



**Regional Service Council Minutes
Region 1
March 29, 2010**

**Lake County Juvenile Justice Center
3000 West 93rd Avenue
Crown Point, Indiana 46307**

Council Members Present: Richard Ban, Jane Bisbee, Larry Cannon, Kathleen Guzek, Larissa Hoyt, Hong-Phuc Nguyen, Charlotte Peller, Elizabeth Tegarden, Diane Weiss-Bradley, Kim Wells, Lynda Wheeler, Stacy Zembala.

Council Members Absent: Mary Beth Bonaventura

Jane Bisbee called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. New members introduced themselves.

The meeting minutes for January were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Charlotte Peller and was seconded by Elizabeth Tegarden. All council members approved.

Jane Bisbee called attention to the Region 1 Practice Indicators and "How are the Children" reports and described changes. Jane explained that the Public Reports are posted a few months behind.

Kim Holmes, Program Manager for Community Partners, sitting in for Mimi Suggs, submitted the Geminus Community Partners for Child Safety, 2009 Annual Report.

James Shively presented statistics for previous contracted Child Welfare Services Utilization (period 01/01/09 – 08/31/09) and discussed service standards. Mr. Shively also stated he would be retiring at the end of June. Exact date is flexible due to wanting a smooth transition for whatever firm is taking over. New contracts will be effective July 1, 2011, hopefully for two years. There will be a new utilization guidebook available on Monday. Jane will send to DCS staff.

Lynda Wheeler distributed the Region 1 Lake County 2010 Family and Children Fund Budget as used to date. The state fiscal year ends June 30, 2013. It was also noted that \$326, 673.00 has been received via intercepting SSI, SSD or Survivors Benefits, as well as repayments by parents.

Elizabeth Tegarden made a motion to adjourn and Charlotte Peller seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to adjourn.

The next meeting date is set for April 26, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



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