

***Regional Services Council***

***Region 4 Meeting***

**Date:** April 8, 2019

**Time:** 12:00 p.m.

**Location of Meeting:** Allen County DCS – 201 E. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46806

**Meeting Chair:** James Pippin, Region 4 Manager

**Meeting Secretary:** Helen Garmon

**Call to order**

**Start time: 12:00 p.m.**

**Roll call**

**Members Present:**

James Pippin

Wesley Husselman

Misty Schoenherr

Alexys Vosmeier

Amanda Meyer

Renee Hood

Karena Hernandez

Jen Mallott

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**Members Absent:**

Judge Pratt

Judge Heuer

Brad Hoover

**Non-Members Present:**

Dion Smith

Paige Hamilton

Kim Hollabaugh

Kate Craft

Darue Herron

Kim Lahman

Allie Kresse

David Mullins

Navoria James

Tess Ottenweller

Amy Saleik

Maureen Prebynski

Brittney Pickett

Valerie Magana

Janet Mitchell

Yvette Hampton

Ron Lahmeyer

Laura Hoffman

Kate Stephenson

Debbie Branfield

Rachael Glaser

Bill Stephan

Melisa Monterrusoe

**Approval of minutes from last meeting**

As read   X  

As corrected       

Recommended Correction:

**Program/Committee Reports**

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New business**

### **Welcome New RSC Board Members**

Amanda Meyer – FCM Noble

Renee Hood – FCM Allen

Misty Schoenherr – FCM Supervisor DeKalb

Brad Hoover – FCM Supervisor Allen

Karena Hernandez – LOD Whitley County

Jen Mallott – Foster Parent

### **Network for Safe Families (Paige Hamilton, SCAN):**

Paige Hamilton distributed and reviewed the following handouts:

- Network for Safe Families Services January 2019 Financial Report
- January 2019 Program Statistics
- Local Prevention Services January 2019 Financial Report
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Outcomes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Outputs

The Service Standards that will be funded in Local Prevention Dollars in Region 4 are:

- Respite
- Community Education
- Gear Up
- After School/Summer Programing
- Independence for New Families

### **Dion Smith**

- Dion and Jamie explained the scoring process used in Region 4
- Dion provided The RSC Members with a spreadsheet of all the providers that have a score of 30 or above. They were also given a separate single sheet that listed:
  - **Child Prep:**
    - Midwest Psychological
    - SAFY
    - Whittington
  - **Family Prep:**
    - Quality Counseling
    - Midwest Psychological
    - Villages of Indiana
    - Whittington Homes and Services
  - **Post Adopt:**
    - SAFY

**SCAN approved for Community Partners**

Dion Smith asked the RSC to approve the above mentioned spreadsheet and single sheet as is for services to move through for contract.

A motion was made by Karena Hernandez to approve the spreadsheet and single sheet. Motion was seconded by Wesley Husselman. Motion Carried.

#### **Fiscal Updates – Katie Craft**

- Katie distributed and discussed the Region 4 Financial Status Report SFY 2019
- As a region at the end of March 2019 we should be at 75% or below we are at 78.61% which is a little above
- We do not have the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget yet

#### **Statewide - Jamie**

- We're focused on the CWG Reports making sure we're meeting those recommendations
- There's still a continuous trying to get the Caseload Standards to where we need to be at. They're trying to get Supervisors Caseloads down 1 to 5

#### **Region 4 - Jamie**

- Social Butterfly Initiative was Jamie Pippins idea to try to increase the number of mothers and fathers we interact with
- Revamping Residential – We're looking at our Kids in Residential. In terms of overall Out of Home CHINS; Region 4 has the highest number of kids in Residential. Allen County and Noble County have a Residential Case Manager to focus on Residential Kids
- We're working on bringing LCPA's, Service Providers and DCS together to staff these kids once a month to get these kids out of Residential

#### **County Updates**

**Allen - (Alexys Vosmeier, Director)** – We hired our 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Manager (D.M) Heather Rouns. We will hire our 24<sup>th</sup> Supervisor by the end of today. We are working tirelessly on the remodel of this building.

“Social Butterfly Initiative”- we've seen some really big improvements in our contacts with fathers and mothers. Especially with our fathers, there's been a huge improvement

**DeKalb – (Wesley Husselman, Director)** – We had some slight FCM turnover. Our “Social Butterfly Initiative” statistics are looking good.

**LaGrange- (Kathryn Stephenson, Director)** – We are currently fully staffed. We have 2 FCM's in Cohort. One will graduate in May and the other will graduate in June. We are still at the same location with no lease; not sure what's going to happen with that or where we will end up

**Noble County (Jamie Pippin for Amanda Herendeen, Director)** – They have 2

FCM's graduating Cohort within the next week and another FCM starts today. Their building is remodeled! April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Noble County will have their activity starts tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. each year they give out the "Judge Kramer Award"

**Steuben** – (Ron Lahmeyer, Director) – We had an FCM graduate Cohort last week so we are fully staffed. "The Social Butterfly Initiative"

**Whitley County** (Karena Hernandez, Director) – We lost 2 FCM's who transitioned to other positions. We have 2 FCM's in Cohort. One will graduate in May and one will graduate in June. We are working toward our building expansion

**Next Meeting** – July 8, 2019 Allen County DCS Office @ 12:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

With no other business meeting was adjourned.

**Signatures:**

Secretary Helen Harmon

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved: hg (secretary's initials) Date: 7-8-19