

Regional Service Council

Region 6

March 31, 2016

In attendance:

Paige Hamilton – SCAN

Jennifer Rutkowski-Smith – SCAN

Liz Learned – RM Region 6

Brian Brown – Cass County DCS

Angie Isley – Miami County DCS

Cassie Bault – Miami County DCS

Karen Denton – Howard County DCS

Barb Hilton - Family Service Association

Ian Hurst – IN Trafficking Asst. Program

Debbie Branfield – Crossroads

Becky Loth – Lifeline

Kurt Gard – White's

Dion Smith:

Open RFP for Healthy Families that will close April 22.

Family Service Association and Area V are the providers for Region 6.

Paige Hamilton:

Paige provided handouts covering February Statistics for Region 6. He advised that there were 722 individuals served in February with an average of 8 days to get the clients enrolled.

He reports that DCS remains the primary referral source, there has improved on the number of referrals from schools. He stated that he has been meeting with the local schools and he will continue to do outreach to other community agencies as well.

Paige reported that Community Partners remain below budget. They are working on the issues, but it is difficult as local providers are struggling with staff. SCAN is doing specialized training in order to train local staff quicker.

The new Homebased Therapy program currently has to place clients on a two week waiting list. It is too premature to say who this program is progressing.

There remains a balance of \$172, 790 of local prevention dollars. This is due to not getting contracts out until late in the year. This is a good year for new programs as looking for new and creative ways to expend those dollars.

Most of the providers past due bills have been paid; however, some providers are still having difficulty completing the forms. Once those issues are resolved that should reduce the balance by \$42, 000. Paige advised he will be checking in with those struggling providers closer to the middle of April.

Paige advised that there is also a possibility to finance a regional training. However, he does need idea on what topics to focus on and possible speakers.

The RFP proposals for July 1, 2016 contracts are due May 13, 2016. Paige will bring them to the next RSC meeting on May 26, 2016.

Paige reports that there have been issues getting Gear-UP opened in the region. This issue is reflected in the \$100,000 that has yet to be spent. There seems to be a stigma related to it that causes people to be resistant to participating in the program.

Paige did ask what service area needs developing in the region. There was a consensus of the council that the following three areas need addressed:

- 1) Conflict resolution between parent and child
- 2) Domestic Violence
- 3) Drug intervention

Guest speaker, Ian Hurst
IN Trafficking Victim's Assistance Program:

Ian advised that his role is to inform professional on human trafficking issues and on the help that is available. He advised that the training was approximately 1 hour long and that the program was developed through a Victim of Crimes grant.

He stated that his program does educational piece and well as case management if there is a victim identified.

Ian advised that that per new legislation if a victim is under age 18 they are to be considered an automatic CHINS.

Liz advised that she has a list of regional schools and providers and intends to send each an invitation to attend future council meetings. The intent will be to allow these individuals the opportunity to network with each other. Liz will attend these as the DCS representative.

Dion did suggest in order to increase attendance numbers that the meeting would benefit from occurring earlier in the day as opposed to after hours.

Next RSC is scheduled for May 26 at 4:00 at the Honeywell Center, Wabash.

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