 **Regional Service Council Minutes**

**Region # 15**

**Meeting Date**: January 18, 2023

**Meeting Location**: Microsoft Teams

**Council Members Present**:

Michelle Adams, R15 Manager

Sandy Ante, Dearborn/Ohio Local Office Director

Denise Burton, Decatur Local Office Director

Gary Keith, Jefferson Local Office Director

Michelle Smith, Ripley Local Office Director

Teresa Patrick, Switzerland Local Office Director

Amy Neimeyer-Davis, Decatur DCS Supervisor

Alyssa Shelton, Jefferson DCS Supervisor

Kristen Lazo, Decatur FCM

K-Lynn Minor, Jefferson FCM

Laural French, Advocates for Children

**Council Members Present by proxy:**

Jennifer Sturges / Proxy for Judge Day, Decatur Co

Morgan Thomas, Proxy for Judge King, Ripley Co

Bailey Wolf / Proxy for Jefferson Co Prosecutor

**Council Members Absent**:

Proxy for Judge Negangard, Dearborn Co

Kerri Fox, Foster Parent/YES Home

**Others in Attendance**:

Belinda Foreman, Regional Finance Manager

Jon MacMurdo, Services Coordinator

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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order at**: 2:00 pm

1. Welcome/Roll Call – Introductions completed
2. Approval of Minutes:

***Sandy Ante made a motion to approve the October 19, 2022, minutes; Kristen Lazo seconded; all in favor.***

1. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:
2. Community Partners / Chrystal Hardin
3. Quarterly Report, Referral Report, Budget & Flex fund reports

* Reports were sent to council members
* Success story shared regarding DCS referral
* Referrals since July are 271; compared to 183 in prior year/timeframe.
* Slightly over budget; breakdown shared
* Flex fund breakdown shared; highest expenses are for rent and emergency

1. Regional Finance Manager - Belinda Foreman
2. Financial Report sent to RSC members (data based on CHINS/Assessment)
   * 43.44% of budget spent as of 12/31/22; spend is down 11.88% from 12/31/2021
   * 38 day average turnaround for payment to vendors
3. Reminder to providers:

* Attach reports
* Utilize naming convention
* Send billing questions: [dcspaymentresearchunit@dcs.in.gov](mailto:dcspaymentresearchunit@dcs.in.gov)

1. Regional Services Report – Jon MacMurdo
2. Jon took over as regional services coordinator 10/31/22.
3. Company hired to look at/evaluate provider rates; this may result in rate increase; more information coming.
4. Family Preservation is now available to Probation.
5. Jon is working to develop a data report for RSC members
6. Biennial Plan Goal: Provider Presentation:
7. Kim Bohman / Safe Passages

* Texting service is available 9 am to 9 pm at the 1-877-733-1990 hotline number.
* Covers counties: Dearborn, Franklin, Jefferson, Ohio, Ripley, Switzerland



1. Carrie Kruse / Turning Point

* Counties covered: Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Jackson, Johnson, Shelby
* New Direction in Greensburg is currently deferring to Turning Point
* Demand for services has increased about 40% compared to 2021



\*Suggestions for future meetings: Ashley Pike/Valle Vista Health System (April)

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2. Practice Model Review (PMR)

* Mini round was held in July; 10 cases were pulled as opposed to 24 cases pulled for full PMR review (to be held this July); overall
* PMR evaluates:
  + Teaming: having all appropriate team members present
  + Engaging: building rapport with parents/guardians; getting/keeping them involved in process to move to permanency faster
  + Assessing: assessing needs of children/family
  + Planning: Placing kids together, kinship as opposed to FH, etc.

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Prevent Child Abuse Events coming up in April. LODs to share information with Teresa Nobbe who will email to council and community members.

1. PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time**:

April 19, 2023 / Microsoft TEAMS / 2:00 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned at**: 2:40 pm

***Denise Burton made a motion to adjourn; K-Lynn Minor seconded; all in favor***