



Regional Service Council Minutes Indiana Department of Child Services Region # 13

Meeting Date: April 15, 2016
Meeting Location: Monroe County DCS Training Room

Council Members Present: Harmony Gist, Cami Terry, Doug Chastain, Kelli Deckard, Sonya Seymour, Samantha Flath, Judge Galvin, Shawn McBride (proxy for Nathan Noel) and Trista Harris (proxy for Elizabeth Bullock)

Council Members Absent: Kristin Varella

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 10:00AM

1. **Welcome:**

Laura welcomed members and audience.

2. **Approval of February 18 Minutes:**

Cami Terry motioned to approve the minutes as written.

Sonya Seymour seconded, members and proxy's approved as written.

3. **Karen Maher:**

Human Trafficking (Whitney covers all of 13 except Brown County which is covered by Karen).

Currently providing training (would like to set up in Region 13) & trying to figure out a DCS referral program.

Their grant has funds for victim services (will cover finances that DCS may not be able to assist with).

-See Attachment

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-Karen Maher

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4. **Community Partners for Child Safety Report (CPCS) Prevention Services:**

-See Attachments

5. **Prevention Services:**

Prevention Events by County

April 28th at 4pm-Courthouse lawn (Brown)

April 23rd 1-4pm at 1st Baptist Church by the Armory (Greene)

April 29th at 5pm- Courthouse Lawn (Lawrence)

April 28th at 5pm-Spencer integrated health (Owen)

April 30th at 9:30-Monroe County Farmer's Market (Monroe)

October 3rd- 10:00-2:00PM Provider Fair for Region

- Looking at providing lunch, registration form to come, speaker is Dr. Keaton www.drkeatonspeaceplan.com (\$1800), Convention Center cost (\$1800), Food Cost (\$2250), Total estimated cost \$6000.

Council thoughts: None

Vote for utilization of \$6000: Harmony motions to approve; Cami 2nds; all approved

6. Preservation Services- Jason Nelson:

RFP coming to Region 13 (send service gaps)

Will be posted May 16th. RFP process will end on April 18th.

Scoring completed in each Region by end of June.

Region 13: 254 Home based therapy referrals, Home based casework 412, Visitation 139, adding 30 Comprehensive Referrals.

Services needed: HB Therapy; HB casework; Comprehensive and asks for Region participation input and suggestions.

Always a need for DV and Substance Abuse

Services available to address Human Trafficking Currently being addressed through Therapy and most of the cases currently in Residential.

Expecting several comprehensive proposals

We will present the services for approval at our next meeting

7. Regional Budget:

Currently over budget; sufficient due to caseloads increasing and staff doubling

8. Foster Care:

Events coming up; all given a list of things to do in their county to recruit Foster Homes; Faith based community included; Appreciation event coming before June;

Judge Galvin was stating we should reach out to all local bar associations for opportunities to educate them on the policies that surround foster care and opportunities to advocate for increased foster homes needed.

9. Public Comment:

Judge Galvin is mindful that caseloads are going up and are appreciative of what we all do. Push to let staff know Judges and Supervising staff feel they're doing great. Situations for some kids are life or death and staff will stay when respected and appreciated.

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:00AM

Next Meeting Date & Time: July 22, 2016 at 10:00AM

Location: Monroe County DCS Training Room