



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 9

Meeting Date: 2.25.2011

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

Council Members Present:

Sally Berish – Commissioner, Boone County Circuit Court;
Shelly Chadd – Director, Putnam County DCS; **Taren Duncan** – Director, Morgan County DCS;
Carlos Shrewsbury – Director, Montgomery County DCS; **Joanie Crum** – Supervisor, Hendricks County DCS;
Courtney Crowe – Supervisor, Boone County DCS; **Jane Christophersen** - Montgomery County CASA Director;
Waylon James – FCM, Morgan County DCS; **Tim Haltom** – FCM, Putnam County DCS;
Stephanie Kerner – Foster Parent

Guests Present:

Lolita Campbell – Regional Finance Manager; **Mark Fairchild** – Community Partners;
Jon Bennett – Children's Bureau; **Garnet Holsapple** - Supervisor, Morgan County;
Dustin Baker – Foster Care Specialist; **Mark Davy** – Foster Care Specialist;
Sara Middendorf – Foster Care Specialist; **Kandi Killin** – Boone County GAL / CASA;
Patti Harmless – PCYDC; **Pascal Fettig** – Boone County Mental Health;
Dale Crowder – Wabash Valley Hospital; **Kris Ellingwood** – DCS;
Bryan Ross – Cummins, Hendricks County; **Gail Kibiger** – Hamilton Center;
Cassie McConn – McConn Partnerships; **Megan Oblack** – ResCare Residential;
David James – The Villages; **George Hurd** – Resolute; **Brandon Cleaves** – Children's Sanctuary;
Andrea Shook – Cummins Montgomery County; **Tammi Jessup** – MHAHC;
Anna Cedars – Family Intervention; **Bill Nunn** – Hamilton Center

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Meeting Minutes from 12.17.2010

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

Regional Financial Report:

Region 9 budget is at 6.8 million. We have spent 3.4 million as of January 2011. We are at 50% of the budget and do not want to be any more than 58%.

Lolita Campbell is the new Regional Finance Manager for Region 9.

RSC Membership for 2010-2011:

Judges: All 5 judges will continue to be members. If they are unable to attend, they will send a proxy on their behalf
Sally Berish, Boone County Commissioner, will continue to serve as proxy for the Boone County Judge.

Prosecutor: Pat Baldwin, Hendricks County

CASA: Jane Christophersen, Montgomery County

Foster Parent: Stephanie Kerner, Hendricks County
Cheryl Bramblett, Boone County

Parent: Kelly Smith Perry, Hendricks County

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Directors: Rhonda Allen, Hendricks County
Taren Duncan, Morgan County
Shelly Chadd, Putnam County

FCM Supervisors: Courtney Crowe, Boone County
Joanie Crum, Hendricks County

FCMs: Waylon James, Morgan County
Tim Haltom, Montgomery County

List by County:

Boone: Cheryl, Foster Care Rep.
Sally, Judge
Courtney, DCS Supervisor

Hendricks: Stephanie, Foster Care Rep
Pat, Prosecutor
Kelly, Parent
Joanie, DCS Supervisor

Montgomery: Jane, CASA
Carlos, DCS Director

Morgan: Taren, DCS Director
Waylon, DCS FCM

Putnam: Shelly, DCS Director
Tim, DCS FCM

Requests for Proposals / Provider Selection:

A list of the providers chosen was provided to the council members. In selecting providers, the top scorers were selected, according to service needs for the region and availability to cover the entire region.

A motion was made to accept the proposals for services providers. All voting members present accepted the proposal.

Community Partners Update:

Mark Fairchild provided the Service Standards Report for 2009 – 2010.

The focus is on high intensity cases

Child Abuse Prevention month is in April. There will be activities, trainings, and community events throughout the region.

Referrals are down by 20%. DCS referrals are down, school referrals are up since the hotline started. The focus now is getting referrals up.

Practice Indicators:

Practice Indicators were provided and discussed. The number one initiative is Safely Home, Families First. Removals are up 21%. Nationally the percentage is down. Removals need to come down, addressing issues quickly to prevent removal. Services providers may be asked to move more quickly.

Foster Care Updates:

The results of the survey given to foster parents was presented to the council and discussed. The focus this year will be not as much quantity of foster homes, but quality. There will be statewide trainings starting in July. There will also be training in the support groups. Relative placements may also attend the support groups. Encourage relative placements to talk to foster care specialists.

Judge David's In-service:

The In-Service will be on March 16th. Glenda Hatchett, former Judge and advocate for children will be a speaker.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date was scheduled on a holiday. The council voted to reschedule the meeting for the following Friday, April 29th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Next Meeting Date: April 29th, 2011
Time: 9:00 AM
Meeting Location: Danville Government Center
355 South Washington Street Room 4-5
Danville, IN 46122