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Public Meeting
Regional Services Council
Region 10
January 21, 2011, 10:30 a.m.
4150 North Keystone Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Council Members in Attendance

J. Hubartt, Chair, Reg. 10 Dir., DCS; P. Surbey, Dep. Dir., DCS; M. McGeney, Division Mgr., DCS; B. Ping, Juv. Ct; S. Anderson, Supe, DCS, Proxy for K. Reid; K. Riley, Juv. Probation, Proxy for C. Ball; P. Haughan, MCPO; K. Peterson, Supe., DCS, Proxy for S. Wilken; G. Ellis, Child Advocates; A. Foxworthy, Supe., DCS; Brian Ellis, Mentors of America; J. Krug, DCS Legal Counsel

Visitors

M. Parker, Lutheran Child & Family Services; J. Klein, Children's Bureau; L. Wrestler, Bethany; G. Hurd & J. Catlett, Resolute, Resource, Options, Success; S. Keglur, Jr., Midwest Psychological; L. Franklin & M. Chaplin, Reach for Youth; K. Edgemon, The Villages; L. Goldberg-Mitton, PassWord Cmty. Mentoring; D. Augenbergs & MB Larkins, Midtown CMHC; Y. Hampton & D. Gordon, Wernle; K. Stevenson, Alliance For Life; M. Herald, Mosaic Recovery; L. Lipscomb, TAS; J. Olston, C. Cage, R. Enlow, J. Cox & M. Frye, Columbus Behavioral Ctr.; S. Mustaklem, K. Johnson, K. Dudley, MCPDA; M. Gwaltney, Family Service; B. Marson, Valle Vista; A. Yanez, Connections, Inc.; H. Hunter, Youth Outlook; B. Robison & C. Miller, Adult and Child; J. Schmidt, Dockside Services; L. Williams-King, White's Family Services; J. Bush, Resource; J. Hendricks, Whittington Homes; S. Smith, Lifeline; R. Blondet, IDTC; D. Day, NOAH; M. Oblack, ResCare; R. Schrimshaw, Connected By 25/UWCI; J. Asher, Connections, Inc.

Introduction of Members/Housekeeping

Chair Hubartt began by thanking attendees for their understanding in having to postpone meeting until 10:30. Council members introduced themselves and determined a quorum was present.



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November minutes were approved pending corrections and should be posted within ten days.

Prevention Provider Updates

Chair passed out Prevention Provider updates from Reach For Youth, Families First (formerly Family Services), Domestic Violence Network, Peace Learning Center, EmberWood, Safe Sleep, Riley Safety Store, and Probation's FYI. As Council Members reviewed updates on DV, SA, and tutoring, she advised that a couple of the Providers have either billed very little or not at all. She, Surbey, and Children's Bureau are addressing this issue to see if they need to troubleshoot anything or determine if there are problems with access to submitting or getting started. She will continue to revisit the issue as we proceed into the new year/2nd half of the fiscal year.

Chair asked for any comments and recognized M. Gwaltney of Family Services/Families First. Ms. Gwaltney reported that Families First has two grants for DV and substance abuse. They started out "good." and are picking up steam. The attendance has been increasing since the beginning of the programs and group sessions are doing as expected.

A representative of Reach For Youth spoke about the first dating and DV workshops that were held in the last quarter. A few had to be rescheduled because of school issues, but they have had two more since then. They expect to have 8-9 scheduled between now and the middle of March. The ones in December and January were held in the Wayne Enrichment Center. They have other sessions scheduled for Southport HS, Decatur MS; they've spoken to a few other schools as well.

Chair noted that we (DCS) are addressing the spend down issue as we conduct audits of the providers. We've audited two agencies thus far—EmberWood and FYI—and Foxworthy is going out this week to audit DV and set up an audit for Safe Sleep. She asked K. Riley if FYI was still interested in DV and Conflict Resolution with PLC. He replied that one of the biggest things in utilizing prevention programs is making sure all staff members are aware of who can actually participate in mental health programs. Hubartt stated that some programs are not full. We've talked about familiarizing our FCMs, but could add POs and FYI. Riley agreed it could be helpful.

Surbey updated Council on Safety Store. Products can be ordered at any time. With spring approaching we are looking at safety in the home—so they are thinking of ordering locks for cabinets, locks for doors, and gates. Chair agreed that children getting out of the house and wandering children are an ongoing problem so that is a good direction in which to go. "We've reached a lot of families with those items (from the Burns and Scalds program) thus far.

RFP Process

The Regional Coordinator, M. Chamberlin, was unable to come to meeting today, but Chair showed—only for visual impact—a sheaf of papers containing almost 1440 lines, each line representing a submission to score. She wants to include DCS members of the Council as well as representatives from the Court, Prosecutor's Office, Probation, and GAL on the scoring



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committees, as they have beneficial input. However certain regulations and directives with the new process allow only DCS staff to score.

She relayed that Programs & Services had to assist many people with submitting proposals as there were new rules to follow, website problems, etc. But these and other snags have been worked through along the way. The scoring process will begin on Feb. 4, but because of the number of proposals Region 10 has to sift through, she was able to negotiate an extra week to add to the two that were allocated.

The intention is to have a scoring team for each standard, instead of having teams review each submitter. Some teams will have more proposals to score than others, e.g., Home-Based has many proposals. She intends to use our management, supervisory and MSW personnel to score proposals.

The next meeting would normally be February 18, but because of the extra scoring/review week she suggested Thursday or Friday of the next week (she didn't want the vote to be held in early March). Because of the number of final recommendations to vote on -- roughly 400 plus—she expects the next meeting to be longer than normal. Council Members decided on Thursday, February 24 at 9 a.m. for the next meeting.

Riley asked how Hubartt envisions providers that focus primarily on delinquency services being fairly reviewed by DCS. She replied that she'd like to include Probation in looking at the proposals, even if the actual scoring will be done by DCS staff. RSC also needs the guidebook that lists all current providers so we can get feedback on the strengths and needs of any providers you've worked with. To G. Ellis, she noted he had areas of interest too and would divide proposals the same way.

After she gets the final list of the submissions from Central Office, she'll determine how many scoring teams are needed and send them (G.Ellis and Riley) what she thinks they would be interested in. She also thinks Region 10 did as well as any other region based on the lack of questions from CO.

She opened the floor for questions from the gallery. One person said she understood that if one submits a proposal whose rates are higher than the listed rates, it would be negotiated. Is that before or after the RSC scores and votes? *(No, the negotiation is done before a vote; the Regional Coordinator and Fiscal have a lot to do with that process. That's why we don't start scoring until 2/4.)*

G. Ellis wanted to know if scoring by DCS only is statewide; is Marion County exempt? *(DCS scoring is statewide. The State is looking to be consistent all over the state in all the various rates, LCPAs, levels of care and such. Chair thinks there are still a few wrinkles to iron out, but the next time we do this, it's probably going to go like clockwork.)*



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She will send out electronically the documents and scoring tools to those on the Council. It will be easier to deal with the virtual docs than with boxes of paper.

Other Updates/ Business

Council Membership/Changes

Chair stated that she'll have a couple of changes in membership n the Council. Right now K. Peterson is substituting for S. Wilken, who is currently in MSW practicum, and S. Anderson is the proxy for K. Reid, who is on maternity leave. The Council should have two new DCS members to appoint; those should be filled by the next meeting. She also invited Ping, G. Ellis, Haughan, and B. Ellis to contemplate having someone else in their organizations serve on the Council.

Chair invited D. Augenbergs to talk about Midtown's Adolescent Addictions program. Ms. Augenbergs passed out copies of a brochure that described the program. Midtown wants to get it added to the MRO Core Services contract. K. Lauck is the coordinator but couldn't attend today. She advised that it's for teens 13-18 years old. It's an addictions program--individual, family and group sessions using motivational interviewing and doing addictions best practices. They are also starting an intensive out-patient treatment program that will be three days a week, for three hours from 4p-7p after school. Ping asked what happens if the child doesn't have Medicaid and if it were available for Probation wards. She stated that most of the kids in Midtown's program do have Medicaid (90 percent do), but DCS could be billed. The program is available for probation wards. Riley stated that Probation typically doesn't bill to DCS for this type of program. Instead Probation would bill the parents. *(That would be possible. Midtown would also take private referrals as well as unofficial referrals from DCS. The difference is that DCS wouldn't get reports and other things that you typically get. Midtown also offers services in Spanish.)*

Hubartt thought it was not necessary to have a vote on adding the program to the MRO, but that RSC does need to be aware of it.

Public Announcements/Comments

None presented.

Adjournment

There was no more business and meeting was adjourned. Chair reminded everyone that the next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2011 in the same conference room at 4150 N. Keystone.



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