



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 17

Meeting Date: November 16, 2012
Meeting Location: Memorial Hospital Southside Office

Council Members Present: RM Lesko, Constance Branch, Alissa Haaff, Amy Tempel, Lisa Smith, Melinda Berry, Sandy Bowman, Kim Donnelley and David Galloway.

Council Members Absent: Judge Dartt, Cheryl Hillenberg, Judge Weikert, and Darlene McBride.

Others In Attendance: John Schroder, Rebecca Brelage, Nancy Rennie, Leslie Rowland, Melissa McWilliams, Pamela Kiser, Kris Mann, Kelli Huther, Keith Lindsay and Kris Mann.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:40 A. M. EST by RM Lesko. Roll call was held. .

RM Lesko asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting. John Schroder, RFM stated previous minutes should state fiscal year starts July not August. Correction has been made and will be noted on the minutes for the next meeting. Constance Branch made a motion to approve the meetings minutes and Leslie Rowland seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected.

PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORT

Community Partners: Kelli Huther with IHBS gave a summary of the referrals for the month of October 31, 2012. As of October 31, 2012 a total of 62 open cases are currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety in Region 17.

In the month of October, a total of 32 new referrals were made for consideration and 28 were serviced.

Of the referrals, one came from Crawford County, four came from Daviess County, ten came from Dubois County, one came from Martin County, four came from Orange County, eleven came from Perry County and one came from Spencer County.

Sources of the referrals (Partners) for this month included the Daviess County Department of Child Services, Dubois County Department of Child Services, Martin County Department of Child Services, Orange County Department of Child Services, Perry County Department of Child Services, Spencer County Department of Child Services, Lawrence County Department of Child Services, Washington Community Schools, Perry Central School, Southern Hills, and self-referrals.

Kelli stated the majority of referrals are from the DCS offices.

Kelli informed council 18 service cases were closed with 16 being closed successfully. Cases remained open an average of 68 days and averaged 15.6 hours per case.

Kelli reported to council additional funding was received in the amount of \$107,428 dollars, total budget is \$524,260.67. Kelli stated we are running below budget right now.

Kelli stated IHBS continues to do outreach in the community. Their next outreach will be in Orange County on December 1, 2012 at Walmart in Paoli.

Regional Services Coordinator's Report: Darcy Durbin informed the council LHDC is closing their home based services at the end of November 2012. This will be a big lose for Perry and Spencer counties.

Darcy stated there is a new RFP for comprehensive based services. Bids were to be in by 11-9-12

Practice Model: RM Lesko stated we are still tracking CFTM's. We are getting ready to train an FCM in Dubois County to become a peer coach.

Regional Finance Managers Report: John Schroder informed the council there is still no budget. He is hopeful that it will be released in the coming week.

Increase in expenditures in institutions and preservation services especially in CHINS services.

This year's totals are running fairly close to last year at this same time.

RM Lesko informed the council Collaborative Care expenditures will not come out of our regional budget.

REGIONAL FOSTER CARE SPECIALIST: FCS Alissa Haaff informed the council the Christian Church of Jasper donated 185 bags filled with clothes and goodies for our children placed in foster care. Bags will be divided between all counties in the region.

Alissa also informed the council the foster parent dinner was held on 10-30-12 and it was a big success. On 11-13-12 the Regional Foster Care Specialist annual meeting was held in Indianapolis. Topics were retention and recruitment. On 11-19-12 the support group will meet in Daviess County. Sandy Bowman will be providing training on the CASA program. You do not need to pre-register.

Fatherhood Initiative Program: Kris Mann with IHBS stated they have three referrals in our region; two from Dubois County and one from Perry County. Kris informed the council a referral can be made to them even if the father is in prison.

Safely Home Families First: RM Lesko stated DCS has hired an investigator, Keith Patterson who is based in Gibson County. DCS also plans on hiring nurses and recently hired Educational Specialists.

Director Rowland talked about the conference that was held on 10-4 and 10-5-2012 in Indianapolis. The focus was on looking at services from an evidence based practice and trauma informed care.

Old Business: At our previous meeting the council tabled a proposal from RainTree Consulting regarding drug screening for probation cases. We have since learned that this is something we cannot vote on.

New Business: Discussion was held about meeting quarterly, however, the RSC voted to continue meeting every other month.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be January 18, 2013 at 8:30 EST. The meeting will be held at the Memorial Hospital Southside Office located at 1100 W. 12th Ave., Jasper, IN 47546.

Meeting adjourned at: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and the council approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

Community Partners Update:

New Business: Update on Service Contracts

Old Business:

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Meeting adjourned at:

RSC to do some of the interviewing. This review is a way for DCS to improve services and case management.

3. Regional Finance Report- Finance Mgr. John Schroder distributed the budget showing expenditures through June for the region. John informed council that the six month 2009 year budget has been completed and for the latter part of it they decided not to complete the turn about transfers unless there was going to be a shortage within the region. John stated that the budget was passed and the region came out in pretty good shape. There will be training for directors and regional managers later this month to determine the amounts to each county. John stated the state is moving from one computer system to another and that there will be a

hold up starting late August until mid September on payments. In August the financial staff will be attending a three day training to learn the new system.

4. Unfinished Business:

Cheryl Hillenburg gave an update to the council regarding the CAC mobile unit. Cheryl stated that on July 2nd or 3rd they received notice that Comfort House would no longer be providing services anywhere other than their facility in Harrison County at Corydon which leaves us in a time gap in services before we get our equipment. We have our equipment on order (the grant was awarded to the state in June 2008) but we have yet to receive any of the money to pay for it. We are going to be called the Southwester Indiana Child Advocacy Center. We are going to use equipment that was in Milltown until we get our new equipment. We will have two sets of equipment, we will have a stationery place where children can be interviewed that's child friendly that is the same place where Comfort House was started. If you want your child to be interviewed in Milltown, that can be arranged. If you want your child to be interviewed in your county the mobile unit equipment will actually be in a surplus vehicle driven by someone from the Milltown police department.

Meeting Adjourned at:

