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2026 DCS Regional Service Council Meeting

Quarter 2

DCS Region 2

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- Welcome/Introductions - Andrea Hoy

- Approval of Minutes - Danielle Reed
    - Motion made by Andrea Wilson to approve minutes; second made by Jessica Maxwell. 0 opposed.

- DCS Financials Overview - Bob Daughtery
    - Thus far R2 has spent 85% of budget target for the year; goal was 83%.
    - 7% increase in In Home Expenditures
    - 14% increase in Out of Home Expenditures
    - 19% increase in spend for Probation compared to April 2025

- DCS Community Based Services – Dion Smith

    - Announcements
        - Prairie Youth has expanded services to Allen County.
        - Dion's Team does review of Family Pres Reports Weekly
            - Initial Safety Plan
            - Initial Needs Assessment
            - Usage of Evidenced Based Practices

    - **Service Gaps Discussion/Feedback**

    - R2 has a need for Homemaker Aid Providers and Child Hearsay Providers

- Community Partners Reports – Provider report out
    - Iris-Christy Robbins
        - Jan-March 2026: 427 Referrals Received for Community Partners.
            - 4% Increase
        - Most CP Referrals from DCS
        - Served 23 Families with Flex Funds to meet immediate needs.
        - 96% of services using Evidenced Based Practices
        - Statewide Car seat Inspection Site
        - FRC's in Allen, Dekalb, and now Noble
    - Firefly
        - 590 Referrals for CP
        - $26,120 spent on concrete supports
        - 52 Car seats
        - 106 Safe Sleep Education
        - Community Baby Shower was held in Wabash County
        - FRC's in Delaware, Grant, Jay, and Madison
    - Geminis-Amanda Satterfield
        - Serve Elkhart and Kosciusko Counties in R2
        - Most CP referrals from DCS
        - Flex Fund: 50 requested and 50 approved
        - 1 position still open for Neighborhood Liaison
        - 5/14/2026 at 5:30pm-Night of Networking at Bar Louie in Mishawaka
    - Jill Kelly-Vote needed for Roll Over Funding
        - Motion for approval-Andrea Wilson
        - Second-Jessica Maxwell
        - 0 opposed

- Council Member Comments - Danielle Reed
    - Wabash County Drug Prevention Steering Committee Presents: Free Educational Community Event for Professionals (Tall Cop) on June 24, 2026 at 1:00pm. Flyer sent to RSC for sign up.

- Public Announcements and Questions - Andrea Hoy
    - None

- Adjournment - Danielle Reed