



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 18

Meeting Date: 01/08/2016

Meeting Location: Clark County DCS

Council Members Present

John Kaiser, Region 18 Manager
Jim Snook, Harrison County Director
Joan Kelley, Scott County Director
Mark Barry, Washington County Director
Jennifer Barrett, Floyd County Supervisor
Andrea Nay, Scott County Supervisor
Brad Fortner, Clark County Supervisor
Myra Albertson, Washington County Probation

Others in attendance

Debbie Dailey, DCS Regional Finance Manager
Jason Nelson, DCS Regional Services Coordinator
Jonathan Strauss, Ireland Home Based Services
Donnie Willis, Our Place
Paris Scott, Ireland Home Basked Services
Leann Osterhoudt, Youth Villages
Dedra Watkins, Youth Villages
Sarah Ash, Child Place
Laura Kenney, New Hope Services
Bethany Cooper, New Hope Services
Trish Kite-Hannon, New Hope Services
Meara Grannon, LifeSpring

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 a motion to accept the minutes from the July 17, 2015 meeting and Jim Snook seconded the motion. There were no questions, discussion or corrections. Minutes were approved. Joan Kelley made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 16th, 2015 meeting and Jim Snook seconded the motion. There were no questions, discussion or corrections. Minutes were approved.

II. Budget Report

Debbie Dailey, Regional Finance Manager distributed the expenditures through December, 2015 to the Council. She stated that we do have the budget, however the way those are being reported out, it is in a new format that has not been approved yet. There is a 16% increase in expenditures over this time last year. The number of children we are serving is up by 29% since last year. The most growth in the number of children and in expenditures is in Clark and Floyd. Harrison County remained the same expenditure wise there was an increase in children by 24%. There were no questions for Debbie from the council.

III. BSSRP

Jason Nelson, Regional Services Coordinator noted that the Biennial Services Strategic Plan is standardized throughout the state. The Biennial Services Strategic plan (including the Child Protection Plan) identifies four areas in Region 18 that we can set goals to improve over the next two years. Jason reviewed those four areas with the council.

1. Prevention, 2. Repeat Maltreatment, 3. Permanency for children in care for over 24 months, 4. Substance Abuse. Jason has put together action steps and anyone wishing to view those can do so after the meeting.

Jennifer Barrett made a motion to accept the Biennial Strategic Service Plan, seconded by Myra Albertson. All were in favor, motion passed.

IV. Community Partners Report

Bethany Cooper, New Hope Services presented to the council with the Caps report for October-December. She introduced their new outreach coordinator, Trish Kite-Hannon. They remain on track with their budget. Bethany noted on Goal 3 of their quarterly outcomes that they are really trying to dig in at getting a higher number of families involved. She expects this number to increase, coming out of the holidays a lot of families are still in the engagement process. They are updating their referral to be a little bit more open ended. In regards to Goal 5 and 6 they are looking at this from a State level. All other goals were either met or exceeded. Bethany then reviewed the referral sources and services rendered. She noted that they are training staff on an assessment tool for substance abuse. They are still partnering with the local hospitals for Safe Sleep initiative. There were no questions for Bethany from the council.

V. Quality Service Review

John Kaiser announced that Region 18 will be doing the quality services review next week. There have been 24 families that are pulled as the sample. John explained the QSR process to those present. We will have a second RSC meeting on January 22nd to review the findings of the QSR and that will be the only business that we will conduct on that date.

VI. Other Business

John Kaiser announced that Region 18 has picked up an additional five fcm positions.
There was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Teri Lyles, Administrative Secretary