Regional Service Council Minutes
Region # 9

Meeting Date: 2.22.08

Meeting Location: Gobin United Methodist Church
307 Simpson St.
Greencastle, IN 46135

Council Members Present:
Sally Berish -Commissioner, Boone County Circuit Court, Steve Vaughn - Director, Montgomery County DCS, Tim Miller - Director, Morgan County DCS, Harmony Gist - Morgan County DCS, Barbara South - Director, Putnam County DCS, and Char Burkett-Sims - DCS , Region 9 Regional Manager

Guests Present:
Kamilla Aeschliman - Director, Boone County DCS, Joanie Crum - Supervisor, Hendricks County DCS, Mark Fairchild - Community Partners for Child Safety, Michelle Ruth - Community Partners for Child Safety, Carmen Young - Resource Residential Facility, Mike Scime - Montgomery County Youth Services Bureau, Kayla Gentry - Montgomery County Youth Services Bureau

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Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Practice Reform Indicators:
Placement Type Average for Region 9 for November '07 - January '08 is as follows:
Own Home: 35.63%
Relative: 15.03%
Foster Care: 33.98%
Residential: 8.63%

The goal for DCS in this area is to increase the safety of the home to allow the child to remain in the home. Where this is not possible, the goal is to place the child with a relative with whom the child is familiar. Practice Reform Indicators, in comparison to the last quarter, show a small increase in Own Home Placements by .12% and a small increase in Relative Placements by .58 %.

Length of Stay in Out of Home Care:
The goal of this indicator is to reduce the time a child is placed out of home. The data for this indicator is currently measured by utilizing the median placement time in care. The average rate for length of stay in out of home placement Region 9 measured in November '07 is as follows:
1 year - 59.64%
2 years - 25.56%
2+ years -14.78%

The measurement will be changing to actually look at the time in care by cohorts.

Absence of Repeat Maltreatment:
The average rate for Region 9 for the Absence of Maltreatment for the period of November '07 – January '08 is 88.16%. The Region 9 target for this measure is 90% over a 13 month period.

IV-B Funding Proposals:
Putnam County –
Families United is no longer serving Putnam County. Barb South has requested to transfer $25, 2669.00 to Boone County Mental Health Association for the year 2008.

All members in attendance approved the request but there was not a quorum at this meeting. Barb will seek approval from 2 other council members. Approval is pending the receipt of additional votes and will bring a formal report to the next meeting.

Barb received the two votes by email needed for approval. Both votes were in favor of the transfer.

Hendricks County –
Preventative Aftercare is no longer serving Hendricks County at this time, leaving a balance of $62, 523.00 to transfer. Andrea Goodwin spoke with Jane Pascal from Boone County Mental Health and they have agreed and report that they do have the capacity to take more cases in Hendricks County. It was advised that Hendricks County should request to transfer $20,000 to Boone County Mental Health and $42, 523.00 to Family Works. Hendricks County has historically utilized Family Works to great capacity.

All members in attendance approved the request but there was not a quorum at this meeting. Andrea will seek approval from 1 of the other council members. Approval is pending the receipt of the additional vote.

Update: on 2.22.08 Jana Minks from Montgomery County voted in favor of this funding request.

Hendricks County Wrap Around Services- Request for funding from the Child Welfare Service Account:
Jennifer Braunecker from Wrap Around has asked Hendricks County DCS for financial assistance for a child that is seen by Systems of Care. His family is having a difficult time paying for his lab work because their insurance will not cover the cost. The amount is between 400-600 dollars and his diagnosis is ADHD and Conduct Disorder. The child has been working with Jennifer and is an at risk child due to his diagnosis. It has been determined that he needs this lab work in order for his continued diagnosis and treatment. The parents insurance will pay for the treatment.
The request is to use $600 from the Child Welfare Services Account to pay for this lab work.

All members in attendance approved the request but there was not a quorum at this meeting. Andrea will seek approval from 1 of the other council members nor present. Approval is pending the receipt of the additional vote.

Update on Child Advocacy Center:
Finding Words training will be May 12-16th at Hendricks regional Hospital. By March we will know how many openings there will be for other counties in the region. A steering committee has been formed and they have also came up with a Mission and Vision statement.
Mission Statement: The mission of the Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center is to provide a neutral, child-friendly center to investigate alleged child abuse and neglect, while keeping the comfort and safety of the child the first priority.
Vision Statement: the vision of the Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center is to strengthen our community's ability to nurture and protect children.
They have applied for multiple grants including Lincoln Bank and Duke Energy. Tri Kappa is volunteering time for fund raising and giving proceeds to the project. The Board of Directors is being identified this week.
Utilization of the center will be for Hendricks County but certainly open to other counties in Region 9.

Community Partners for Child Safety-Proposal for expansion:
Mark Fairchild presented the proposal for expansion of Community Partners for Child Safety. After going over the proposal thoroughly and looking at all of the options presented it was decided by members of the council that were present to offer $110,00.00 for the hiring of 2 more staff, mental health services, the outreach program, and a parenting coordinator.

All members in attendance approved the request but there was not a quorum at this meeting. We will seek approval from 1 of the other council members not present. Approval is pending the receipt of the additional vote.
Update: on 2.22.08 Jana Minks from Montgomery County voted in favor of this funding request.

Resource Residential Care Facility:
Carmen Young presented some information about the facility. They have now opened a PRTF for boys, ages ..... Medicaid pays for the per diem. They are working with their sister facilities, Options and Resolute, on

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Meeting concluded at 3:07 PM