



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 5

Meeting Date: January 20, 2017

Meeting Location: Department of Child Services
Tippecanoe County Office
250 Main St., Ste 301
Lafayette, IN

Council Members Present: Angela Smith Grossman, Regional Manager; Stacey Morgan, Clinton County FCM Supervisor; Paige Heath, Tippecanoe County FCM Supervisor; Rhonda Friend, Director Benton, Fountain & Warren County DCS; Karen Hayden Sturgis, Director White County; Judge Faith Graham, Tippecanoe County.

Council Members Absent: Debbie Brenneman, Foster Parent; Coleen Connor, CASA Director, Laura Tibbets, Foster Care Specialist Supervisor DCS; Courtney Taylor, Warren Co. FCM;

Others In Attendance: Mary Waltz for Cassie Wade, Bauer Family Resources;. Hong-Phuc Nguyen, Regional Services Coordinator; Angie Guimond, Tippecanoe County DCS Director; Sandra Lock, Clinton County DCS Director; Lois Logan Beard, Regional Financial Manager; Vivian Leuck, Child and Family Partners/Community Partners; Jennifer Johnson, Carroll County DCS Director

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:00 am

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Review of Community Partners (Bauer report out)
 - a. Discussion of grant applications was conducted. Some of the applicants failed to comply with additional requests to complete their application. Those have not been funded at this time. Others that were declined may not have been willing to comply with all aspects of funding receipt.
 - b. Community Partners and Local Office Directors are still working to nurture some additional applicants for the next fiscal year. Another cycle of grant applications will be offered in the future The focus may be to develop programs or partnerships in counties that have not had any applicants for grant money.
 - c. The general budget of Community Partners service delivery is adequate to meet the needs for the rest of this fiscal year.
 - d. Staffing levels for the Community Program staff are adequate and fully staffed at the present time.
- 3) Services Update (Hong Nguyen)
 - a. Currently there is no Request for Proposals published for new service providers.

- b. We continue to work through service delivery with some of the newer applicants to Region 5.
 - c. Non-urban areas still struggling with adequate service array and provider representation in the rural counties.
- 4) Budget Review (Lois Logan-Beard)
- a. There is no official released budget for the region but the line items are reported to be similar amounts to last year.
 - b. Spending is currently up over 2 million from this time last year. This is mostly due to continued caseload increase.
- 5) Practice Indicators
- a. Distribution to the members for the Region
 - b. The data continues to demonstrate solid practice and most areas are better than the state average. Strong placement stability is noted but also increased length of case and increased workloads for 2016.
- 6) Good of the Order

Next Meeting: Future Dates will follow and be published on the website as soon as they are established.

Respectfully submitted,

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