

RSC June 16, 2017

Those present: Mendy Berry (LOD Daviess County), Nancy Rennie (LOD Perry County), Stephanie Helton (FCM representative), Melissa Winkler (foster care supervisor), Dale Stroud (LOD Orange and Crawford County), Ashely Manship (FCMS Dubois County), Kathy Seymour (Redwood Toxicology), Jodi Phelps (Children and Family Services), Jackie Foley (Rain Tree Consulting), Angie Phillips (Rain Tree Consulting), Jonda Bowers (IHBS), Danielle Stansfield (IHBS), Sybil Rodeck (FCMS Spencer County), Jessica Richardson (LOD Spencer County), Susan Ford (LOD Martin County), Jim Snook (Regional Manager), Christina Wicks (ITVAP), Bob Daugherty (DCS Regional Finance Manager), Dana Welborn (IHBS), Gwen Girtten (DCS Regional Services Coordinator), Megan Stafford (Youth Villages), Brittany Clark (Youth Villages), Amy Tempel (LOD Dubois County), Brittany Clapp (FCMS Perry County), Michelle Faulkner (FCMS Perry County), Crystal Noble (FCMS Orange County), Audrey Dortch (FCMS Spencer County), Lisa Smith (FCMS Crawford County)

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were completed.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, Jessica Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes, Mendy Berry seconded, and minutes were approved without corrections or amendments.

Service Coordinator's Report provided by Gwen Girtten:

Active referrals are going to auto-renew. Theoretically, for the time span for what they were prior, such as, one year. Please watch for renewals to ensure that they are accurate. If you are a provider, please make sure to review the list regarding renewals. Providers should have received a survey monkey; please complete ASAP.

There will be a webinar regarding data presentations regarding the biennial plan.

Contract renewals for providers present at this RSC meeting were completed timely.

Not opening any new RFP's in the near future.

Regional Finance Manager Report by Bob Daugherty:

Bob Daugherty provided reports to members regarding expenditures through the current fiscal year, which ended in June. For 2017, Region 17 has spent \$14.2 million for the region through May. It was \$10.2 million for last year, which is an increase of 38%, overall. There has been a 62% increase of in-home costs over the last year.

Probation costs were also reviewed. Residential placements have increased 105% in costs.

Costs per county are broken down on the report.

### Community Partners report by Danielle Stansford:

As of June 1, 2017, a total of 67 referrals had been received since April 1, 2017. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, 98.04% of engaged clients closed successfully with one or more goals completed. There are currently 72 open Community Partners referrals: Crawford 2; Daviess 27; Martin 3; Dubois 19; Spencer 7; Perry 8; and Orange 6.

Community Partners shared a success story:

Client was referred to Community Partners Program after a DCS investigation regarding home conditions. The home based caseworker, who opened services with the client, noted that she was suffering from emotional issues stemming from the death of her husband, and felt that her other needs would not be met until her emotional needs were addressed. Therapeutic services were opened. The client reported feeling sad all of the time and visibly appeared as such during sessions. She did not want to leave her house, did not have ambition to complete tasks and had anxiety about doing anything that she and her husband had done together (such as seeing friends and going grocery shopping). The client was living in a trailer that had a large hole in the roof that she could not fix. Through therapy, the client changed negative thought patterns that had been compounding feelings of sadness. With the aid of Community Partners, the client got herself health insurance, food stamps, and part-time employment. After getting health insurance, she received additional help with depression through her medical doctor. Community Partners was able to find a local church that was willing to assist with fixing the hole in her roof. By the end of services, the client reported that she was no longer experiencing significant emotional lows. She was attending work regularly, and had begun seeing friends and going back to the grocery store. On the day we closed services, she had begun mowing her lawn. The home conditions were being maintained. She was visibly happier, smiling more frequently, speaking more quickly and having more to say, and showing that she had more energy.

### Update regarding April Prevent Child Abuse Events:

Daviess- Mendy reported that it was a success with 400-500 people and thanked all who provided food and giveaways and wonderful donations made by the community and providers- about 14 bikes/safety gear were given away. FCM's did an outstanding job of gathering items and the event continues to grow.

Crawford- cancelled and will be rescheduled with the county fair

Orange- location was changed to a church, about 75-100 people attended, had a choir, and guest speaker

Perry County- drunk goggles/cart, lea, providers, snow cones, not a great turn out by the community, but all who were there had a good time

Spencer- had been rescheduled and then cancelled; however, the following Sunday the city tent was put up and a free lunch was provided, grilled hot dogs for community members, 85-100 people attended

Dubois- fairly similar to Daviess County, good turnout, free food, giveaways, lea K-9 demos, Lifeflight helicopter was a huge hit with the kiddos, dunking booth with the Sheriff and he gave out prizes

Martin-rescheduled to May 19 with little league games, snow cones and items were given away, including cups with the hotline number, lea K-9 demonstration, bounce house could not be put up since it had rained, fairly good turnout, and special thanks to family members and FCM's who assisted with the event

Jim thanked providers for their support.

#### Other business:

Jim mentioned changes in how we are doing QSR's, which will be coming up in the next year. DCS will be adopting more of the federal review process (CFSR); Susan is trained and all of the managers will be trained. The goal is to become more efficient, possibly doing a state wide pull of about 80 cases and attempting to keep workers closer to home. A provider reported that there was some QSR training scheduled; however, that was cancelled and has not yet been re-scheduled.

#### Redwood Toxicology (Kathy Seymour):

Drug testing compliance update in comparison to March 32% call in compliance with approximately 280 clients, now 28%; however, the number of clients has increased. Compliance with scheduling is about 40%, down from 42%. She reported that both of those numbers are higher than the state average and thanked DCS for their referrals and cooperation. She asked about feedback regarding specific providers, completing the job, cooperating with clients, FCM's, etc.

#### ITVAP Regarding Human Trafficking (Christina Wicks)

She will provide information to staff and would like to make the community more aware. If she is not in our service area, then she will contact the regional coordinator for that area. She provided handouts for those in attendance.

#### Fatherhood Engagement

There are currently 41 open service levels: Daviess 5; Martin 0; Dubois 13; Crawford 0; Orange 0; Perry 7; Spencer 16

Success story was shared:

A father was referred for FEP services in August 2016 in order to improve his relationship with his daughter and find an outlet for his emotions. At first, the father was not willing to participate in services. However; after about a month and half, FEP was able to engage the father and he has participated in weekly sessions since. During this time, he has become the primary caregiver for his child, he has changed shifts at work, so that he can be home at night with his daughter, and his worker has educated him on child development and milestones and healthy activities for her physical, social, and educational growth. FEP assisted with resourcing when needed, as well as, applying for legal assistance to gain permanent custody of his child. They had also addressed healthy relationships and stress management.

### IHBS Crib Distribution

15 cribs in region 17; they are limited right now, but they are working to connect to other distributors

### Raintree Consulting

Jackie Foley- They now have a Dubois County office, which opened in April. It is located at 801 Newton Street in Jasper.

### Children and Family Services

Jodi Phelps- added a new person to work in Perry County and she will be trained this month

### Youth Villages

Megan Stafford- Youth Villages continues to expand, looking into possibly region 16, currently a waiting list in 17, Gwen asked if the Tier One had been replaced, but it has not. She will keep Gwen posted.

Jim Snook reminded everyone location/time of the next meeting and notes for RSC will be sent out.

Next Meeting September 15, 2017 9:30 a.m. at the Ferdinand Library

Meeting adjourned