



**Regional Service Council Minutes
Indiana Department of Child Services
Region # 14**

Meeting Date: January 20, 2015
Meeting Location: Foundation for Youth (Multi-Purpose Room)
405 Hope Ave., Columbus, IN 47201

Council Members Present: Heather Angebrandt, Traci Eggleston, Courtney Fisher, Rachel Flohr-David, Laura Gentry, Tammi Hickman, Susie Hodnett, Bruce MacTavish, Andy Roesener, Ginger Schneck, Jodi Stockdale, and Herbert Walker

Council Members Absent: Sharon Andis, Heather Mollo, and Jennie Townsend

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:34 a.m.

1. Welcome:

Laura Gentry introduced our Local Office Directors who will be council members for 2015, Heather Angebrandt, Traci Eggleston, and Ginger Schneck, and welcomed FCM Supervisor Susie Hodnett and Judge Andy Roesener to the council as well.

2. Approval of October 21, 2014 Minutes:

Heather Angebrandt motioned to approve the minutes as written. Judge Bruce MacTavish seconded, members and proxy's approved as written.

3. Community Partners for Child Safety Report (CPCS) Prevention Services:

Deb Brewer shared budget information, by providing handouts and sharing they are on track for these first 6 months. She also stated they do have a staff position open and plan to fill quickly.

Susan Baker updated members and provided handouts on Community Partners for Child Safety Service Standards Reports; also stating the biggest challenge was to make contact within the 5 day time frame. Please see attached handouts.

She announced the Region 14 2015 Provider Fair will be April 7, 2015 from 10am to 2 pm at the Clarion Hotel in Columbus, IN. There will be no booth fees for providers. She also reported, The Client Feedback Session held in December went well, and they plan to hold one quarterly; they had 5 clients and 16 children present at their Christmas Party themed session.

4. Prevention Funds Information Meeting:

An informational meeting has been set for; Thursday, January 29, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the United Way Building, 1531 13th St., Columbus, IN 47201, Board Room on the 2nd floor. Anyone with an interest in providing services that educate and/or prevent child abuse and neglect to families in Region 14, should plan to attend. This meeting will answer questions and explain the RFP (Request for Proposal) process in order to apply for funds for prevention dollars. Attendance at this meeting is not required in order to apply for prevention funds. This will be for a 2 year contracting period (7/1/15-6/30/17).

5. Preservation Services:

Jason Nelson reported he reviewed each proposal, trying to make sure there were no gaps in services. All proposals were scored in December. He handed out a list of accepted proposals for RSC approval; stating that specialized and substance services are still being reviewed; in addition, RFP's for gaps are being accepted and reviewed, with the hopes of having them in place by 7/1/15 as well.

A motion to approve accepted proposals by the Regional Service Council was made by Traci Eggleston, Judge Bruce MacTavish seconded, members and proxy's approved as written.

Jason discussed the meaning of Tiers, streamlining services, and importance of pairing families and services to achieve the best possible outcome for our children and families. He shared the Service Mapping Tool in KidTraks will assist in making recommendations of services and tier levels needed; then shared a list of providers. All Service Standards are on the DCS website at www.in.gov/dcs.

6. Regional Budget:

We received our 2015 allocations. Region 14 was allocated \$14.5 million, which is \$2.5 million over last year. We have expenses of \$8.3 million thru December, which is 57% of our budget; we are over budget 7%. Please see attached handouts.

7. Public Comment: Norm Smith with Wernle, shared with Council members; we now have a 15 bed residential Girls Private Secure Unit.

8. Final Comments:

A keynote speaker will present at the Provider Fair.

We have Family Case Manager positions open in Bartholomew Co. To apply, complete the state job application at www.in.gov/dcs.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:23 a.m.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

March 17, 2015 8:30-10:00 am

Location:

The Rock FMC

Family Life Building

3990 Rocky Ford Road

Columbus, IN 47203