

**Regional Services Council Minutes
Region 7**

Date: February 12, 2010
Location: Region 7 Training Facility

Greetings/Introductions

Council Members Present:

Steve Cox, Betty Lyons, Jacqueline Fisher, Linda Marsh, Joseph Combs, Jeanell Sheffield, Deb McGriff-Tharp, Joy Woolf, Judge Randall Johnson by Proxy Cindy McCoy, Judge Jay Toney by Proxy Beth Krieg

Absent Council Members:

Judge Richard Dailey, Tina Coston,, Sasha Dykes-Wilson, Patricia Ergle, Kelly Kirby, James Luttrull Jr. by Dana Kenworthy

Others in Attendance:

Nikki Furry, Blake Hudson, Jon Bennett, Herb Hobson, Jeff Catlett, Dan Turner, Debbie Bradfield, April Knasinski, Liz Wilson, Joanne Murillo, Hannah Hughes, Jocelyn Blanchard, Lavrel Sommerfeld, Cynthia Habegger, Trish Crowe, Maggie Orr, Dustin Shepler, Sarah Lee, Carol Ammon, Samantha Hodges, Michael Parker, Theresa Kruczek, Charlene Alexander

Minutes of January 22, 2010 meeting reviewed:

Betty Lyons moves to accept January 22, 2010 minutes.
Jackie Fisher seconds the motion. All members vote in favor. Minutes are approved.

Community Partners-Children's Bureau:

- ◆ Total families referred 42
- ◆ Active families 74
- ◆ Engaging families 10
- ◆ Funds used for January \$1066.79
- ◆ Total funds used for 2010 \$1066.79
- ◆ Number of families being assisted in Blackford 8, Delaware 30, Grant 15, Jay 8 and Randolph 11
- ◆ Community Partners-Media awarded \$5,000
 - Spent \$1,850
 - Balance \$3,150balance \$3,150(before Admin Fees)
- ◆ YOC –Respite will report at the March RSC meeting
- ◆ Ball State Domestic Violence Program
 - In five schools currently
 - Approximately 4000 students participating at this time
 - 472 students have been to at least one of the programs
 - March 2, 2010 date students will be able to discounted rate minimum of \$2.00

- ◆ Family Service Society-Safe Sleep Program
 - Continue to meet with Service Providers
 - Last week funds were released to purchase baby cribs
 - Wal-Mart is participating with ordering the baby cribs
 - First Candle cribs are still unavailableReferrals & Client Contact
 - 23 referrals, 22 clients to meet, 1 unable to contactCommunity Outreach Efforts:
 - 98 brochures delivered, 6 presentations given, 2 unscheduled presentations, 6 meetings attended

- ◆ Family Service Society-Sex Offense Prevention-Ed Pereira, LCSW
 - Total 26 sex offenders in treatment
 - Individual and Group Counseling, Polygraphs, and Presentation
 - Probation violations, Probationer was released from probation, Client directed to more intensive service, Offender investigated for new offense, Client broke through denial all based on Polygraph testing.
 - April 29, 2010 Community Presentation for Delaware County
 - Committees are in process for Blackford and Grant County
 - Working on getting Committees together for Jay and Randolph County
 - Presentations are open to the Public, Professional, and consist of a panel of Sex Offenders that are in treatment
 - Advertisement be sent out through email

- ◆ Girls Scouts of Central Indiana
 - Blackford County- YMCA six dates in January 2010
 - Topics covered: Health & Nutrition, Community Awareness, Being Safe at Home, and Character Development
 - 8 Girls and 14 Boys were served
 - Grant County- YMCA two dates in January 2010
 - Topics covered: Community Awareness and Character Development
 - 18 Girls and 23 Boys were served
 - Jay County- Girls & Boys Club one date in December 2009 and two dates in January 2010
 - 44 Girls were served
 - Upcoming programs: Blackford County Hartford City Middle School February 23,2010, Delaware County Buley Center April 1, 2010, Grant County Boys & Girls Club March 3, 2010
 - Waiting on response from Muncie Northside Middle School and Randolph County YMCA

Early Intervention/Prevention Plan:

- ◆ State Fiscal year 2010 runs through to June 30, 2010 allocated amount \$435,553.00
- ◆ With an unallocated amount \$ 90,599.64, the following proposal was submitted by a committee comprised of the five Local Office Directors in Region 7.
 - \$20,000 Planning Phase for 40 Developmental Assets
 - \$10,000 Enhancement Children’s Bureau
 - \$3,000-\$4000 Advertisement for bill boards
 - \$5,000-\$6,000 Purchasing curriculum for Parent Education and Fatherhood initiative
 - \$10,000 Enhancing Material Relief lice kit, flea infestation ect.
 - \$25,000 to assist Food Pantries in each of the five counties to assist low income families (RM Steve Cox to check with central office to ascertain if this will be an allowable expenditure of prevention funds)

Motion:

Jackie Fisher moves that RSC accepts the outline on how to spend the unallocated funds. Betty Lyons seconds the motion. All members are in favor of the motion. Motion is accepted.

- ◆ State Fiscal year 2011 \$435,553 allocated amount Prevention Funds
 - General Enhancement CPCS program \$55,000
 - CPCS Staff Enhancement \$60,000
 - Media Campaign \$10,000
 - Material Relief \$20,000
 - Safe Sleep \$40,000
 - Substance Abuse Prevention program we will not have
 - After School Programs(Girls Scouts) \$60,000
 - Domestic Violence Prevention/Workshops \$35,000

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| ▪ Sex Offender Prevention | \$40,000 |
| ▪ Respite Service-YOC | \$20,000 |
| ▪ 40 Developmental Assets | \$70,000 |

Motion:

Jackie Fisher moves that RSC accepts the outline on how to spend the SFY 2011 Prevention funds. Linda Marsh seconds the motion. Motion passed with Cindy McCoy voting against the motion.

Strategic Plan Update:

- ◆ Plan has been submitted
- ◆ Part D Plan which is the Child Protection has been sent out
- ◆ Plan will be posted on the internet at a later date

Services/Gaps/Needs:

- ◆ A written request from the Delaware County Probation Department for a young man who received residential treatment as a sexual offender to step down to treatment with the Success Community Base Services offered by Options. Options has a contract in other DCS regions but not specifically in Region 7. Approval was requested from the Council to access this contract so that services can be delivered in Region 7.
- ◆ Providers contracts are effective statewide

Motion:

Betty Lyons moves that RSC allow this contract to be accessed for service delivery in Region 7. Joseph Combs second the motion . Motion passed.

Regional Finance Manager:

- ◆ Currently 7 months into the fiscal year
- ◆ Region 7 is at 38.76% expended
- ◆ Blackford- Care of Wards in Foster Homes 79% spent, Preservation 72%
- ◆ Delaware- Currently way under 30%-40% spending which is fine
- ◆ Grant-CHINS kids Wards in Foster Homes 63%
- ◆ Jay-Wards in Institutions way over spent
- ◆ Randolph- Good shape
- ◆ Region wide Region 7 is in good standing

Fiscal Issues/Report:

- ◆ Based on questions from the council, the following information was shared:
 - County Fiscal Staff notified 165 were notified that sometime before June 2010 will be laid off
 - The whole fiscal piece of the DCS will be centralized
 - Those 165 local staff will be replace with 60-70 staffed in Central Office
 - All bills will go to Central Office

Questions/Concerns from Members:

- ◆ Provider Fair Committee will consist of Betty Lyons, Deb Tharp-McGriff, Beth Krieg and Linda Marsh.
- ◆ April 30, 2010 will be the target date of having the Provider Fair more information at next RSC meeting.

Next Meeting:

March 12, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Region 7 Training Site

Room C