



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 18

Meeting Date: 04/15/2016

Meeting Location: Clark County DCS

Council Members Present

John Kaiser, Region 18 Manager
Nancy Lambring, Clark County Director
Brad Fortner, Harrison County Director
Joan Kelley, Scott County Director
Mark Barry, Washington County Director
Andrea Nay, Scott County Supervisor

Others in attendance

Debbie Dailey, DCS Regional Finance Manager
Leah Pezzarossi, Open Door Youth Services
Paris Scott, Ireland Home Based Services
Kate Elder, Big Brothers Big Sisters
Laura Keeney, Family Ark
Donnie Willis, Our Place
Bethany Cooper, New Hope Services
Elizabeth Boyd, New Hope Services
Megan Stafford, Youth Villages
Amanda Davidson, NYAP
Dedra Wathens, Youth Villages
John Taylor, Family and Children's Place
Laura Fleming-Balmer, Clark County Youth Services
Stephen Groce, Choices
Kenneth Malapote, SW In Regional Youth Village
Kelly Shelhamer, CASA

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order by John Kaiser, Region 18 Manager

I. Introductions/Approval of Minutes

John Kaiser welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those present to introduce themselves. Joan Kelley made motion to accept the January 8, 2016 minutes, seconded by Brad Fortner. All were in favor, motion passed.

Something good: John Kaiser reported that Region 18 will complete 11 adoptions in the month of April. Laura Keeney, Family Ark reported that they had a very successful Prevent Child Abuse training, 70 were in attendance and doing another one in Harrison County in June. John Kaiser, commented on the successful Human Trafficking Conference at IUS. Bethany Cooper reported that 1600 sleep sacks were put together for their safe sleep initiative and the Region 18 Provider Fair will be April 29th, 2016. Kelly Shelhamer, CASA announced the event "Taste of Scott County" and auction on the 25th at Scott County High School. Amanda Davidson, NYAP Commented on the training to be held on Reactive Attachment Disorder on May 10th, 11th & 12th. Donnie Willis, Our Place announced that tonight is the annual Spirit of the Red Ribbon Event. On May 14th Our Place will be holding an annual "Shred it event". A-Plus Shredding has donated two hours of their shredding services for those who wish to bring no more than two bankers boxes of shredding for a donation to Our Place. Leah Pezarossi, Open Door Youth Services announced that their residential youth has opened an Etsy shop online running and selling their artwork. Laura Fleming-Balmer, Clark County Youth Shelter reported that Shoe Sensation's local headquarters are located in Jeffersonville and they adopted the Youth Shelter three years ago. In the month of May the youth shelter was selected for Extreme Home Makeover, Shelter Edition and will be undergoing renovations. Meara Grannon, LifeSpring announced that the Systems of Care will be meeting every first Thursday of the month from 11-1.

II. Budget Report

Debbie Dailey, Regional Finance Manager distributed the expenditures through March 2015 to the Council. The region is at a 16% increase in expenditures over this time last year, with 20% more children. At the end of March Region 18 were serving 955 children. Children in out of home care has increased by 27% and those who are placed in relative care has increased by 39%. Floyd has seen the largest increase in expenditures, their number of children are up by 55%. There is an increase in every county, but Floyd has the largest increase.

There were no questions from the council for Debbie.

III. Regional Services

Jason Nelson, Regional Services Coordinator was not available for an update. John noted Region 15 and 17 struggle with Home Based Services and there may be some requests pop up on the website for those regions. John does not expect anything for Region 18 to come up.

IV. Community Partners Report

Bethany Cooper, New Hope Services presented to the council with the Caps report. Clark and Floyd Counties still represent their largest number of referrals. She reported to the council that this summer they are going to target Harrison and Washington Counties on the summer safety program distributing Summer Safety Bags that include water bottles, sunscreen and parent information. They are partnering with the schools and the YMCA's on this program.

Bethany then reviewed the Quarterly Outcomes. For the goals not met they are looking at increasing the number of face to face attempts to help engage families.

DCS still has the largest number of referrals and she did note that they have seen an increase in referrals from the schools and self-referrals. They have made an effort to be in contact with the school counselors and nurses.

Bethany reported that they have created a Facebook page for their family services program and noted that would be a great way to keep up with all of their events.

There were no questions from the council for Bethany.

V. Other Business

John Kaiser noted that at the next Regional Service Council meeting there will be an overview of the Quality Service Review. He commented that Region 18 scored really well on the overall safety of the child. Region 18 is pushing right at 1000 kids that we are serving right now, including 45-50 that are in the older youth program. He has some concern on the length of time in care for Region 18 which, continues to exceed the state average at about twenty five days.

John then reviewed some of the statistics from the Hotline. In February they received 14,585 calls and in March 16,156. 66% of the calls were answered in 8 seconds or less, 82% in 30 seconds or less and 85% in one minute or less.

There was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Teri Lyles, Administrative Secretary