

RSC Minutes
March 16, 2018

Introductions were completed and RM Snook welcomed everyone to the meeting. He acknowledged that the group has grown and is very happy with the turnout.

Those present: Debbie Dailey, Gwen Girten, Dewayne Outlaw, Tammy Anderson, Christina Wicks, Harry Heyer, Mendy Berry, Amy Tempel, Heather Trobaugh, Jen Marshall, Stephanie Helton, Nancy Rennie, Andrea Bennett, Jackie Foley, Katie Vanvleet, Tammy Lampert, Jonda Bowers, Megan Stafford, Dale Stroud, Audrey Dortch, Sybil Rodeck, Jessica Richardson, and Susan Lents

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous RSC meeting was made by Jessica Richardson and a second by Dale Stroud. Minutes were approved.

Regional Services Coordinator: Gwen Girten reported that there will be a RFP report with changes in the coming months. Megan Stafford with Youth Villages and Gwen are in the process of planning for a provider fair in the spring, towards the end of April or beginning of May. If anyone has suggestions for a free or low cost venue, please contact them. The purpose of the event will be to educate FCM's on the services available in Region 17.

Gwen reported that the services team is working on training FCM's to improve the quality of referrals and commonly used service standards; this is a statewide effort.

The Biennial Plan was signed in December, but those have not yet been posted.

Gwen reminded that the log in for the e-signature for contracting was sent out to providers yesterday; please contact her with any questions.

Finance Manager Report: Debbie Dailey passed out a summary of the financial status report. We are 8 months in with a year to date total of \$10.7 million with our total budget being \$13.7 million, so we have utilized 78% of our budget. As a region, at the end of February, we were servicing 818 children with 69.8 % of those children being In Home CHINS /IA/ or relative placement and 30.2% of those children being in residential or foster care placements.

Debbie reported that the budget is a baseline based on historic expenditures; however, there has been an influx of children and families being provided services, so this is being reviewed.

Overall, we are over budget. However, some 2017 expenditures have also impacted the 2018 budget due to billing; this has also made it more difficult to project expenditures. DCS is working to get these completed to pay more timely.

Community Partners: Jonda reported that as of March 1, 2018, a total of 31 referrals had been received since January 1, 2018. There are 25 levels currently being serviced. Since January 1st, the numbers have decreased due to utilizing family support services when possible due to the reduction in Community Partners budget.

Region 17 received a total of 14 referrals during the month of January. Of these referrals, 0 cases came from Crawford County, 7 from Daviess County, 4 from Dubois County, 0 from Martin County, 0 from Orange County, 0 from Perry County, and 3 from Spencer County.

Region 17 received a total of 17 referrals during the month of February. Of these referrals, 0 cases came from Crawford County, 5 from Daviess County, 6 from Dubois County, 1 from Martin County, 2 from Orange County, 1 from Perry County, and 2 from Spencer County.

Community Partners is currently on target with their budget. The following success story was shared with the team:

A referral was received from a school to work with a mother, who has cancer and is not responding to treatment. Her 12 year-old daughter was threatening self-harm if her mom does not make it. The mother was worried that without a will or guardianship, custody of the child would be granted to the child's father, who the child does not have a good relationship with and who has been abusive in the past. The provider worked with the mother to obtain legal aid to declare a guardian upon her death. They also assisted the mother with getting the child connected to a local mental health agency, who agreed to come to the home to meet with the child and the mother.

Other business: IHBS update provided by Jonda—34 open services levels for Fatherhood Engagement. Open service level in each county: Crawford (3), Daviess (3), Dubois (9), Martin (0), Orange (3), Perry (4), and Spencer (12). A success story was shared with the group.

Public Comments and Announcements:

April Prevent Child Abuse Events to be completed throughout Region 17

Martin County: April 7th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in coordination with Shoals Little League Opening Day

Spencer County: April 21st 11-1 at Luce Elementary School in Rockport

Dubois County: April 25th 5-7 at the Jayce Park in Jasper

Daviess County- April 27th 4-7 at the Washington City Park

Orange County: April 27th beginning at 5:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Paoli.

Crawford County: April 28th 9-12 at the 4-H Fairgrounds

Updates by Providers:

Lifeline- Lifeline is looking for office in Spencer County. They will have their snow cone machine available for April Events.

Christina reported that there was a Trafficking presentation in Dubois County last month and that 61 people attended. She is also part of PCS in Vanderburgh County and will have Cory Jewell Jenson presenting “Responding to Child Sexual Abuse” April 19th and 20th; parents on April 19th from 530-8pm, dinner and daycare are provided.

Harry Heyer provided information regarding the AMENDS/BIP Program and benefits. Gwen reported that there are a limited number of BIP class in this area, especially to meet their time frame. Spencer County has referred some people to Evansville.

Anyone can go to one class for free; they do an outreach for any referral and try to use that to engage clients, offering them the free class. Spencer County has had good feedback regarding the program. They will be opening in Bloomington in 3 weeks, possibly in Gibson County in the future or Warrick County. They use a real time data base and provide FCM’s with a log in to access that information. Medicaid will offer transportation for daytime hours. Sometimes, they can also provide limited gas cards.

Jackie Foley with Raintree reported that they are “status quo” in this region and that they did hire another staff in Dubois County and are looking to hire more staff in all areas. She did report that referrals are getting cancelled by the system after they accept it. Gwen will check on that issue– Contact KidTraks support office.

Tammy Lampert with SWICACC reported that they have been growing. Last year there were 384 interviews completed, this year there have been over 75 already. There are 3 staff members now to complete interviews, so they are able to complete them timelier. There is a new site opening in Spencer County in Troy. They would like a site around Orange County. There continues to be a concerns regarding non-supportive caregivers or other adults having knowledge and not doing anything about the abuse. There have been increased confessions to LEA. They would like to partner with all 7 counties for Prevent Child Abuse; they will be providing bracelets during March. They are a \$1 donation; they are using those to purchase youth bracelets for the April events.

Mr. Snook requested a progress report/summary report.

Tammy also reported that she is in the process of talking to community members; asking for the old library to be utilized to house the CAC and Crisis Connection, and other youth services community organizations. The library should be coming available within the next 2 years. Also, she would like to have a medical facility to complete SANE exams, using the basement as a mach home for DCS training. She also reported that there is a need more PEDS SANE Nurses.

CP/IHBS reported that they still have cribs to distribute for safe sleep and that they continue to hire.

Megan Stafford with Youth Villages reported that they will have a tier 1 provider in May, hoping to have another one in December, continuing to hire, continuing to grow, and they will continue to be out with the local offices meeting staff.

Mr. Snook provided update from state- Director Stigdon has been out, visiting regions, visiting staff, some announced, some unannounced, unknown when she will be coming to our region, she will be meeting mainly with staff during her initial visit to the region. She is trying to gather information, spending a lot of time talking with FCM's and supervisors, identifying needs, what works and what isn't, service availability, and identifying barriers. He will be talking to LOD's later about her visiting the region.

There have been a few public reports regarding the study that is being completed. It was reported that MaGIK is insufficient for data, statistics, and how we measure our practice.

Attorneys- there will be a meeting next week with the 2 Deputy Directors with Chief Legal and Deputy Chief Legal, going around the state to discuss legal issues and barriers in each of the local offices.

They are going to free up some restrictions on training with new administration.

We are currently in an evaluation period with Director Stigdon

Hiring- DCS continues to have lack of mid-management staff and looking to hire more supervisors. There had been a hold on that. They are wanting to get back to appropriate numbers for supervisors. Some positions have been created and those are being filled.

Megan Stafford added that DCS did go to Memphis this week to talk with CEO Pat about their residential program in Tennessee. Several children are being turned down in Indiana. Hoping that progress will be made regarding that.

Don Travis is doing an evaluation of residential problems throughout the state.

Motion to adjourn was made by Amy Tempel and Mendy Berry seconded the motion to adjourn.

Next meeting: June 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
Ferdinand Library