



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region 3

**Meeting Date:** July 17, 2017  
**Meeting Location:** Joy Rose Center  
1000 W. Hively Avenue  
Elkhart, IN

**Council Members Present:** Erin Shidler, Regional Manager DCS; Wendy Disher-Taljaard, Director Elkhart County DCS; Amanda Herendeen, Kosciusko DCS; Teresa Zornig, Director St. Joseph County DCS; Bill Horton, Division Manager St. Joseph County DCS; Philice Hutchen, Marshall County DCS.

**Council Members Absent:** Michael Carrol, Director Marshall County; Judge David Cates, Kosciusko County Superior Court; Judge Curtis Palmer; Magistrate Deborah Domine.

**Others In Attendance:** Joni Tusing, DCS Regional Financial Manager; Paige Hamilton, SCAN; Janet Rathberger, DCS; Dion Smith, DCS Regional Services Coordinator; Candy Yoder, CAPS; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad; Becky Loth, Lifeline; Kelly Sanford, YWCA; Jennifer Rutkowski-Smith, SCAN; Dee Szyndrowski, SCAN; Jen Martin, Keys Counseling; Kiana Jackson, YSB; Patricia Hancock, Center for Positive Change; Terry Poindexter, White's Residential, Kimberly Simms, Choices; Amy Rosen, Oaklawn; Joe Wroblewski, Lifeline; Kecia Blakely, Lifeline; Kiana Jackson, YSB; Roxanne Ultz, Family & Children's Center; Bill Bruinsma, Rite of Passage; Kathy Seymour, Redwood Toxicology.

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Erin Shidler.

1. Welcome/Introductions of Members and Guests.
2. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of 4/17/2017 reviewed. Terri Zornig motioned approval. Philice Hutchen seconded. Vote taken. All in favor. 0 Opposed. Motion carried.
3. Community Partners Update. Paige Hamilton, Program Administrator, Community Partners at 92% through May. Enrollments for May; Elkhart 54, St Joseph 30, Marshall had none and Kosciusko 3. May referrals at 240, YTD 2258 referred which is three times as many compared to last year. Nearly 3000 individuals served CTD. 82% of referrals came from the Department of Child Services. Local Prevention dollars at 96%. Will spend everything. RFPs are out. Conference received great feedback, went well for first time.
4. Service Update. Dion Smith, Regional Service Coordinator, has been contacted from providers for new services but we have no openings for new RFPs and no timeline.
5. Regional Budget Update. Joni Tusing, Regional Financial Manager, 2017 fiscal year 23.561 million spent; 5.882 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 5.882 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 5.572 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and 6.223 in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Grand total of 23,561,152.29 which is a 2.2 million increase from the previous year. Largest increase seen with in-home care at 1.3 million for community based services. Probation 2017 fiscal year 17.393 million. No big increases seen in Probation. July 1<sup>st</sup> starts of new fiscal year, 2018.

6. County Updates.

Elkhart – Wendy Disher-Taljaard, Director, interviewing for 4 FCM slots, 2 in assessment and 2 in permanency.

Kosciusko – Erin Shidler, Regional Manager, LOD position open, new attorney, Lauren Hayes is in training right now. One FCM resignation.

Marshall – Philice Hutchens, Supervisor, hired one FCM for cohort starting on 7/31.

St. Joseph – Teresa Zornig, Director, hiring for 4 FCM positions, more interviews this week.

Regional – Erin Shidler, Regional Manager, no updates. Community Mental Health in French Lick next Wednesday.

7. Other Business.

Dr. Bruinsma, Rite of Passage/DePaul Academy, presented needs assessment for a step down Child Caring Institution (CCI) named Woodford Home. Woodford Home CCI will be a step down from residential care that would operate as a group home and independent living facility serving male youth. Eligible for between 10-12 beds. Buying another facility. Staffing 1 to 4 ratio. Will be submitting to licensing next week. Plans to have an Open House when ready with an estimate opening by October.

Next Provider Meeting in October after the RSC.

Terri motioned to adjourn. Bill seconded. Meeting adjourned 1015 a.m.

***Next RSC meeting is Monday October 16th, 10:00a.m., St Joseph County Local DCS Office, 300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Ste 418, South Bend, IN 46601***