



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region 9

**Meeting Date:** 9.29.2017  
**Meeting Location:** Avon Town Hall  
6570 E. US Hwy 36  
Avon, IN 46123

### **Council Members Present:**

**Rhonda Allen** – Region 9 Regional Manager DCS  
**Magistrate Sally Berish** – Boone County Circuit Court  
**Pat Baldwin** – Hendricks County Prosecutor  
**Andria Geigle** – For Judge Siamas - Montgomery County Court  
**Shelly Chadd** – Director, Putnam County DCS  
**Waylon James** – Director, Morgan County DCS  
**Harmony Jensen** – Director, Montgomery County DCS  
**Nobuhle Mamba-Harding** – Supervisor, Boone County DCS  
**Ryan Peschke** – Supervisor, Hendricks County DCS  
**Kelly Shoopman** – FCS/FCM Region 9 DCS

### **Guests Present:**

**Jaclyn Allemon** - Director, Boone County DCS  
**Courtney Crowe** – Director, Hendricks County DCS  
**Holly McFadden** – Children’s Bureau – Community Partners  
**Brandon Cleaves** – Miracle Works LTD.  
**Alexandra Barnes** – The Villages  
**Donyell Evans** – Choices  
**Anna Cedars** – Family Interventions  
**Crystal Wiley** – The Villages  
**Beck Southwick** – Raintree Consulting  
**Kathy Seymour** – Redwood Toxicology  
**Regina Johnson** – Restoring Families One Step  
**Devon Jones** – Volunteers of America  
**Ann Arvidson** – NYAP  
**Jordan McIntire** – Bradford Woods, Indiana University

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
------------------------

**Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM**

### **Minutes:**

Minutes from 6.16.17 – All voted in favor to accept the minutes.

**Data:**

Open/closed cases (kids): April 2016 to August 2017

Region CHINS / IAs

- 897 in 2016
- 1064 in 2017

Court hearing outcomes:

Closing cases with one of these outcomes:

Getting permanency in 24 months, final permanency plan, reunification, guardianship or adoption.

**Budget:**

On target as a region – spent \$2.6 million.

There is no reserve funding.

The only difference in this year – we are spending more on residential care even though we haven't placed more in residential – negotiating rates.

\*Donations –

If anyone in the community wants to donate, DCS wouldn't be able to really manage, no space, but we do have some donations from various places. Clothing is hard to manage, Gift cards, gas cards, specific type of clothing, a pajama drive at Christmas, etc. is more manageable.

Community Partners has a kid's closet.

**Community Partners:**

Handout provided

- Since January 1, there have been 764 referrals – mostly DCS and self-referrals
- Increase in school referrals this year
- 2 staff trained to be child car seat experts – will come out to counties to train staff if needed
- Pack n play – anyone can sign up for – safe sleep provider – all they have to do is call their office
- Material Relief – rent, utilities, food, have seen car repairs more
- Grandparents Café – Boone County Senior Services – people have been coming every week – will run through Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and see how it goes and if they want to continue – they support each other, sharing stories. Holly has flyers.
- Shared success stories
- 2 liaisons in Hendricks
- Partnering with Brownsburg Fire territory on safe sleep and car seat training
- Partnering with Avon School – school counselor meeting, liaison comes to meetings - Other schools are becoming interested
- Grandparent Café in Hendricks
- Grandparent Café in Mooresville - Taking off in Morgan
- Putnam – Grandparent Café – Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>
- Event – August 17<sup>th</sup> – Vanbibber Lake – brought resources to community – food games bounce house, available resource to community, about 100 people - Will start having those in the other counties.

**Biennial Plan:**

- Services gaps - how we can better fill gaps, services meeting our needs or could be better
- Starting process for next year
- Surveys will be sent to the community
- Commonly see same thing every year – transportation, housing, employment, substance use treatment, child care

**PIP Review:**

Things we didn't pass

- Permanency
- Repeat maltreatment
- Substance use
- Prevention services – not enough

Focusing on these 4 things – need to see where we are at, if we want to continue to work on or are there other things.

- We have a short time frame – behind 3 months
- Need to complete by mid-January
- Do stakeholders want to be involved – open it up to who wants to participate? Would be happy to provide electronic information
- Ideas for services gaps or something not working - to add to the plan
- Welcome anyone to testify from community at the public hearing
- Follow up email to invite to workgroup with data attached
- FCMs – data on what they feel is their greatest needs
- Any other data points you would like to see
- At the next meeting – will have discussion on things that we want to improve upon

Rhonda will be meeting with Judges on November 3 – will provide feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01

**Next Meeting:**

December 8, 2017 at 9:00 AM  
Avon Town Hall