



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region 9

**Meeting Date:** 1.11.2013  
**Meeting Location:** Avon Town Hall  
6570 E. US Hwy 36  
Avon, IN 46123

### **Council Members Present:**

**Char Burkett-Sims** – Region 9 Regional Manager  
**Judge Headley** – Putnam County Court  
**Pat Baldwin** – Hendricks County Prosecutor  
**Taren Duncan** – Director, Morgan County DCS  
**Shelly Chadd** – Director, Putnam County DCS  
**Jane Christophersen** – Montgomery County CASA  
**Courtney Crowe** – Supervisor, Boone County DCS  
**Ashley Bean** - Foster Care Specialist - serving as proxy for FCM  
**Racheal Young for Judge Siamis** – Montgomery County Court  
**Stephanie Kerner** – Region 9 Foster Parent

### **Guests Present:**

**Lolita Campbell** – Regional Finance Manager, DCS  
**Stan Piercefield** – Morgan County CASA  
**Jon Bennett** – Children's Bureau / Community Partners  
**Joanna Habegger** – Children's Bureau  
**Matthew Gooding** – DCS, Service Coordinator  
**Gwyn Green** – Hendricks County Probation  
**Christa Detzel** – Cummins BHS  
**Amanda Pryor** – Resolute Treatment Facility  
**Christa Detzel** – Cummins BHS  
**Karen Branch** – Montgomery YSB  
**Brett Ratcliff** – Family interventions  
**Allison Creekmore** – CAC, Susie's Place  
**Amanda Pryor** – Resolute Treatment Facility  
**Amy Davis** – IUMCH  
**Rick Carlson** - IUMCH  
**Gail Kibiger** – Hamilton Center  
**Karen Branch** – MCYSB  
**Lynn Wisneski** – Options BHS  
**Janine Dell** – Lifeline Youth and Family Services  
**Ashley Titus** - Lifeline Youth and Family Services  
**Kamilla Aeschliman** – Boone County CAC  
**Anna cedars** – Family Interventions  
**Shannon Hickey** – Probation service Consultant  
**Lacey Dabelow** – Hamilton Center  
**Bill Nunn** – Hamilton Center  
**David Reed** – The Villages

## Meeting Minutes

### Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

#### Meeting Minutes from 10.26.13:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting on 10.26.13. All members present voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

#### Financial Report:

As a region we are at 44% of the budget.  
Boone County is at 44% of their budget.  
Hendricks County is at 43% of their budget.  
Montgomery County is at 44% of their budget.  
Morgan County is at 48% of their budget.  
Putnam County is at 40% of their budget.

There has been an overall increase in cases for the fiscal calendar year 2012-2013. This also reflects a change in policy. We are utilizing Medicaid as a more frequent funding source. Some costs incurred have not yet been reflected in the budget.

#### Community Partners Update:

The fourth quarter Service Standard Summary was provided. There were 188 referrals for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. There was a 23% increase in referrals. 1/3 comes from DCS, 1/3 self referrals, and 1/3 from the community. They have met all services standards for the year. A list of the material relief fund was provided with a breakdown by county of how it was used. There is now a full time parent partner staff that is assisting with office support and referrals.

There is additional funding of \$155,000. The goal and intent is to use these funds for direct services. There is a plan to add more staff to provide services and support to families for safety and supervision. This will be a cases bay case basis.

#### Child Intervention:

##### Period of Purple Crying:

This is an evidence based training curriculum that targets all parents and newborns to help in identifying all stages of crying. There will be training on April 17 for a half day at the Children's Bureau Corporate office. There is an all day free training in Terre Haute. 5-6 hospitals are already on board and they hope to get Region 9 hospitals involved as well. The initiative is to coordinate with hospitals to make babies safer, better educate parents. More information on the training will be sent out. There is a DVD available. Contact Matt Gooding or Jon Bennett. Some Regional Services Councils have agreed to purchase the videos.

#### Services Discussion:

Question regarding the purpose of the RCS meeting.

There is a concern that the RSC members have no idea what services and providers are available. Judge Headley requested a master list of providers, and who provides what services. There is a concern that DCS does not provide this information. This would be helpful to the RSC members. A master list of providers will be created and provided.

The question was also asked regarding the new consultant /specialist positions in the region:  
Clinical Services Consultant  
Education Liaisons

**Nursing Consultant**

It was explained that the role of these individuals is consultation to the local office staff and not to provide services.

Another suggestion is that RSC would like to see all of this information in an email, letter, etc. and also on the agenda for the meeting. RSC members would like more information and more presentations regarding services.

**Hotline Pilot:**

If LEA needs immediate assistance, they can call the local office immediately and follow up later with a report. Recommendations for this pilot from the study committee are still being evaluated.

**Ongoing RSC Membership:**

CASA – Stan Piercefield or Becky McClure

Pat Baldwin will continue.

The Judges will continue to share membership.

Will be choosing the DCS Directors, Supervisors, and FCMs to serve on the council.

This will be finalized by the next meeting.

**RFP:**

There is an open Request for Proposal for Region 9 for comprehensive services. The proposal is seeking services that would be paid on a per diem basis but include services that a family would need such as home based casework and supervised visitation.

**Next Meeting:**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM**

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, April 26, 2013**

**Time: 9:00 AM**

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