Regional Services Council

Region 2

Agenda May 22, 2020

9:00 A.M. (CST)

Notes

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
3. 3/8/20 RSC meeting notes approved
4. Community Partners Updates

Approved grant for distribution of IPads to children, only had 45 days from time of approval to utilize this year’s funds, purchase and distribute. Approved by RM Brown 5/18/20

Geminus provided Community Partner Data for region, most of DCS referrals coming from LaPorte Co. with 32 next was Porter Co. with 9. Total DCS referrals was 58

Non-DCS referrals most came from Laporte with 15 and next Porter with 13 total Non-DCS referrals 32.

Referral sources: top was DCS with 58, 2nd was self-referral with 20, then medial systems with 5.

Flex funds 56 requests and 56 approved, 0 were denied. Rent and Deposits topped the list of request with 25 and 2nd was NIPSCO/ Propane at 17.

1. Services Updates – Dion

Dion answered some questions on the new Family Preservation service standard and briefly reviewed the standard. Family Preservation starts 6/1/2020.

Power point located on DCS web site.

1. Financial updates – Joni Tusing

Regional Budget target is 83.33% Region 2 presently at 78.07%, Benton 90.09%, Jasper 65.44%, LaPorte 87.18%, Newton 90.48%, Porter 88.74%, Pulaski at 40.72 % and Starke at 53.11%.

We are setting good to be able to come in under budget for the fiscal year.

April expenditures $1,174,067

Total through April $10,924,826

1. Follow up on Bi-Annual Strategic Action Plan Committees;

Due to Covid no report out.

1. Discussion on the start of Family Preservation Services

Information was provided in Dion’s report out

1. Region 2 data

Region 2 data is above the state average on every practice indicator accept for Length of time after TPR which we are 45 days over that number of 493.57 state average.

1. DCS Back on track for offices

Discussed the states plans on moving back to full capacity,

* Majority of working from home until July 6th
* Large events reviewed on case by case bases considering CDC and ISDH gathering guidelines
* Conducting most meetings virtually
* On line training
* Serve the public by appointment only until at least June 14th
* Office staffing at 36% through June 13, 56% of employees in office from June 14-July 3rd, after July 4th to have 20-35% of our employees working remotely to assure appropriate social distancing.

1. Open discussion, questions, information, good things happening

Next Meeting will be July 10th, Virtual Meeting 9:00 am central time

Provider meeting will follow for 1 hour 10-11am Central Time

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