

Regional Services Council Meeting Minutes

Region 11

Meeting Date: September 25, 2013

Meeting Location: Hamilton County DCS Office

938 N. 10th Street

Noblesville, IN 46060

Council Members Present: Dan Brumfield, Annette Craycraft, Amanda Skinner, Christi Tucker, Brad Hoover, Dan Neal, Katherine Holtzleiter, Patricia Turner, Kristina Hiatt, Austin Hollabaugh, Matt Kestian

Council Members Absent: Susan Elsworth, Pam Knight

Guests: Beth Dickerson, Julie Ensinger, Carol Ammon, Angel Metro, Jama Donovan, Colby Chamberlin, Terri Parke, Dawn Talbot, Amanda Summers, Beverly Mussetter, Laurissa Bertsch, Donna Augenbergs, Donna Barker, Toby Stark, Jennifer Moore, Jill Hendricks, Keith Samuels, Priscilla Smith, Wendy Rayburn, Tricia Akers, Linda Wrestler, Michal Cowherd.

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to Order at 9:03 A.M. by Regional Manager Dan Brumfield.
 - **Old Business**
 - **Approval of Minutes from July 31, 2013 Meeting.** RSC members spent a few minutes reviewing the minutes from the March meeting. Annette Craycraft motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Matt Kestian seconded the motion. Vote was taken, and the motion passed.
 - **New Business**
 - **Community Partners Update** – Dawn provided an update to RSC members. From August 1, 2013 – September 20, 2013, Community Partners had 88 referrals. From September 20th – September 25, 2013, they have had an additional 12 referrals. DCS continues to be the main referral source of referrals. Referrals broken down by county:
 - Hamilton – 18
 - Hancock – 7
 - Madison – 30
 - Tipton – 1

Dawn explained that inappropriate referrals are those referrals that after speaking with the potential family, they are notified that the family is already involved with

Healthy Families, or if after repeated attempts, they are unable to make contact. If any child is on probation, they can't work with them. Dan will research why we can't refer children on probation and present it to the council at the next meeting.

- **Safe Sleep – Colby Chamberlin** – Classes have been taught classes in each county. The plan is to teach the class in every county, every month. Participants must be pregnant or have a child less than 1 year old to be in the program. If a mother is being released from the hospital and doesn't have a bed, is there a way to get them a bed immediately. We are going to try to use some of the prevention funds towards safe sleep advertising.
 - **Chaucie's Place – Toby Stark**. To date, the Stewards of Children program has scheduled 2 trainings in Tipton County, 2 in Hancock County and 1 in Madison County. They have received feedback that parents might not be able to attend unless we provide child care. They are researching ways to address that concern. They will continue to reach out to the DCS staff in the counties.
 - **Cherish Center – Wendy Rayburn**. They MDT's are all scheduled for October. Over 3700 kids and 400 adults have been through the bullying presentation from September 1st – Fall Break. The Upstanders piece has been picked up at the Boys and Girls Club in their teen center and YMCA effective January 2014. The next biggest piece is the social media with healthy relationships with teens.
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- **General Funds** – Funds have been set aside for small prevention projects. For agencies that are approved for under \$7000, Children's Bureau will front the money so that small agencies don't have to wait for reimbursement.
 - **Respite RFP** – The RFP was reposted. The scoring team met on September 4th to review the 2 proposals received (Bethany and Promising Futures). Both Bethany and Promising Futures proposals were strong proposals. Promising Futures opened up the ability to open up their family resource center. The scoring team recommended the contract be given to Promising Futures. Patricia Turner motioned that the RSC approve Promising Futures for Respite. Christi Tucker seconded the motion. Vote taken, motion passed.
 - **Riley Safety Store** – Dan provided an update. We have distributed items to 19 families. We are now to the point where we need to reorder some of our items. Annette Craycraft motioned to approve \$5000 to purchase items from the Riley Safety Store. Amanda Skinner seconded the motion. Vote was taken, motion approved.
 - **Suicide Prevention Training** – Madison County FCM would like to attend a train the trainer Suicide Prevention Training. If you as an agency, or know

somebody that might be able to help this worker attend this training, please let Dan know. The cost of the training is \$400.

- **RFP** for Madison County CAC – The RFP has been posted and it looks like the Madison County CAC will be up and running in the near future.
- **Provider Fair** – Was a success. We were able to reach a lot of community agencies. There were a lot of non contracted agencies. We were asked by Good Samaritan to assist them with their provider fair, which will be held in March. Theirs is more of a community based. They are looking for service providers that not only serve DCS and Probation, but serve everybody in the community. Our Region will host another provider fair in August 2014.
- **Batterer’s Intervention Program** – Beth Dickerson – They met with John Bilke and he is willing to come to Madison County. They have a 26 Week open enrollment program. He is currently contracted for Hamilton County and would like to expand into Madison County.
- **Fiscal** – Dan Brumfield. Budget wise, we are doing great. Institutional costs are way up within the region. This is based on way we are using wrap around services.
- **Chaucie’s Place** – Toby Stark - Proposal for General Fund Money – Chaucie’s Place has been conducting a Body Safety Program in Hamilton County for the last 15 years. Last year they reached 10,473 children in Hamilton, Marion, and Boone County. They have rebranded the body safety program by modifying the script to reflect the findings of national research and to update some of the more modern challenges that children now face. The program is now called Smart Steps. They are requesting \$20,000 for Hamilton County. This would allow them to reach all 35 elementary schools in Hamilton County. There is an approved script (from the prosecutor’s office). Previously the program has been privately funded. It was suggested to expand this program region wide. Dan asked Toby to provide a financial breakdown. Toby will meet with LOD’s to determine the region’s need.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM

Next Meeting Date & Time:
January 29, 2014 at 9:00 AM

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