

Agenda 6.11.26

- DCS Updates
 - Safely Home Families First
 - Length of Stay in Out of Home Placement
 - Absence of Repeat Maltreatment
- Budget Review
 - July 2025- May 2026
- Community Partners Report
 - Bauer
 - Firefly
 - Geminus
- Regional Service Updates
 - Dion Smith
 - Gwen Girten
- RSC Meeting Schedule 2026
 - Adjourn



Regional Service Council Meeting
6-11-26

Meeting called to order by Twan Stokes at 9:00am

Twan Stokes thanked everyone for joining

RD Twan Stokes, ARD Amanda Egger and ARD Caryn Timmons all introduced themselves

Mission, Vision and Purpose introduced

DCS Updates

Tipton County is transitioning to region 1 under the leadership of Stacy Howard

Julie Bonaventura is now the new CASA director in Tippecanoe County

LOD Updates (New Leadership)

Pulaski and Starke County - Franklin Williams

Jasper County – Penny Neal

Carrol/White County – Ambyr Wade-Brooks

Safely Home Family First

Power point and data will be sent out after meeting

- Increased number of children are in home IA's and relative care
- Slight increase in children being removed
- Working on plans to keep children in their home
- Going out in the community to advise of services
- Staff look at cases more holistically when reports come in
- Elkhart County has partnered with their community mental health organization which is Oaklawn and use of their mobile crisis unit. A specialized team is being created and crises are being handled in real time with immediate assist to a 24-hour response
- DCS would like to partner with their local mental health agencies to bring this forward in region 1

Length of Stay in Out of Home Placement

- Graph outlines the length of our involvement with families.
- Less children that are exiting care in that first year.
- During that first year of involvement, if you notice this blue bar, these are the children that are in two years this increased a little bit more.

Region 1 Budget Summary – Bob Daugherty

- Region 1 state budget year begins in July.
 - Review for expenditures through May
- CHINS Budget is \$119,000,000
 - Target budget is 92% - Region 1 has spent 94% or about \$112 million
 - 14% increase
- Community Based Services has increased by 12%
- Residential services have also increased by 14%
- Intensive foster care services contributed 10% of the total of our out-of-home expenditure.
- Probation Services budget is 34 million with a target of 92%
 - Probation spent 87% - about 30 million
- Family preservation is the highest cost at 2.1 million
- Budget year ends in June

Bauer Family Resources – George White

- Total Families Served – 239
- New Referrals – 132
- Pack and Plays distributed through Safe Sleep – 20
- Outreach Hours - 671
- Success Story shared
- Outreach Events
 - Schools
 - Libraries
 - Churches
 - BMVs
 - Wabash Center
 - Tippecanoe Baby Shower
- April Child Abuse Prevention Month Events
 - Tippecanoe county Proclamation
 - Carrol County Proclamation
 - White County Get Out and Go Fest
 - Safe Kids Greater Lafayette
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Firefly – Heidi Blake

- Regional Overview
 - Total referrals - 220
 - Concrete Supports: \$10,427.38
 - Safe Sleep – 18
 - Car Seats – 13
- Approval for Family Service Association of Howard County for \$15,000 requested, voted on and approved today
- Photos of current events shared
- Success story shared
- Safe sleep education was set up at the event to bring awareness
- Several events are in the process of being planned

Geminus – Amanda Satterfield

- Current Census
 - Service Area A – 216
 - Service Area B – 82
 - Service Area C – 175
- Total Families Served for 3rd Quarter
 - Serve Area A – 445
 - Service area B - 201 referrals
 - Area C we had 260
 - Total of 906 families served

DCS Referrals

- Service area A -284 DCS referral
- Service Area B -110
- Service area C we had 167 DCS referrals
 - Total DCS Referrals - 561

Concert Support

- Service Area A- 30,373
- Service Area B – 23,287.87
- Service Area C – 19,499.36

Up Coming Events

- Book bag event for Lake County on July 31st at Hidden Lake.
- LaPorte County book bag event on July 15th. LaPorte County Family Resource Center service area.
- Grant tea breakfast and luncheons that are coming up.
 - CP grants are currently in the process of being approved

Success Stories

- Shared for each service area
- Family events and pictures shared

Regional Services – Ashley Gutierrez

- Spending without concrete goals
- Referrals showed be connected to the needs of the family
- Be sure to have specific and measurable goals identified
- Team has developed some tools to collect data to ensure we are making referrals that connect to our family's needs that have specific and measurable goals

Dion Smith

- Cornerstone extended services to Howard County for sexually harmful reactive youth
- Cass County received an extension of services from Family Service Association and the extended services for DV Batterers and DV Victim and Child
- Counties should continue to have provider meetings
- Statewide provider meetings will also be held
- Community Based Referrals
 - Will be canceled as of July 1
 - Referrals will need to be updated if needed

Twan Stokes took vote on adjusting meeting to 2 hours

- 10:00am to noon (Eastern time)
- 9:00am to 11:00am (Central time)
- Vote accepted

Next meeting scheduled for September 10th and last meeting for the year December 10th

- Dates will also be dropped in the CHAT

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 am