

**Region 1 Meeting,
January 11, 2016**

Council Members Present: Richard Ban, Ellis Dumas, Larissa Hoyt, Rehana Adat-Lopez, Matt Gruett, Lois Logan-Beard, Erica Rios, Thomas Stefaniak, Twan Stokes, Diane Weiss-Bradley and Christian Winfield

Council Members Absent: Kathleen Guzek

Call to Order

Richard Ban called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Erica Rios motioned to accept the October 2015 minutes; Christian Winfield seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Partners

Christine stated there were 303 open referrals and 158 new ones. Future Community Partner events include a Candlelight Vigil on April 19, a Walkathon on April 30, and a Conference on April 6. There will be another Vendor Fair on June 1.

Fiscal

Lois Logan-Beard reported that the Agency was at 53% for fiscal year 2015/2016 (\$17.4 million). There is \$34 million left. The Agency is on track for the annual budget. Mr. Ban mentioned that the state would cover any shortfalls that may occur.

Services

Hong spoke about tutoring. The RFP was open from October to December 2015. Out of 20 applicants, seven that met DCS requirements were chosen. The contracts for Keys and Choice Counseling will be valid immediately as they currently have contracts with other DCS regions. The other five will be valid by February.

Child Protection Plan

Based on data gathered that is required by law we are lagging in four areas. They are repeat maltreatment, prevention, permanency and substance abuse. Each action step addresses these areas in the attached plan. These may be located on the Regional Service Council website. Volunteers will be sought for a committee to work to continue on each part of the plan.

Biennial Plan

Twan Stokes made a motion to accept the biennial plan; Ellis Dumas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ban stated that he is retiring in February and this will be his last RSC meeting.

Next meeting

Future Regional Service Council meetings are April 25, July 29 and October 31, 2016.

Adjournment

Christian Winfield moved to adjourn the meeting and Judge Stefaniak seconded the motion. Adjournment passed unanimously. Mr. Ban adjourned at 3:55pm.