June 2021 Regional Service Council

Region 6

June 16, 2021

* **Welcome-**
* Liz Learned Regional Manager
* Iwona Morretino DCS Rep Regional Service Coordinator
* Katie Craft DCS RFM
* Kerri Baker Huntington Co LOD
* Mary Cunningham Miami Co LOD
* Stacey Morgan Howard Co LOD
* Jamie Brown Fulton Co LOD
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* Kelly Moorman Huntington Co FCMS
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* Deanna Szyndrowski SCAN
* Libby Martin LSSI
* Courtney Calhoun 4C
* Barbara Hilton FSA- Howard Co.
* Kimberly Sims
* Bradley Samuel FCM
* Andrea Colley
* Naomi Henning BS
* Alyssa Blackburn
* Christy Robbins Community Partners Director
* Tanna Wagner Community Engagement Specialist
* Ira Becun YSB Huntington Co
* Krista Catt BA

The minutes from March and June will be reviewed at the September meeting due to not being to share documents on Microsoft Teams with those outside of DCS.

* Service Coordinator-Iwona
  + All of our current contracts terms expire on 6/30/2021
  + All providers that are currently contracted and have expressed a wish to continue to be under contract have had their contracts extended for an additional 4 years.
  + Providers who have referrals in the region, those referrals will be auto-extended for an additional 6 months. A new end date will be added to those referrals, however no additional units will be added.
  + We have allowed another provider based in Fort Wayne expand into Region 6. Quality Counseling is based out of Fort Wayne. They have another office in Marion County as well as Elwood and most recently they have opened a new office location in Kokomo.
    - Quality Counseling carry a number of services standards beyond the most common home-based casework/therapy visitation services.
    - They are certified and able to provide substance use outpatient treatment and assessments. Also domestic violence for survivors and children. They also offer fatherhood engagement services.
    - Their location is also a clinic location for drug testing.
  + Family Service Association of Howard County has been certified starting on July 5th. They will be referable for Batterers Intervention Program.
  + Cordant update – As of July 1 Cordant will be taking over all of the functions of drug screening for the state.
    - We are still working on making sure there are enough clinic locations in the region
    - Providers that offer substance use treatment are still working to partner so that they can continue with Cordant.
    - As Cordant takes over all of the functions there are some changes to our service standard
      * The drug testing collections will now begin as monitored, previously observed.
      * There are some changes to the testing panel, previously 14 substances, now will be 10 substances on the basic panel. Those will be posted on the service standard page. <https://www.in.gov/dcs/3878.htm>
* A notification has been sent to providers, we have made changes to the qualifications section for the homebased casework standard on the service standard page. <https://www.in.gov/dcs/3878.htm>
* **Budget and projections-Katie Craft**
  + Financial Status report through May 2021. We are over budget for this year. Our target was 93% and we are at 104.5%.
  + Starting in January, our expends were very substantial. 1.4 January, 1.4 February, 1.3 in March, 1.1 ½ in April and 1.2 in May.
  + Residential placements have contributed to that, we are 15% over were we were last year in residential. It’s estimated we will end the fiscal year in June at $13.2 million, our budget was $11,575,000.
  + In January of this year Region 6 had 25 children in residential placement. Through diligent efforts of the local offices we have reduced that number to 15 children.
    - These children have either been brought back into the community with less restrictive placement or brought back into the home with wrap-around services. We continue to relay the information on how we are all working together in our partnerships to work on these high acuity children in the local communities to help families with these children that have health issues to maintain a home setting.
* **Foster Care/Kinship – Tanna Wagner Community Engagement Specialist**
  + Trying to get out to the community and recruit foster homes.
  + Try to work on internal things that can make the foster care process easier on everyone involved.
  + There are 7 CES in the state who meet a couple of times a week to brainstorm.
  + One of the big things we are trying to do is recruit homes that will take older youth.
  + Tanna partners with Hands of Hope a lot.
  + We have some churches who would like to help but they just don’t know what help is needed. For instance a family that needs help with lawn work or house cleaning would be good ideas for youth groups.
* **Prevention – Community Partners – Lisa Blanchard and team**
  + New director for Community Partners Christy Robbins
  + Referrals by county – DCS is our largest report source. We do have some plans to market Community Partners to the communities and find some new referral sources or increase self-referrals and bring new families into our services
  + For the families who are in service for March, April and May there were a total of 45 families enrolled into service. During that timeframe we served close to 400 children.
  + We are spot on if not above on all of our outcomes except for initial contact within 5 days. We are working on making sure that we are increasing our outreach attempts. And reviewing with our staff how important it is to make contact with these families while they are feeling urgency of these needs to make sure they are getting their needs met.
  + Finances – Getting ready to finalize May numbers as we are looking at June. Right now we are a little bit behind at 76% expected to be at 83% but we do expect to draw those dollars down as we increase in May and June
  + Prevention dollars – we were expected to be at 75% at this point but we are at 49%. We will have a large expense coming down with the IYI Conference
* Virtual Summit – We have heard a lot of amazing things about the speakers who were lined up.
* Next meeting – In person
  + September 16, 2021 at the Miami Co DCS located at 300 S Broadway, Peru
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