarding the budget. John reminded everyone that the budget is reviewed as a Regional Budget, it is one pot of money for the Region. John is pleased with everyone's work.

IV. Community Partners

Rosie Morehous stated that they are coming up shy on the funds they need to get through the end fiscal year. Christal Gimmel is actively looking for grants.

She presented a proposal to the council and distributed information to the members. New Hope Services would like to work a little bit more in collaboration with the Scott County Absence Review Board (SCARB). The proposal is to provide a CAPS case manager to attend the panel sessions, participation in problem solving for the students and their families and offering that home-based case management service. Currently New Hopes funding is not sufficient to be able to do that. They would like to request \$7,000 to provide this service in Scott County.

John Kaiser, stated that this item is under the next agenda item.

John asked if Rosie had any additional information regarding monthly statistics. Rosie stated that she thought they would hold it for the originally scheduled meeting.

There were no questions from the council for Rosie involving Community Partners.

John Commented the last fiscal year, community partners in Indiana indicated they received 9,058 referrals.

V. Prevention Programs

Scott County:

John asked if Joan Kelley had anything to add to the proposal submitted by Rosie from New Hope Services. Joan stated that Marcie, Pam and herself met with Jeanie Bridgewater who is instrumental in Scott County with working with the education programs. It seemed like the thing missing in the review board was the case manager part. The other thing too, the attendance review board recognized that if a child is missing school there is probably something going on at home. Jeanie Bridgewater was just very delighted that this case management could work with the SCARB and be there at the meetings. The School is on board with it, New Hope is very willing to have a CAPS worker devoted to this part-time. John Kaiser asked for a motion. Libby Tucker made motion to approve this proposal. There was no further discussion. Motion seconded by Lois Nugent. All in favor, motion passed.

Floyd County:

Leah Pezzarosi presented the proposal from the YMCA to expand the YCAP program to add some staffing hours and transportation. The amount requested is \$5344.00. The prevention committee was very much on board with this. There were no questions. John stated that this is a nice program they do some stuff after school at New Albany High School. Debbie Ponder made motion to approve this proposal. There was no further discussion. Motion seconded by Libby Tucker. All in favor, motion passed.

Vince Klein, Step Ahead presented information on the project that is an attempt to do a major outreach to all the families with children in Floyd County with a book. The book describes what are the characteristics of problems that kids have growing up. How to recognize if your child is in trouble, if they have something that needs intervention or assessment. The book is approximately 40 pages. They have \$21,000 committed to the project. They plan to distribute 12-15000 copies to parents of children in Floyd County. They will utilize registration to get these in to parents hands, to eliminate the cost of mailing. The question was raised on the amount needed from the prevention fund. The amount is \$4,500. John Kaiser asked for a motion. Libby Tucker made motion. Additional Comments: John thinks this was approved a couple of years ago. Vince indicated that yes, we were the first on board, but they had problems getting additional funding. He indicated that now they have the \$21,000 locked in. John asked if the money could be spent prior to June of this year. Vince stated that it would because they want to get these out in late July. John stated that a bill would need to be submitted fairly soon. Motion second, Nancy Lambring. All in favor, motion passed.

Clark County:

John stated that he had a request from Pat Brown. He is not even sure that we need to vote on this, but we are just to be safe. The proposal is to move \$27,000 to the Caps Program. Clark County is a big user of the Caps program. Motion made by Debbie Ponder. No questions. Myra Albertson seconded. All in favor, motion passes.

John is anticipating that the prevention programs will be funded again next year. It is not a ton of money, it is \$172,000 for the whole region.

John stated that he would like to determine what amount is spent for direct services opposed to education. Is it good still to have county specific? Everyone agreed that it was good to have county specific money.

Every year we scramble around at the last minute to get our money spent. John would like to get a motion to transfer any money unspent to other programs in existence to a program the needs additional money such as CAPS. We would not move money into a new program that had not been already approved. Debbie Ponder made the motion. Discussion, questions none. Libby Tucker seconded all in favor motion passed. Benefit the region, last year we probably had less than a hundred dollars went unclaimed. We have to spend it by the end of June. We have a reserve of \$17,000 for overflow and any unspent county money. Joan said they have one more project they are looking at that is looking at fathers and domestic violence. The prevention committee will have it firmed up by the March meeting.

VI. Child Place

Nathan Samuel, Brian Davis and Rick Hurst were present at the meeting to present information regarding their proposal.

Brian Davis distributed copies of the Needs Assessment. Child Place operates a residential campus in Jeffersonville. The need was identified to work with Sexually maladaptive Youth. They have three folks in house who attended training have specialized training to work with these folks. The proposal is to provide housing for up to 5 young men. They were able to purchase a house through the Ogle foundation and were able to refurbish it through 2009. They are in the contractual process with the Department of Corrections to provide the counseling to the kids who they refer back. They are in need of juvenile sex offender counselors. Nathan Samuel commented that part of their licensing process is to come to this group for approval.

Lois Nugent made motion to accept the proposal submitted by Child Place. Pat Brown asked if they any idea how long the program will last for each child. Brian Davis said that is subjective to the need, approximately 6-8 months for the residential piece. Kathie Danner stated that having a facility in Clark County will make a difference. There will be fewer issues in transportation. Currently we are having to send youth to Indianapolis or farther.

Motion seconded by Myra Albertson. All in favor, motion passed.

VII. Other Business

Other business

John Kaiser commented that he had some good news to report for the Region. He noted that the absence of repeat maltreatment rate has climbed above the state average. No state has ever met the Federal Standard rate. 64% of CHINS in own home or relative care. Providers network working in their own homes. Region 18 has the third most informal adjustments in the state.

Those are good things that are going on in the Region. We are going to try to improve the engagement of fathers as Joan Kelley commented earlier.

There was no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Teri Lyles, Administrative