



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region 9

**Meeting Date:** 10.25.2013  
**Meeting Location:** Avon Town Hall  
6570 E. US Hwy 36  
Avon, IN 46123

### **Council Members Present:**

**Char Burkett-Sims** – Region 9 Regional Manager  
**Pat Baldwin** – Hendricks County Prosecutor  
**Shelly Chadd** – Director, Putnam County DCS  
**Taren Duncan** – Director, Morgan County  
**Stan Piercefield** – Morgan County CASA / Morgan County Juvenile Probation Officer  
**Racheal Young for Judge Siamas** – Montgomery County Court  
**Joanie Crum** – Director, Montgomery County DCS  
**Tiffany Stewart** – Supervisor, Montgomery County DCS  
**Stephani Hardman** – FCM, Putnam County DCS  
**Rhonda Allen** – Director, Hendricks County DCS

### **Guests Present:**

**Lolita Campbell** – Regional Finance Manager, DCS  
**Jonika Hudson** – Children's Bureau  
**Matthew Gooding** – DCS, Service Coordinator  
**Gwyn Green** – Hendricks County Probation  
**Becky McClure** – Boone County CASA / GAL  
**Anna Cedars** – Family Interventions  
**Kassie Frazier** – Boone County CAC  
**Lynne Wisneski** – Resolute Resource Centerpointe  
**Julie Ensinger** – Columbus Behavioral Center  
**Debbie Branfield** – Crossroad  
**Karen Branch** – Montgomery YSB  
**Gail Kibiger** – Hamilton Center  
**Ashley Titus** - Lifeline Youth and Family Services  
**David Reed** – The Villages  
**Tawanda Dent** – Choices, Inc.  
**Julie Ensonger** – Columbus Behavioral Center  
**Rick Carlson** – Indiana United Methodist Children's Home  
**Christa Detzel** – Cummins BHS  
**Melinda Heavin** – Hendricks Regional Health

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

**Meeting Minutes from 8.23.13:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting on 8.23.13. All members present voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

**Financial Report:**

First quarter for fiscal year data provided. We don't yet have a budget for 2014 due to work on the Biennial Plan. The region has spent \$2,166,928. A detailed budget was provided with a break down for the counties. We are just over the target percentage. There have been some changes with DCS and claims are hitting sooner and faster than last year.

**Foster Care Update:**

There are currently 91 relative homes. 45 are licensed. It is projected to have 21 additional

**Community Partners Update:**

There have been 183 referrals, 503 for the year, a 12% increase for this quarter. DCS and self referrals were the largest referrals. They met 8 out of 10 services standards and looking at strategies on doing family assessments earlier to meet these goals. Material relief fund - helping get rid of bed bugs has been a big expense. A recommendation was made to make the community more aware of Community Partners. There was a suggestion to send letters out the community such as Churches and working with them to get word out. There is new liaison for Montgomery County.

**Mental Health Initiative:**

Centerstone is the access site for Morgan County, Aspire for Boone County. Hendricks and Putnam are working on and close to getting an access site. CMHC is the access point for mental health needs for certain kids with access for an array of services through initiatives without DCS or Probation.

**Biennial Planning Process:**

When looking at data that is collected to see if there services related issues to address, some are easy to identify and some are not. A packet was provided of services that are used. It has been difficult for some families to access services they need.

QSR indicator at a glance:

Scored during QSR

System performance

Went down in role and voice of mother, team formation, and functioning

Looking at formal and informal supports, if no informal we don't score well if not utilizing supports

Dec 10th and 11th is the Region 9 QSR, hoping to show improvement.

Statewide Indicators:

How compares to rest of state

System performance

Resource availability

Intervention adequacy

Lots of resource but scoring low on

Primary stress factors, drug dependency and there are not a lot of resources for.

Need to strengthen these services

Are we asking the right questions?

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome - this is also something that is not asked about and overlooked. Services could happen sooner if issues can be identified early.

Stephanie Kerner can talk to and provide information to FCMS about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the symptoms.

Top paid DCS services:

The 2 most prominent in the state are home based casework

Home based therapy

Fatherhood Engagement is one the of the top 10 services, but not in Region 9

Surveys:

FCMS and community members completed a survey. There were a lot of difference in the responses of the FCMS and the community members.

Substance Abuse Treatment:  
Identified as highly needed and low score on effectiveness

Juvenile Substance Treatment:  
Highly needed and low on availability and effectiveness and lack of options and support

Key Components:  
Communication between referral source and provider, having facts in front of them to address questions to ask and any issues.  
Data spurs discussion as what is it our region needs as far as services and effectiveness.  
Better assessments, better questions, importance of communication

Mental Health Services:  
Family not disclosing  
Disconnect  
When assessing, missing important data

Grandparents as caregivers:  
There is a program that region 8 has started - would like to look at this more and support.

Funding, legal services / fees - trying to connect with free legal services and how can we support this.  
Guardianship vs. custody, depending on the case

Sex offender treatment for adult perpetrators:  
Now excludes adult sex offender treatment – looking at addressing this.

Domestic Violence:  
Services gaps, programs for batterers and more support long term.

Work group for planning:  
The goal of today is to come up with a plan for our region to improve service delivery.  
A work group will be established to flush ideas out. Anyone can participate to be a part of the planning and input by phone or in person.  
Probation  
DCS staff  
RSC  
Anyone outside

Services Standards:  
Matt Gooding and Lisa Rich can help address some of these questions.

The plan will be presented to the council at the next meeting on Friday, December 13, 2013. There will also be a forum for the QSR\

The council decided to have the next meeting on Friday, December 13, 2013.  
In the event of inclement weather or any other reason the meeting should be canceled, the alternative date for the meeting would be January 10, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, December 13, 2013**  
**Time: 9:00 AM**  
**Meeting Location: Avon Town Hall**

