

***Regional Services Council
Region 4 Meeting***

Date: April 16, 2024

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Meeting Chair: Erin Shidler, Region 4 Manager

Meeting Secretary: Helen Garmon

Call to order

Start time: 12:00 p.m.

Roll call

Approval of minutes from last meeting

As read X As corrected X

Recommended Correction:

Presenter Change from YMCA to YWCA

Program/Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

None

New business

Welcome

Community Partners Update – Megan Sechrist

Megan shared her screen to review the below reports

- Referrals Summary
- Program Outcomes
- Community Partners
- Local Prevention Dollar Services

Regional Budget Update – Katie Craft, Regional Financial Manager

- Katie shared her screen and reviewed the March Financial Status Report for region 4
- Target – 75%. Actual – 70.23%

Services – Dion Smith, Regional Service Coordinator

RFP

- An all services RFP, all state will be opening sometime in the summer or fall. The date hasn't been solidified yet. Every service standard that we have will be open for bidding. The contracts will be issued July 1, 2025

- We're going to be looking at all our service standards and we're going to be updating a lot of those service standards and tweaking the language so if you're going to be proposing for any of those services, make sure you look at the updated service standards. We will have those done before the RFP opens
- There's also an RFP currently open for Intensive Foster Care. That RFP will close on April 18, 2024 If you're interested in that you can look at the current request for proposal pages on the DCS website and you can see the open RFPs

Family Preservation

- Every family preservation case should have a treatment plan and that treatment plan should include information such as the evidence-based model that you're going to be using, the duration and frequency of how you're going to be seeing the family
- Every family should also have a safety plan. That safety plan should include information such as who they can contact in emergency and that should be uploaded as well
- Monthly reports should be uploaded by the 10th of each month
- The treatment plan should corollate to that monthly report. Dion should see steps in that treatment plan that you're trying to hit and he should see those steps being hit in that monthly report. He should see progress or barriers being met and you should be explaining those things in detail in that monthly report

County Updates

Allen – Melissa Hayden

- Allen Prevention Event is at the Courthouse on Friday, April 26, 2024, at noon
- Division Manager Joe Sims promoted to Safety and Quality Assurance Director. That posting is up and accepting applications
- Allen remodel – visitation, conference rooms, public areas are now on the first floor. State Employees only on the 2nd floor

Data

- Timely Initiation we're at 76% which is below our goal for 2024
- Completion we're at our goal of 94%
- Engaging moms 71%, Dads 50%, Resource parents 91%
- IA and In-Home 32%
- Relative 55%

DeKalb – RM Erin Shidler gave update for Andrea Hoy

- DeKalb has 2 supervisors and 11 FCMs, two of those are still in training. They hired an additional two that are in the background process. That will give them a total of 13 FCMs which is the goal for them to be staffed at that 120%
- DeKalb had their pinwheel planting on April 3rd in conjunction with Bowen Center and SCAN at the Library in Auburn
- DeKalb is working on developing their Child Fatality Review Team. They will be having their first meeting in May
- DeKalb is currently serving 67 CHINS and 25 children through IAs

LaGrange – Nick Molyneux gave update for Paul Watson

- LaGrange currently has 5 FCMs, one is in the process of being hired
- LaGrange has 49 focused children, 42 are CHINS and 7 are IAs

- Assessments are up 5 on average from last year. Their total average monthly is 30 assessments a month

Noble – Nick Molyneux gave update for Jamie Pippin

- Noble staffing wise is at 4 FCMs, they're in the process of hiring two more FCMs
- Noble has two new supervisors
- Noble is at 35 focused children. Twenty-six are CHINS, 9 are IAs
- They're averaging about 50 assessments per month

Steuben – Nicholas Molyneux

- Steuben is currently fully staffed with 9 FCMs. We have 1 FCM transferring to another county at the end of the month
- We're at 68 focused children, which is high for us. Fifty-five are CHINS, 12 are IA and 1 is an ICPC
- We're averaging about 40 assessments per month
- We planted a pinwheel garden out front at the beginning of April and we also have another event scheduled on April 30th and will be partnering with Bowen Center for that one

Whitley – Amanda Herendeen

- Staffing-wise for Whitley County we're trying to hire 10 FCMs to be at the 120%. We have 1 FCM currently in Cohort, 1 FCM transferring from Steuben at the end of the month and we're trying to hire for one more FCM
- We had our pinwheel event last Friday. We partnered with Bowen and SCAN
- We currently have 64 CHINS, 16 IAs. 45% of our cases right now are in-home cases or IAs
- 67% of our placements are relative or kinship
- We're averaging about 30 assessments a month

Regional – Erin Shidler

- Jamie Pippin is on leave. Paul Watson is covering for Noble County and LaGrange
- We're hiring a Division Manager in Allen County and really navigating a lot of escalated placements

Provider Presentations (10-Minutes)

None

Providers, please contact Helen Garmon (helen.garmon@dcs.in.gov) if you are interested in signing up to do a 10-minute presentation. Helen will contact you the week before the RSC meeting to let you know you will be presenting

The next RSC meeting will be via Microsoft Teams at 12:00 p.m. on July 16, 2024

Adjournment

With no other business meeting was adjourned

Signatures:

Secretary



Chair



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Approved hg (secretary's initials)