

SAFELY HOME, FAMILIES FIRST

Regional Service Council Minutes

Region #16 Meeting

Date: July 27, 2017
Time: 12:00 Noon
Location of Meeting: Vincennes University, Ft. Branch, Indiana
Meeting Chair: Regional Manager Melanie Reising
Meeting Secretary: LaJean Gentry
Call to Order: 12:00 Noon CDT
Roll Call: Quorum 3 of 12 Voting Members Present

Voting Members Present

Margaret Angel
Trina Russell (Proxy for Shirley Starks)
Melanie Reising (Proxy)

Phone Present

Absent with Regret

Absent

Judge Brett Niemeier
Judge Joseph Verkamp
Judge Robert R. Aylsworth
Dirk Carnahan
Libby Treado
Sarah Gough
Aaron Simpson
Sue Knopf

Others in Attendance

Gwen Girten
Casandra Brocksmith
Christina Wicks
Dewayne Outlaw
Brooke Wayne
Natalie Kassenbrock
Nick Miller
Gini Combs
Ramona Wilzbacher
Lori McIntire
Debbie Dailey
Jan Dotson
Kenneth Malapote
Angie Phillips
Kathy Seymour

Sidney Hardgrave

Welcome

Posey County Director Melanie Reising welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were made.

Approval of minutes from last meeting on April 27, 2017:

As read X

As corrected

Minutes of the April 27, 2017 RSC meeting had previously been e-mailed. Trina Russell made motion to approve the Minutes; Margaret Angel seconded that motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote of voting members present.

Program/Committee Reports:

Community Partners Report – Natalie Kassenbrock – Natalie noted Community Partners reports continue to be posted to the website. Natalie related the success story of a mother who had left her home with her young son to escape an abusive relationship. While driving back to Ohio her car broke down on Highway 41. A police officer helped her get into a shelter and told her about Community Partners for additional assistance. The son was enrolled in school and did well (not exhibiting former negative behaviors) and finished the school year with passing grades. The mother obtained full time employment and assistance in getting her car repaired; and at the time of case closure had been set up for housing as well.

Community Partners is currently providing services to 167 families in the region. In May 86 referrals were received and in June 73 referrals were received. June 30th was the end of the last fiscal year with Community Partners servicing 872 families during that year. As a comparison between the last two fiscal years, in June 2017 there were 74 families that received services. In June of 2016 there were 51 families that received services. Natalie noted there is usually a huge increase noted in August when school starts. Standards for the fiscal year relating to outcomes were overall good and all service standards were met. They will continue to look at ways to improve those outcomes.

For the budget, 99.9% of the allocated funds were expended by June 30th. The budget is currently on target at about 3% with the monthly target at 8%. Funds will continue to be monitored through the fiscal year.

Region 16 Data Management Reports:

Practice Update: -- Trina Russell – The peer coach convention was not held this year. It is yet unknown if the convention will be scheduled later in the year or held by another method such as webinar. The next peer coach training will be held Monday, August 7. Peer Coach Consultant Darcie Durbin will be providing this training via webinar rather than a classroom setting, which is a more cost effective method. The next regional practice team meeting will be held Monday, September 18, in Warrick County. The meetings continue to travel from county to county except for Pike, as the Pike County office is unable to accommodate the group. Teaming is consistent, with a slight drop from the first quarter to the second quarter. It is noted that June is a big vacation month and thus a drop would be understandable.

Foster Care: -- Sam Freeman – Sam was unable to attend today’s meeting. Foster care reports were sent with the meeting information.

QSR: -- Shirley Starks – Shirley was unable to attend today’s meeting. It was asked if there was any follow-up from the QSR results. It was noted that the CSFR has an impact on that. Directors will be

attending training in October on the CSFR, which will be taking over, so dramatic changes are coming with that. Some information has been submitted.

PRT: -- Lori Reinhart – Lori was unable to attend today's meeting. The next PRT will be held on August 29th and 30th. Cases are being identified for that PRT now.

Budget Report: -- Debbie Dailey – Debbie noted the fiscal year ended June 30th. The allocations that the regions and counties have had for the past two years were created almost three years ago. At that time the increase in the number of assessments and cases opened was unknown. The budget report does show a deficit, but as a state there were funds to cover those expenses. With the increase in caseloads, the budget for the new year starting in July has allocations that are more in line with expenditures. Focus will center on having regional and local offices look at expenses instead of the higher level. Counties will ensure that services identified are the best and most effective and cost effective as a whole.

Services and RFP's: -- Gwen Girten – Gwen noted a new unit is being developed, Fiscal and Purchases. Training will be developed for the field staff regarding referrals and being good stewards of our resources. This is still in the process of being developed.

There are no current RFP's. Renewal of contracts has just been completed. Gwen asked if any providers had had hiccups in regards to referral renewals. None were noted. Gwen asked that providers check referrals to be sure they are still there. Lists did go out to the counties for referrals that could not be renewed. Work continues to streamline the RFP process and make it user friendly.

There has been a RFP from Systems of Care Coordinators for school based, evidence based, practices from FSSA and DMHA. If that hasn't been seen, send Gwen an e-mail and she will send to you if you are interested.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business noted.

New Business/Program Updates/Announcements

Christina Wicks noted she has been working on trying to develop a Human Trafficking Task Force in southern Indiana, and is working on getting some information together for distribution. Please contact Christina if interested or more information is needed.

Natalie noted Community Partners has received a grant through CMHA for parent cafes in Region 16. They will be attending training in the next few weeks. These are support groups for parents to learn parent to parent, and facilitators will promote support and resources for the parents. Any parents, DCS and otherwise, can become involved.

Natalie was asked if they expected any challenges in getting families to participate. It is felt with the training and interviewing of engaging coordinators that they will be able to reach parents in the community to bring in families who will benefit and then sustain those families so that eventually the parents can lead the group.

Kathy Seymour provided a compliance update from the last meeting in April noting that compliance has dropped a little from about 46% then to about 45% now. She did note that compliance was very high compared to the overall state figure of 36%. The call in rate is at 21%.

Test clinics in Posey and Warrick Counties are going as well as can be expected. There have been a few hiccups during the trial, and compliance has been an issue there as well. Kathy noted this was something that staff can continue to work on with families. Kathy also asked treatment providers present to encourage that compliance as well with families when working with them on other goals.

Gwen asked that any who had suggestions with regards to building compliance for drug screens to send their ideas to her.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2017, at 12:00 noon CDT at the VU campus in Ft. Branch, IN.

Signatures:

Secretary _____

Chair _____

Date _____

Date _____

Approved: _____ (Secretary's initials) Date: _____

Regional Service Council Region 16 Motion Chart

Date: July 27, 2017

Chair: Regional Manager Melanie Flory

Motion	Discussion	Action	Person Responsible
1. Approve April, 2017 RSC Minutes	None	Adopted	Motion by Trina Russell Seconded by Margaret Angel All voting members present.
2.	None	Adopted –	Motion by Seconded by All voting members present.
3.		Adopted –	

Vote count must be recorded in the minutes.