 **Regional Service Council Minutes**

**Region # 15**

**Meeting Date**: January 15, 2020

**Meeting Location**: Ripley County DCS, Versailles 47042

**Council Members Present**:

Michelle Russell, Region 15 RM

Sandy Ante, Dearborn/Ohio Local Office Director

Denise Burton, Decatur Local Office Director

Gary Keith, Jefferson Local Office Director

Michelle Smith, Ripley Local Office Director

Teresa Patrick, Switzerland Local Office Director

Jon MacMurdo, Dearborn DCS Supervisor

Alyssa Shelton, Jefferson DCS Supervisor

K-Lynn Minor, Jefferson FCM

Stacey Beauchamp, Advocates for Children

**Council Members Present by proxy:**

Morgan Thomas, Ripley County Probation (Ripley Co Judge per Shannon Schmaltz)

**Council Members Absent**:

Emily Jackson, FCM/Ripley County FCM

Vacant, Proxy for Jefferson County Prosecutor

Jennifer Sturges / Proxy for Judge Day, Decatur Circuit

Adam Rauch / Proxy for Judge Humphrey, Dearborn Circuit

Jackie Murray, Foster Parent

Kerri Fox, Foster Parent

**Others in Attendance**:

Erica Roberts, Community Partner/IHBS eroberts@ihbs.us

Nick Miller, Community Partner/IHBS [nmiller@ihbs.us](mailto:nmiller@ihbs.us)

Mary Smith, IHBS [msmith@ihbs.us](mailto:msmith@ihbs.us)

Gabriela Quinones-Cuellar, Youth Villages Gabriela.Quinones-Cuellar@youthvillages.org

Megan Stafford, Youth Villages [Megan.Stafford@youthvillages.org](mailto:Megan.Stafford@youthvillages.org)

Troy Hedger, Jefferson Co Youth Shelter [thedges@jcysinc.org](mailto:thedges@jcysinc.org)

Amy Phillips, YES Home [amrphillip@yahoo.com](mailto:amrphillip@yahoo.com)

Teresa Nobbe, DCS Clerical [Teresa.Nobbe@dcs.in.gov](mailto:Teresa.Nobbe@dcs.in.gov)

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order at**: 2:00 pm

1. Welcome/Roll Call – Introductions completed
2. Approval of Minutes:
3. ***Alyssa Shelton made a motion to approve minutes from October 16, 2019 meeting; Michelle Smith seconded; all in favor***
4. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:
5. Community Partners / Erica Roberts & Nick Miller
6. Handouts: Quarterly, Referral, Budget & Flex fund reports



* Erica summarized data report
* Shared success stories

1. Regional Finance Manager - Belinda Foreman



1. Handout for council members: Region 15 is about 5% over budget
2. Highest number of claim denials due to no report attached; second is because # of units/hours billed doesn’t match report
3. Regional Services Coordinator – Jason Nelson
4. Services Coordinator position for Region 15 is still vacant
5. Family Preservation Services RFP is open until 2-21-2020 at 3 pm.
6. Biennial Plan Goal: Provider Presentations
7. Troy Hedges / Jefferson County Youth Shelter (formerly Safe Passage)

* Handout – JCYS provides the following programs: Safe Place, Youth as Resources, Transparenting Classes, Suicide Prevention.
* 24 hr emergency care facility for children removed due to neglect/abuse or have committed status offenses. There are 10 beds for both male and females, ages 10-18 years old.
* Contact Info: 812-265-3777; [www.jcysinc.org](http://www.jcysinc.org)



1. Brenda (Konradi) Spade: Handout - Community Action Recovery Effort (CARE); currently serving Dearborn county area

* CARE Work Groups: Stigma & Awareness; Screening; Recovery Hub; Transportation; Peer Recovery Supports; Recovery Housing; and Youth Focused (new)
* Offers Recovery Housing & help with Transportation
* Lunch & Learns posted on FB & You Tube
* Contact Info: dcincare.org; [caredearborn@gmail.com](mailto:caredearborn@gmail.com); facebook.com/Dearborn-County-CARE



1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2. Region 15 Biennial Strategic Plan for 2021/22 – Jason Nelson
3. Handout: Biennial Regional Services Strategic Plan Action Plan



* Strategic Plan is created to address service needs & aligns with Federal reviews conducted
* Region 15 added Foster Parent recruitment and retention as one of our Action Plans
* Region 15 will continue to connect our families to community resources (can be utilized when DCS closes)
* Regional Forum: Kyle Williams and Michelle Russell will be meeting to determine what this will look like moving forward

***Sandy Ante made a motion to approve the 2021/22 Region 15 Biennial Strategic Plan as presented; Michelle Smith seconded; all approved.***

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Child Abuse Prevention Events for April: Nick stated Community Partners is available to assist counties – contact him with your plans and if you need help.
3. PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time**:

April 15, 2019 / Ripley DCS Training Room / 2:00 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned at**: 3:00 pm

***Sandy Ante made a motion to adjourn; Michelle Smith seconded; all in favor***