



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region 9

**Meeting Date:** 10.28.11  
**Meeting Location:** Avon Town Hall  
6570 E. US Hwy 36  
Avon, IN 46123

### Council Members Present:

**Char Burkett-Sims** – Region 9 Regional Manager  
**Sally Berish** – Commissioner, Boone County Circuit Court  
**Kalay Colley for Judge Siamas** – Montgomery County Court  
**Rhonda Allen** – Director, Hendricks County DCS  
**Jaclyn Allemon** – Director, Boone County  
**Taren Duncan** – Director, Morgan County DCS  
**Shelly Chadd** – Director, Putnam County DCS  
**Joanie Crum** – Director, Montgomery County DCS  
**Pat Baldwin** – Hendricks County Prosecutor  
**Jane Christophersen** - Montgomery County CASA Director  
**Courtney Crowe** – Supervisor, Boone County DCS  
**Waylon James** – Supervisor, Morgan County DCS  
**Tim Haltom** – FCM, Putnam County DCS  
**Amber Overbey** – FCM, Hendricks County DCS  
**Stephanie Kerner** – Foster Parent

### Guests Present:

**Jeff Lozer** - DCS  
**Mark Fairchild** – Community Partners  
**Jon Bennett** – Children's Bureau  
**Matt Gooding** – DCS, Service Coordinator  
**Amy Watts** – DCS Clinical Support Specialist  
**Matt Freville** – Children's Bureau  
**Melinda Wright** – DCS Program Director  
**Gwyn Green** – Hendricks County Probation  
**Kamilla Aeschliman** – Boone County Child Advocacy Center  
**Mark Davy** – DCS Foster Care Specialist  
**Dawn Stovall** – DCS Foster Care Specialist  
**Angela Baney** – Foster Care Specialist  
**Ashley Bean** – DCS Foster Care Specialist  
**Missy Gibson** – FCM, Montgomery County DCS  
**Dorvin Bailey** - FCM, Montgomery County DCS  
**Jessica Sparks** – FCM, Montgomery County DCS  
**Jana Minks** – Supervisor, Montgomery County DCS  
**Lynn Smith** – FCM, Montgomery County DCS  
**Amy Walls** – Supervisor – Montgomery County DCS

Jeff Catlett – Resolute, Resource, Options  
Kandi Killin – Boone County CASA  
Stan Piercefield – Morgan County CASA  
Karen Branch – MCYSB  
Lenette Williams-King – White's  
Sandy Wethington – CASA  
Peggy Woods – CASA  
David James – The Villages  
Ashley Titus – Lifeline Youth and Family Services  
Jenai Tidwell – Lifeline Youth and Family Services  
Anna Cedars – Family Interventions  
Lenette Williams-King – White's Family Services  
Christa Detzel – Cummins BHS  
Tadd Whallon – Adagio Counseling  
Scott Barlag – Cedarbridge Treatment Center  
Robert 'Bud' Milner – Indiana United Methodist Children's Home  
Amy Davis - Indiana United Methodist Children's Home  
Lynne Wisneski – Resolute, Options, Resource  
Rich Lapinski – Indiana United Methodist Children's Home  
Bridget Kielty – Indiana Mentor  
Pamela Darby – Wabash Valley Alliance  
Ken Shields – Choices, Inc.  
Gail Kibiger – Hamilton Center  
Bill Nunn – Hamilton Center  
Tawandra Dent – Choices, Inc  
Debbie Branfield – Crossroad Child and Family  
Tammi Jessup – Mental Health of America  
Pamela Darby – Wabash Valley Alliance

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM**

**Meeting Minutes from 8. 26.11:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting. All members present voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

**Qualitative Services Review Results:**

There were 169 interviews with key members in each case. 23 cases were reviewed. A power point presentation was provided and discussed the scores for Region 9.

These results are measurable pieces to look at how we can do things better and reach attainable goals. It is not with DCS success alone, providers should also take recognition as well. We will be working on how to move things to the next step.

**Needs Assessment Survey:**

7000 surveys were sent out. There were about 500 for region 9. There were 149 responses from Region 9. The results and a summary were provided. The plan for the region is to have a meeting with services providers and their responses. The challenge is how to make sure we have the most effective services available, mental health especially, in relation to the families. We will be discussing more about this at the provider meeting.

## **Proposals for Child Advocacy Center/ Diagnosis and Evaluation:**

### **Child Advocacy Center:**

A motion was made to vote for DCS to contract with the Boone County Advocacy Center.

\*All voting members present voted unanimously in favor of accepting this proposal.

A motion was made to vote to accept the services for Life Solutions and Hope Haven.

\*All voting members present voted unanimously in favor of accepting this proposal.

### **Community Partners Update:**

Year to date Service Standards / Referral report.

Putnam County went up in referrals. Most counties are stable, but there was a decrease in Boone County referrals. The percentage of families buying in to the program is up. There was only one family that had a substantiated neglect / abuse. As we have come to the end of the year, things are in great shape.

### **Fatherhood Engagement:**

There have been a couple of successful discharges. There hasn't been a lot of advocacy for fathers. The first Advisory Committee meeting will be November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Children's Bureau office in Avon. They will be laying the groundwork on the Fatherhood Engagement Program.

### **Resolute, Options, and Resource:**

Jeff Catlett discussed new services and changes for Options Behavioral Health Systems. There will no longer be detox services, only mental health services. This is for adults, adolescents, and children. They have kept the PRTF beds and are geared toward MRDD. Inpatient services are open to all IQ's.

### **United Methodist Children's Home:**

Rich Lapinski, Bud Milner, and Amy Davis discussed the Teaching Family Model. This is an evidence based practice model. Family teachers live in the home with the child as a family. 8-9 months is the typical stay. There is no level system. This model focuses on outcomes. It is flexible and individualized to meet each child's needs. The children are involved in the plan and able to provide input.

### **Clinical Support Specialist:**

Amy Watts is the Clinical Support Specialist for regions 8 and 9. There are 4 statewide. The goal is to have a worker in each region. This is a new program. Referrals on difficult cases are given to the Clinical Support Specialist's as a support system from a clinical perspective.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM.

### **Safe Sleep Information:**

A handout was provided about safe sleep practices. This is a significant contribution to child fatalities.

### **Celebrating 25 years for Boone County CASA:**

Celebration today on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor rotunda at the Boone County courthouse.

**Next Meeting Date:** December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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