



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 18

Meeting Date: 7/17/09

Meeting Location: Clark County DCS

Council Members Present

Steve Adams
Amy Asdell
Patrick Brown
John Kaiser
Joan Kelley
Jim Miller
Lois Nugent
Debbie Ponder
Libby Tucker

Council Members Absent

Myra Albertson
Judge Bennet
Judge Carmichael
Judge Cody
Steve Noah
Christie Noah
Kim Grantz
Shelly Marble

Others in attendance

Lisa Fawbush
Lynne Wisneski
Chris Halbleib
Sheila Carey-Miles
Leah Pezzarossi
Christal Gimmel
Barbara VanDevender
Brian Davis
Pam Cotton
Rick Hurst
Tara Gootee-Allen
Scott Phillips
Dana Thomas

Meeting Minutes

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

John Kaiser welcomed everyone to the meeting and those present proceeded with introductions.

Minutes from the May 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Libby Tucker made motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Jim Miller, no abstains motion was passed and minutes were approved. John Kaiser informed everyone that the minutes will be posted on the website once approved by the council.

I. Financial Report

Steve Adams, Region 18 Finance Manager distributed & reviewed the current financial report. Steve commented that Region 18 ended as projected. Current spending shows a 7 million dollar deficit statewide projected if we continue with the same trends for fiscal year 2010. We ended this fiscal year with a surplus. Clark County is over by 6%, Washington County is under, the rest of the counties are on target. Steve informed everyone that the IV-B money will be rolling into the budget. He encouraged office directors to meet with Probation Staff and he indicated that he would be glad to attend those meetings if available. Steve thanked the providers and financial staff for getting the bills in. He stated that the May bills came in good. One change he did mention is that the Family Case Managers now have to validate all claims. He stated that this may delay payments and providers should allow 20 days for payments to be processed. Steve informed providers that State is going to shut down on September 16th to switch from PeopleSoft to Encompass, the shut down will last about two weeks. Foster Parents will be issued payments first and then the providers. There were no questions from the council. John Kaiser thanked Steve for doing a great job communicating with the counties and the accounting staff.

II. Community Partners Report

Christal Gimmel, New Hope Services reported that in April they had 78 new referrals, in May there were 71 and in June 48. Their referral sources are DCS, Self and School. The reasons for referrals are Parenting and Daily Living Skills. There were no other reports at this time.

III. Prevention Programs

Joan Kelley reported that this committee is very resourceful and every county is represented in this committee. They have discussed the major, common problems and those appear to be substance abuse and domestic abuse. They have discussed projects for the year. It was mentioned that they would like to expand on those projects that work. Some of the ideas were to expand or to

partner with Washington County PCA on the Darkness to Light program regarding safe sleeping environments. It was suggested in their meeting that a

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video be made and posted to YouTube. Joan Kelley presented a proposal from Our Place for the Beginning Addictions Basic Education Studies (BABES) for \$35,119. Debbie Ponder commented that Washington County currently has this program and it is run by volunteers. If expanding to the entire region a coordinator will be needed. Amy Asdell made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Jim Miller. No abstains, motion was passed to accept the proposal for the BABES program.

Joan Kelley presented a second proposal from Our Place for Family Education Impact of Drug and Alcohol Abuse on Family Presentations. Jim Miller made motion to accept, seconded by Amy Asdell, no abstains, the motion was passed to accept the proposal for the Family Education Presentations.

John Kaiser reminded those present that we have \$172,000 for the Region and last year we allocated an amount to each county. He would like to keep a small amount in reserves (\$86,000) and distribute the remaining 50% to the five counties 40% to Clark, 20% to Floyd, 20% to Scott, 10% to Harrison and 10% to Washington.

Jim Miller presented a proposal from Harrison Count to purchase the Shaken Baby Doll/Drug Affected Baby/Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Manikin Combo and 100 "Onesies at \$6.00 each. The total amount requested is \$999.00 and currently Region 17 uses this program. The "Onesies have "This side up" on the front and "Fragile" on the back. Amy Asdell made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Lois Nugent. No abstains, moton was passed to accept the proposal to purchase the Mankikin Combo and Onesies for Harrison County.

IV. QSR Report

Region 18 is due for a second Quality Service Review in August. The first one was in April 2008. Pat Brown indicated that the review would take place August 10th through August 14th. The purpose is to measure the outcomes and progress. Twenty four cases were drawn from the region, there are 24 reviewers from the state who will work in teams of two. They will be talking with the kids, parents, Foster Parents and community providers. After each case has been reviewed there will be a mini-debrief and Child Place will be hosting the Grand Round which will include Central Office Staff, Reviewers and providers. Providers will not be able to shadow like they did in the first QSR. Pat mentioned his appreciation for the work Teri Lyles has done preparing the Region for the QSR.

V. Foster Parent Specialists/Pilot Programs

John reported that Region 18 is taking part in the pilot for the new designated Foster Parent Specialist Unit. The primary focus for this unit will be licensing, recruiting and training foster parents. For the Foster Parents this will be a big change. He is pleased to have Jim Snook who will be covering Floyd and Harrison Counties, Carrie Magers covering Clark County and Kelly Shellhamer

who will be covering Scott and Washington Counties. Sharon Bates is the supervisor over this unit and Jim Miller will oversee the unit.

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VI. Other Business

The next Regional Service Council Meeting will be Friday, September 18th, 2009.

Meeting was adjourned
Minutes respectfully submitted by
Teri Lyles, Administrative