



**Regional Service Council Minutes  
Indiana Department of Child Services  
Region # 14**

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2015  
**Meeting Location:** The Rock (Family Life Center)  
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN 47203

**Council Members Present:** Heather Angebrandt, Traci Eggleston, Megan Cherry (Proxy), Laura Gentry, Becky Eckles-Burriss (Proxy), Bruce MacTavish, Ginger Schneck, and Jodi Stockdale

**Council Members Absent:** Sharon Andis, Heather Mollo, Tammi Hickman, Susie Hodnett, Andy Roesener, Rachel Flohr-David, Herbert Walker and Jennie Townsend

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 8:37 a.m.

**1. Welcome:**

Laura Gentry introduced Becky Eckles-Burriss (Proxy for Susie Hodnett) and Megan Cherry (Proxy for Courtney Fisher), to the council.

**2. Approval of January 20, 2015 Minutes:**

Heather Angebrandt motioned to approve the minutes as written. Judge Bruce MacTavish seconded, members and proxy's approved as written.

**3. Community Partners for Child Safety Report (CPCS) Prevention Services:**

Susan Baker updated members and provided handouts on Community Partners for Child Safety Service Standards Reports; also stating the biggest challenge was to make contact within the 5 day time frame. ATTEND and Turning Point has spent down all their monies for the year, both were almost double expenses in January. Family Services "Kids on the Block" will spend down the \$30,000 balance by June 30, 2015. Referral totals are up in all counties except Jackson, which remained the same. Please see attached handouts; totals reflect billing through January 2015.

CPCS is in the process of filling the Johnson County Liaison position.

The Regional Provider Fair is scheduled April 7, 2015 at Clarion Hotel in Columbus, IN; Chris Lane of the Barth Co Sheriff's Office will be the Key Note Speaker, addressing drug issues.

#### **4. Prevention Services:**

- Received 10 proposals for funding.
- Shelby Health Clinic did not re-apply.
- Babies Safe & Sound - \$800 per session @ 24 session per year= \$19,200 (2 yr \$38,400)
- Mentoring in Franklin is similar to the LEAP Program.
- Jennings County has the highest substantiated cases, yet no funds, are more programs needed there?
- Should Terry Hall's Prevention Program continue to be funded?
- Bidding will be open for additional proposals, deadline April 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. Preservation Services:**

Jason Nelson reported they are wrapping up the contract process. Programs and Services is extending the Request for Proposal process to add more Diagnostics and Evaluation, Domestic Violence and Drug Treatment Services. The extended deadline for additional proposals will be April 17, 2015. RSC will review these proposals at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **6. Regional Budget:**

Bob Daugherty, Regional Finance Manager, reported as of February 2015 Region 14 has spent 81% of the budget, which is up 23% over last year. It was noted, case loads are at an all time high, drug population is exploding, and regional services need to be monitored to improve outcomes. Please see attached handouts.

#### **7. Final Comments:**

Flyer for Abuse Prevention Month of April handed out, events for Shelby and Jennings Counties are still being finalized.

Family Case Manager positions remain open in the region. To apply, complete the state job application at [www.in.gov/dcs](http://www.in.gov/dcs).

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 9:12 a.m.

#### **Next Meeting Date & Time:**

May 19, 2015 8:30-10:00 am

#### **Location:**

Foundation for Youth  
Multi-Purpose Room  
405 Hope Ave.  
Columbus, IN 47201