**Regional Services Council Meeting Minutes**

**Region 11**

**Meeting Date: January 31st, 2024**

**Meeting Location: 938 N. 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060**

**Council Members Present:** Traci Lane, Kim Christman, Annette Craycraft, Selena Gibbs, Iwona Morretino, Joanie Crum, Azalea Schilling, Robin Hodapp-Gillman, Amanda Hartman, Robert Daugherty, Kelly Scott, Jessica Maxwell, Courtney Rusk, Caitlyn Sherrill, Brooke Howe

**\*Council Members Absent:**  Judge Sirk,

**\*Guests:** Cindy Sucese, Charity White, Brett Bloom, Dr. Debra Taylor, Ashley Cochenour, Bob Stevens, Sherry Stevens, Jennifer Singer, Kimberly Stevensen, Andrea Wilburn, Lisa Condes, Lucas Brown, Beverli Mason, Levi Osborn, Tracy Lynch

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Joanie Crum

* **Old Business**
* **Approval of Minutes from October 2023 Meeting:** There was a motion to approve the minutes by Annette Craycraft. Jessica Maxwell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were accepted by the council.

* **New Business**
* **Services Update –** Iwona Morretino provided the update
* No specific updates
* Community based contracts expire in June
* New Evidence based model available with Life Solutions
* Haven Focused new to Reg. 11 – Office in Anderson
* Get approval on Biennial Plan – effective July 1st 
  + Annette Craycraft – Question re: Biennial Plan

Question re: prevention funding

* **Biennial Plan (pamphlet provided)**
  + Review of 3 outcomes
    - Unified collaboration

There was a motion to adopt the plan by Annette Craycraft. Caitlyn Sherrill seconded the motion. All RSC members agreed to approve the plan.

* **Community Partners Update –** Megan Wills provided the update
* Megan provided the Community Partners RSC Report for Oct.-Dec 2023 to all council members
* Provided QR code poster, window clings, safe sleep magnets
* Prepping for April and events
* Grants –
  + Hancock County Community Foundations Car Seat Grant - $5K
    - Care Seat Clinic
* Madison County Community Foundation Grant Safer Sleep - $5K
  + Community Baby Shower
* Serviced 349 families
* Decrease in Utilities
* Increase in Rent/deposit, beds/furniture, emergency housing
* Pack N Plays and car seats were a huge hit to the budget
* Madison County
* 18 referrals from Community Agency
* Several Trunk or Treat events with outreach and safety info provided to community
* Holidays around the World event – 8 different countries holidays and traditions represented in interactive experience
* Tipton County
* Held multiple events partnering with local churches, library, Boys and Girls Club and the city
* Safe Sleep served 10 families
* Hamilton County
* Safe Sleep served 21 families
  + Moved Safe Sleep to in person classes
* Partner with O’Conner House
* Provided safe sleep and new baby care education to 8 new mothers as well as high chairs and car seats
* Provided gas cards and laundry gift cards for mothers
* Trunk or Treat with DCS
* Hancock County
* Community Baby Shower – served over 75 families
* Safe Sleep
* Every other month on Thursdays and scheduled individually as needed
* Served 12 families
* Working on partnering with Fire Department to serve more rural areas and equip first responders with necessary items
* **Prevention Funding –** Megan also provided the update
* Poverty Simulation
* FRC – DCS to take over funding once grant runs out
* **Fiscal – Regional Finance Report** – Bob Daughtery provided an update on Region 11’s finances
* Information is for the 4th Quarter ending December 2023 for Fiscal Year 2024
* All counties are right on target or slightly below
* Kids in Residential; impacts the budget.
* Region 11’s budget for Fiscal Year 2024 is $36.1M
* Items that will affect budget for 2024
* Increase in service rates was effective 7/1/2023
* New relative stipend effective 7/1/2023 - $300 per family (per month)
* Foster families will receive a cost of living which is effective 1/1/2024

* **Questions/Concerns from membership**
* None
* **Guest comments**
* Representatives from Life Solutions, Ignite Families-Haven Focused, Firefly, Valley Vista and Cooper House shared information regarding their programs/services and any updates

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Next meeting scheduled for April 24th, 2024 @ 9 a.m., at the Hamilton County DCS Office.