

Regional Service Council

Region 6

December 16, 2015

In attendance:

Jan Williams – YSB of Huntington County	Tracy Timmons – Cass County DCS
Debbie Branfield – Crossroads Child & Family Services	Brian Brown – Cass County DCS
Cassie Bault – Miami County DCS	Angie Isley – Miami County DCS
Jennifer Rutkowki – Smith – SCAN	Rachel Tobin – Smith – SCAN
Dion Smith – Central Office DCS	Ryan Treesh – Probation Consultant DCS
Lee Sones – Fulton County DCS	Paige Hamilton – SCAN
Karen Denton – Howard County DCS	Marjory Justice – Wabash County DCS
Liz Learned – RM Region 6	

Update to RSC- Region 6:

Region is fully staffed with three more recently hired Family Case Managers starting in the January cohorts.

Case loads are still high with the dominant issue being substance abuse. There have been multiple meetings with service providers. Providers are meeting with individual county offices to have discussions concerning local needs.

The Region is looking to develop teams in order to be more proactive. This will be reported in the Biennial Plan. There is a question about the possibility of needing new RFP for new service to meet changing needs.

Rachel Tobin-Smith:

Rachel provided Region 6 Summary Data handouts and reported that Region 6 providers are doing outstanding in comparison with state standards. Majority of referrals are coming from DCS. Paige Hamilton reported that he conducts yearly outreach for other referral sources. He concentrates on school nurses as they are also a top referral source while school counselors tend to refer in May. He also sends mailings, emails and brochures. He has conducted trainings with Head Start and WIC programs. He has not yet gone into hospitals. Region 6 RM Liz Learned did request that Paige reach out to school counselors early in the school year to be more proactive and to prevent the delay of referrals until May. Rachel did agree to target the months of November and March.

Rachel reported that there is a revamped referral page for on-line referrals in addition to being able to call a referral in by telephone. SCAN will be sending emails to schools to let them know about the updated on-line form.

Rachel reported that the hours of service to families are down a bit. SCAN will be contacting service providers in January to remind them that they are to be giving more hours to the family. SCAN likes to see the number of hours per family to be 4-5 hours per month.

Paige reports that there are currently three contracts pending and he hopes to have these out this week. He is waiting on the insurance certificates for the following agencies: Youth Services Alliances; ACCESS; Carver Center. His next step is to ensure that the services are in place. SCAN did have to help some providers with extra money to ensure that they have proper insurance coverage.

No subcontractors have been paid to date. However, do anticipate that the November bills will be arriving soon.

Paige had done outreach on local drug prevention opportunities. He will be reaching out to LODs. The state is starting to open up using prevention dollars for counseling, but will be confirming that with the state in January.

Rachel also reported that Jacob Grady is returning to SCAN and Paula will continue as assessment worker.

Dion Smith:

Dion explained that the Biennial Plan is a two year plan for each year. The state provided four focus points: Prevention; Maltreatment; Permanency; Substance Use Treatment Services. The region has held work groups on each area and developed action plans and steps. Liz is currently reviewing those plans.

The Council will meet again on January 14, 2015 at 1:00 at the Howard County DCS office to approve the Biennial Plan.

Proposals and approval:

There were identified needs within the region for Resource Family Support, Visitation and Day Treatment. RFPs were opened in November and closed December with five proposals received. A discussion was held concerning the proposals and a vote taken of the present council members. The following propels were approved:

Promising Futures – Resource Family Support and Visitation

Four County – Day Treatment

Contracts will now be created and these services should be active in February or March 2016.

RSC 2016 meetings:

Going forward for 2016 the RSC will be meeting every other month on the last Thursday at 4:00 in Miami County due to its central location. Cassie and Angie will arrange for a location that will accommodate the committee numbers. An email from Connie Sholty will be forthcoming once a location is arranged.

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