



**Regional Service Council Minutes
Indiana Department of Child Services
Region # 13**

Meeting Date: September 21, 2015

Meeting Location: Monroe County DCS Training Room

Council Members Present: Laura Gentry, Ashley Collins (proxy for Sonya Seymour), Camilla Terry, Heather Hughes, Kristin Varella, Debbie Dailey, Douglas Chastain, Natalie Kassenbrock, John (proxy for Mike Singleton), Shawn McBride, Trista Harris

Council Members Absent: Elizabeth Bullock (proxy for Harmony Gist), Robert Morgan, Samantha Flath, Nathan Noel, Judge Galvin, Judge Allen, Judge Stewart, Chris Gaal, Jason Nelson

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 10:00 a.m.

1. Welcome:

Laura welcomed members and audience.

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

- ⚡ Natalie Kassenbrock with IHBS reports that all IHBS reports are up and going on the web & will be broken down accordingly in detail.
 - Currently assisting 49 families
 - 34 Referrals in June, 37 in July & 54 in August
 - School budget breakdown
 - As of September 5th, 11.3% has been used which is down but at current Fiscal Year point.
- ⚡ Middle Way House's Number of families Assisted for July & August
 - Greene-
 - Owen- 81
 - Turning Point- 192
 - Life Solutions- 9

****Reports they are seeing more grandparents gaining custody of children.**

3. Biennial Strategic Action Plan:

The BSAP must be updated every 2 years

- Overall Service Plan
 - How we take, Assess & Determine (This time last year we were at 684 cases as a Region, currently we sit at 890 cases. This is an overall increase of 30%).
- Child Protection Plan
 - Outdated
 - Budget (Salaries, Dispensing, Portioned)
- ✚ Our needs as a Region are to have the counties combine & we will hold a Public Hearing (possibly in December), this is usually regional & will be published.
- 4 Strategic Goals
- CFSR is in June (Federal QSR)

4. Prevention Services:

- Decreasing maltreatment after involvement
- Permanency for kid in care 24+ months
- Substance Use Treatment
 - A. Collins & S. McBride reported concerns with the delay in mental health evaluation & treatment.
 - Look into ways to recruit children's psychologist to our region.
- Redefine father engagement
 - Suggested that our agency pull out & allow the provider to do more engagement.
 - A. Collins voiced concern when dealing with Out of State parents
 - Currently an issue being worked on Statewide
- Need for Foster Families (Increasing quickly)
 - Meet & Greet started 2 weeks ago
 - Goal was to have 5 new home by the end of the 2015 summer
 - K. Varella suggested a more welcoming/community based setting & location for our meets. Laura mentioned the possibility of local churches, parks and possible friend invitations from individuals already fostering or interested in fostering as well to make the process more inviting & comfortable.

- K. Varella also brought up limiting use of acronyms around potential and current foster families as it makes them uncomfortable & gives an uneasy feeling when they feel as if they can't relate or understand what we're discussing.
- Camilla Terry & Laura Gentry will be taking over the foster care sector of Region 13 while Jamie is on maternity leave.
- Greene County reports they're struggling to find Domestic Violence services. Specifically batterers services. It was suggested they speak with Prevention Services & Community Partners to see what options might be available.
- Also recommended that counties check on their coalitions & task forces.

5. Preservation Services: (J. Nelson did not attend so only brief report included)

- RFP is to start in January
- There are no current needs

6. Regional Budget:

- Still currently no release of budget for 2016
- ⚡ See Attachment for current 2015 breakdown of cost/expenses
- Currently serving 890 children- 30% Increase
 - 683 In Home or Relative Placement
 - 383 IA/In Home
 - 207 Foster Care Placement
 - 21 Residential Placement
- Budget Use:
 - Greene County- 25% Increase
 - Lawrence County- 64% Increase
 - Owen County- 171% Increase
 - Monroe County- 1% Increase
 - Brown County- 30% Decrease

7. Public Comment:

- Would like to see CFTM training in Cohort instead of in office
- Lawrence County has a new clerical position approved
- Greene County currently has a clerical & FCM position open (struggling to fill).
- COHA
 - Nationwide
 - Meeting at Monroe County Public Library in Bloomington on October 8th for most of Region 13.

- Supporting Staff & What we can do
- Retreats??
 - ** Staff currently feels like they're struggling to keep their head above water.
 - ** All are trying to maintain an open door policy
- ↓ 2016 we hope to have set goals & staff 100% in place
- K. Varella reported concerns on behalf of the Foster families
 - Would like to see more interaction from the FCM's & FCS
 - Reached out with the possibility of reminding them to send a small thanks to their case manager in the foster newsletter. *Ask Faye
 - Improving communication

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:45 a.m.

Next Meeting Date & Time: December 10, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m. (Possibly Public)

**Location: Monroe County DCS Training Room
1717 W. 3rd Street, Bloomington IN 47404**

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES
Family & Children Fund - Region 13
August 2015

TYPE OF EXPENSE	DISBURSEMENTS (YTD Actual)			Budget	% Of Budget Spent *
	Child Welfare	Probation	Total Cost Of Services		

REGION 13 TOTAL					
Care Of Wards In Foster Home	560,870	4,883	565,753	-	#DIV/0!
Care Of Wards In Institutions	505,801	430,594	936,395	-	#DIV/0!
Preservation Services	722,201	123,077	845,277	-	#DIV/0!
Miscellaneous Cost of Wards	27,850	-	-	-	#VALUE!
TOTAL	\$ 1,816,722	\$ 558,554	\$ 2,347,426	\$ -	#DIV/0!

BROWN					
Care Of Wards In Foster Home	5,669	-	5,669	-	#DIV/0!
Care Of Wards In Institutions	26,677	21,553	48,230	-	#DIV/0!
Preservation Services	45,695	7,942	53,638	-	#DIV/0!
Miscellaneous Cost of Wards	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
TOTAL	\$ 78,041	\$ 29,495	\$ 107,536	\$ -	#DIV/0!

GREENE					
Care Of Wards In Foster Home	110,136	4,883	115,019	-	#DIV/0!
Care Of Wards In Institutions	56,614	110,544	167,158	-	#DIV/0!
Preservation Services	102,546	23,236	125,783	-	#DIV/0!
Miscellaneous Cost of Wards	931	-	931	-	#DIV/0!
TOTAL	\$ 270,227	\$ 138,663	\$ 408,890	\$ -	#DIV/0!

LAWRENCE					
Care Of Wards In Foster Home	129,776	-	129,776	-	#DIV/0!
Care Of Wards In Institutions	184,247	63,392	247,639	-	#DIV/0!
Preservation Services	98,074	47,987	146,061	-	#DIV/0!
Miscellaneous Cost of Wards	3,836	-	3,836	-	#DIV/0!
TOTAL	\$ 415,933	\$ 111,379	\$ 527,312	\$ -	#DIV/0!

MONROE					
Care Of Wards In Foster Home	244,473	-	244,473	-	#DIV/0!
Care Of Wards In Institutions	140,893	180,343	321,236	-	#DIV/0!
Preservation Services	349,905	32,974	382,879	-	#DIV/0!
Miscellaneous Cost of Wards	15,691	-	15,691	-	#DIV/0!
TOTAL	750,961	213,317	\$ 964,279	\$ -	#DIV/0!

OWEN					
Care Of Wards In Foster Home	70,817	-	70,817	-	#DIV/0!
Care Of Wards In Institutions	97,370	54,762	152,132	-	#DIV/0!
Preservation Services	125,981	10,937	136,917	-	#DIV/0!
Miscellaneous Cost of Wards	7,393	-	7,393	-	#DIV/0!
TOTAL	\$ 301,560	\$ 65,699	\$ 367,259	\$ -	#DIV/0!