



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 8

Meeting Date: October 15, 2014
Meeting Location: Vigo County DCS
30 N. 8th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Council Members Present: David Uberto, Regional Manager; Pamela Connelly, Vigo County Director; Heidi Decker, Clay County Director; Andrea Williams, Parke County Director; Diana Thomson, Clay County FCM; Mike Goodwin, Sullivan County Director

Council Members Absent: Terry Modesitt, Vigo County Prosecutor; Judy Schoffstall, Foster Parent Representative; Judge Dan Kelly, Vigo County Circuit Judge; Bruce Stengel, Vermillion Circuit Judge; Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director; Diana Newnum, Vermillion County Director; Megan Richardson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor

Others in Attendance: Sheila Johnson, Vigo County DCS; Kristina Killen, Regional Services Coordinator; Kelly Hunckler, Gibault; Sandy Waldrige, Children's Bureau; Ryan King, Lifeline Youth and Family Services; Christina Hall, Sullivan County Supervision Center; Jonathan Straus, Ireland Home Based Services; Jason Holt, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Heather Anderson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Jessica Rice, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Penny Bluebaum, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Anna Cedars, Family Interventions; Diana Cooper-Bolinsky, ISU Department of Social Work; Liz Day, Lifeline Youth and Family Services ; Addie Braudell, Lifeline Youth and Family Services; Evelyn Walton, CRADLES of Clay County; Deb Berky, DCS

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 4:37pm

Dave Uberto welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Dave introduced Andrea Williams as the new Parke County Director. Minutes were read from the July 16, 2014 meeting. Dave entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Pam Connelly made motion to accept the July 16, 2014 minutes and Mike Goodwin seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Budget Update

Dave Uberto – No current budget to date.

Community Partners/Prevention Services Update

Sandy Waldrige - handed out information through September 30, 2014. 692 referred as of 2014.

Father Engagement – Currently has 146 fathers who are consented or in the engaging process.

Pam complimented Jerome Cheatham on his good work with Father Engagement.

Allocated fund for 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015 – currently has \$17,629.98 in reserve.

Biennial Strategic Plan

Kristina Killen – RFP statewide for all services for contracts closed today and it will be presented in January 2015. Dave entertained a motion to accept the current RFP that was presented. Mike Goodwin made motion to accept the current RFP as presented and Heidi Decker seconded the motion. Motion accepted.

CRADLES

Thank you to the council for the continued support. Plans are moving along and they have utilized all the funds that they were given. They will be opening the Clay City site first and it will be opened as soon as all the funding is there. They are looking for more funding through individuals, churches, grants and fundraisers. Approximately 30 people have offered to volunteer in anyway needed for this program.

Sullivan County Family Court Project

Christina Hall – They are continuing to do what they have been doing. She is not aware of any families being involved with DCS.

Lifeline

Responsible Thinking Program – Sullivan County jail will be starting soon. They hope to have classes at Eastside Elementary School in Clay County and classes in Vigo County as well.

Ryan – They are opening a new office and will be having an open house.

Additional Business

DCS

QSR - Deb Berky went over some of the findings.

Dave – QSR is done every two years and this was our 4th QSR and 22 cases were reviewed. The results were handed out and discussed. Heidi Decker was our QSR lead and she did an excellent job and thank you to Deb Berky for the support from central office.

Jessica Rice – 10/27/2014 at the Vigo County Library they will hold a Foster Care Open House from 9 – 5:30 they hope to get more foster families. They are in dire need of foster homes. Let her know if you need recruitment materials to hand out.

Pam Connelly made motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42p.m.

***PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AND THE TIME HAS CHANGED: Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 3:00pm in the second floor training room.**

THE 2015 REGIONAL SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING TIME HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 3:00PM FOR ALL MEETINGS.

2015 SCHEDULE:

January 14, 2015 (2nd Wednesday)

April 15, 2015 (3rd Wednesday)

July 15, 2015 (3rd Wednesday)

October 21, 2015 (3rd Wednesday)