 **Regional Service Council Minutes**

**Region # 15**

**Meeting Date**: October 19, 2022

**Meeting Location**: Microsoft Teams

**Council Members Present**:

Sandy Ante, Dearborn/Ohio Local Office Director

Denise Burton, Decatur Local Office Director

Gary Keith, Jefferson Local Office Director

Michelle Smith, Ripley Local Office Director

Jon MacMurdo, Dearborn DCS Supervisor

Alyssa Shelton, Jefferson DCS Supervisor

Laural French, Advocates for Children

**Council Members Present by proxy:**

Jennifer Sturges / Proxy for Judge Day, Decatur Co

Morgan Thomas, Proxy for Judge King, Ripley Co

**Council Members Absent**:

Michelle Adams, R15 Manager

Teresa Patrick, Switzerland Local Office Director

Kristen Lazo, Decatur FCM

K-Lynn Minor, Jefferson FCM

Leeann Wiseheart, Proxy for Jefferson Co Prosecutor (new)

Adam Rauch / Proxy for Judge Humphrey, Dearborn Circuit

Kerri Fox, Foster Parent/YES Home

**Others in Attendance**:

Belinda Foreman, Regional Finances

Jason Nelson, Services Coordinator

Erica Roberts, Community Partner/IHBS [eroberts@ihbs.us](mailto:eroberts@ihbs.us)

Chrystal Hardin, Community Partner/IHBS [chardin@ihbs.us](mailto:chardin@ihbs.us)

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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order at**: 2:00 pm

1. Welcome/Roll Call – Introductions completed
2. Approval of Minutes:

***Gary Keith made a motion to approve the July 15, 2022 minutes; Laural French seconded; all in favor.***

1. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:
2. Community Partners / Chrystal Hardin
3. Quarterly Report, Referral Report, Budget & Flex fund reports

* Reports were sent to council members
* Success story: assisted single mother in obtaining her driver’s license to gain employment & helped enroll her children in school
* Referrals: 41 in Aug; 63 in Sept; referrals are up compared to 2021
* Budget: Slightly over budget; breakdown shared
* Flex fund breakdown

1. Regional Finance Manager - Belinda Foreman
2. Financial Reports sent to RSC members
   * Expenditures are down 21.3% so far this fiscal year
   * 38 day average turnaround for payment to vendors
3. Reminder: Providers attach report when submitting bill to Kidtraks
4. Billing questions: [DCSPaymentResearchUnit@dcs.in.gov](mailto:DCSPaymentResearchUnit@dcs.in.gov)
5. Regional Services Report – Jason Nelson
6. Data is being gathered by a company hired by the state to determine rates for services; more information coming
7. Jason shared other stats: children in care is at lowest since 2013; out of home is down 25% since launch of Family Preservation; absence of repeat maltreatment is above 95%
8. Jon MacMurdo will be Region 15 Services Coordinator beginning 10/31/22.
9. Biennial Plan Goal: Provider Presentation:
10. Sandra Wehner, / River Valley Resources

* RVR Young Adult Services are for those between the ages of 16-24 (out of school) and 14-21 (in school)
* RVR Adult Employment services are for those 18 year and older
* RVR/JCE/McDowell Adult Basic Education classes for those 16 yrs & older
* Offer assistance for resume development, mock interview, job search assistance, career planning, work experience opportunities (paid), college prep (including FAFSA, college visits, assessments, and advisor meetings),  soft skills workshops, financial literacy education, HSE prep work, child care/housing assistance, supportive services, short-term training and much more.



1. Zita Duffy & Camron Whitacre / SAFY

* Currently providing Fam Prez services
* Recruiting foster homes and starting the licensing process.  As soon as we get homes we can begin accepting children
* Received Kinship grant & in the process of building that program.
* Contacts: Family Prez Services: Zita Duffy / [duffz@safy.org](mailto:duffz@safy.org) ; Kinship & Foster Care: Gloria Whitcraft / [whitcraftg@safy.org](mailto:whitcraftg@safy.org) ; Camron Whitacre / SAFY General: [whitacrec@safy.org](mailto:whitacrec@safy.org)



\*Suggestions for future meetings: Safe Passages, Turning Point, WERNLE

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2. Practice Model Review (PMR)

* Mini PMR for Region 15 was held in July; results will be shared at the January meeting

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Schedule for 2023 / Meetings will remain quarterly

January 18, 2023 2:00 pm TEAMS

April 19, 2023 2:00 pm TEAMS

July 19, 2023 2:00 pm TEAMS

October 18, 2023 2:00 pm TEAMS

***Denise Burton made a motion to continue with quarterly meetings and approve schedule listed above; Gary Keith seconded; all in favor.***

1. PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time**:

January 18, 2023 / Microsoft TEAMS / 2:00 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned at**: 2:50 pm

***Denise Burton made a motion to adjourn; Michelle Smith seconded; all in favor***