

Region 17
Regional Services Council Meeting
December 16, 2016

Meeting was conducted at 8:30am on December 16, 2016 at the VUJC Campus.

Mr. Snook welcomed everyone and held Introduction.

Introductions were made. (Susan Ford (LOD Martin County), Mendy Berry (LOD Daviess County), Sybil Rodeck (FCM S4 Spencer County), Dewayne Outlaw (Lifeline), Jonda Bowers (IHBS), Danielle Stansfield (IHBS), Dana Welborn (IHBS), Megan Whitehead (Youth Villages), Brittany Clark (Youth Villages) , Lisa Smith (FCM S4 Crawford County), Gwen Gerten (DCS Service Coordinator), Jodi Phelps (Children and Family Services), Nancy Rennie (LOD Perry County), Audrey Dortch (FCMS Spencer County), Jessica Richardson LOD Spencer County), Lana Tobin (FCMS Perry County), Keith Patterson (DCS Financial), Lisa Whitaker (CO PQI), Kristen Wilcken (PQI), Nathan Verkamp (Judge), and RM Jim Snook. Mr. Snook thanked all services providers for coming.

Mr. Snook reminded everyone of the Website that is located on the internet. He reported that it has been updated with new information, the agendas for meetings, contact information, and the dates of the meetings for 2017. He reported that due to this being the last meeting to be held at VUJC the new meetings will be held at the Jasper Library. The times at this time are listed at 9:00am however those will change to 9:30 due to needing time to set up and open the building.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Lana Tobin (FCMS in Perry County) made a motion to approve the minutes, and Lisa Smith (FCMS in Crawford County) second approval of minutes. No objections were noted. All in favor.

Budget report provided by Keith Patterson – Region 17 is SLIGHTLY over budget. 1.4 million in expenditures for the year is where the region is at. There will not be an increase for the 2017 year. Region 17 DCS staff make every effort to locate resources within the region. We keep children safe and do what is in the best interest of the children, despite the current budget situation. Mr. Snook thanked Mr. Patterson for his support and help with the budget and all he does.

Gwen Gerten, Service Coordinator –There are no new RFP's open at this time. She spoke about recovery works. This is a funding stream for substance abuse and mental health concerns. The form is located on the FSSA website. If clients have felonies or being charged currently this can replace incarceration or help with treatment. Spencer County is already utilizing this program which is working working well. You can follow up with probation, local law enforcement, or mental health for an application. Gwen will send out a power point presentation with information. Gwen reported that she will be covering Regions 16 and 17. She provided email and contact information. 812-897-2270, email at gwen@gerten@dcs.in.gov

Youth Villages introduced Brittany who will be the new supervisor in the Region. She transferred from TN. Tracy has been promoted to regional supervisor, and Megan has been promoted to Southern Director of the State.

Danielle Stansfield, Community Partners – Region 17 . Community Partners 100% cases closed with one goal completed. There are 92 current open referrals. They are on track with the budget for the year. She provided a success story. There was a referral for a family staying at the local hotel, they found transportation, employment, budgeting, ensured doctors, and had some leads on housing.

Dana Welborn, Fatherhood Engagement – There are currently 40 open referrals for FHE services within the region. Daviess 3, Martin 2, Orange 1, Crawford 0, Dubois 19, Spencer 12, Perry 3. Dana reported they had a success story that involved a dad who was referred after getting out of jail who needed assistance with employment, housing, and education in January. He began his GED classes, and obtained employment. He secured an apartment. He was able to obtain his driver's license. He learned how to organize his schedule, create a clean and safe home and obtained child care for his daughter. His daughter was reunified with him in September. He is currently working on getting custody changed into his name before the case closes.

Jessica Richardson, Foster Care Program – discussed the Foster Care Appreciation Event. Everyone noted that it was a success. The children enjoyed Santa Clause and the food was wonderful.

QSR – Presentation was completed. – Kristen went over how to read the Data sheets that were presented to show the increase and decrease from this round of QSR and the last round of QSR. Mr. Snook stated the strengths for region 17 as Stability, Parenting capacities for mother, Role and voice of child, and Assessing and Understanding the youth. Opportunities of growth for the Region were role and voice for the father, team formation, long term view, and child and family planning process.

Mendy Berry made a motion to adjourn.

Lisa Smith made a second to adjourn.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25am.

The next RSC meeting will be March 17th, 9:30am, at the Ferdinand Public Library, 112 E. 16th St. Ferdinand, Indiana 47523.