



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 9

Meeting Date: 6.16.2017
Meeting Location: Avon Town Hall
6570 E. US Hwy 36
Avon, IN 46123

Council Members Present:

Rhonda Allen – Region 9 Regional Manager, DCS
Shelly Chadd – LOD, Putnam County DCS
Courtney Crowe – LOD, Hendricks County DCS
Jaclyn Allemon – LOD, Boone County DCS
Racheal Young – For Judge Siamas, Montgomery County Court
Kelli Shoopman – Region 9 Foster Care Specialist

Guests Present:

Hong Phuc Nguyen – Region 9 Service Coordinator
Holly McFadden – Children's Bureau – Community Partners
Emily Perry – Susie's Place
Julie Ensinger – Columbus Behavioral Health
Rachel Jern – Putnam County Family Support Services
Kassie Frazier – Sylvia's CAC
Lorraine Conwell – Villages of Indiana
Aaron Garner – Valle Vista Health System
Anna Cedars – Family Interventions

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Minutes:

All members in favor of accepting the minutes from 1.20.17.

DCS Budget:

Handout provided - Updated up to May 31st
CHINS - spent \$1,355,068.96. The budget is a little over 6 million.
The new budget for 2018 will go by trends of what is spent in 2017.
In Home CHINS is at \$454,749. Out of Home CHINS is at \$900,319.
This does not include probation.

Community Partners:

Handout provided.
418 referrals since January 1 - mostly in Hendricks and Montgomery counties.
Targeting LEA
Asked by Avon Schools to partner - would have an office in the school.

Most referrals are DCS and self-referrals
Also referrals coming from Community agencies as well as Mental Health referrals, especially Wrap Around
Went over Services Standards - 95% engagement rate

Material relief – went over details, broken down by county
Representation-
Prevent Child Abuse Council
Pinwheel Gardens in all counties and other events in the region

Provider Fair Conference:

- The theme was Opioid Crisis with a keynote speaker
- Panel discussion about how community has been impacted, treatment options, specifically medication assisted treatment
- Follow up discussion after – think differently about how we service families
- Informal supports, long term - follow up discussion in the future
- 20 vendors and 200 attendees – good positive feedback
- Next year – the Palms will be unavailable - will have to find new location

Outreach Efforts:

Montgomery County Safety Fair:

- Had a good turnout with over 300 families - safety and wellness was the focus.
- Next year will be on May 31st at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

Parent Cafes:

- Starting up in all 5 counties – beginning in Hendricks
- Designed to help families develop natural supports and improve social connections in their community
- Focus on grandparents as well
- Goal is 6 weeks then hope develop own group

Prevention Subcontractors Update:

Spend down– vote by RSC

Chauncie's Place Body Safety

- 11 elementary schools, 2698 kids – 118 spoke to counselors – 5 went to DCS for follow up
- Happy with how this is going – all 3 school districts on board - 3 years
- New senate bill – required all k-12 educated in child abuse and neglect –
- Scheduled to meet with corporate in August – see if any funds for the program through State of Indiana
- Influx in school requests – Susie's Place – 16 different school corporations to teach faculty and students
- Question is how to fund – being creative how securing those funds – this is a struggle

Family support program

- Each semester – health classes –
- Budgeted for 12 – had 10 – why extra money
- 200 students – teen dating violence – has a better understanding of now
- Alcohol risk for sexual violence - recognizing connections
- Pleased with how this is going – all schools on board to continue

Left over money – \$1624.28

RSC – decision what to do with spend down money

Last year – spent on gift cards and food

Need to purchase car seats, diapers - a need, pack and plays

** Motion to vote - all voted in favor to go to Community Partners on various items, car seats, diapers, pack n plays , etc.

Bidders Conference – follow up

- Sent electronic vote – Final recommendations

**Quorum vote - all were in favor of recommendations

Data:

As of 6.15.17- comparison from last year

Boone has 152 children - last year 98

Hendricks 223 – last year 217

Montgomery 188 - last year 155

Morgan 267 - last year 173

Putnam 226 - last year 157

This is the reason we spent double of budget

Budgeting process - What information would be helpful - looking at trends

Other discussion items:

Services:

Some providers in the past 6 month have been closing quite a few agencies for non-compliance.

- Will not be opening any RFPs – not sure when opening up, may take a while
- Fiscal will be meeting with IDOA
- Will be making RFP process stricter.
- Working on extensions for current contracts and list of what is required

Next Meeting:

RSC decided to change the meeting that was originally scheduled on Friday, September 15, 2017 to Friday, September 29th.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:59 AM