

Regional Services Council

Region 4 Meeting

Date: April 9, 2018

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Allen County DCS – 201 E. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Meeting Chair: James Pippin, Region 4 Regional Manager

Meeting Secretary: Helen Garmon

Call to order

Start time: 12:00 p.m.

Roll call

Members Present:

James Pippin
Austin Hollabaugh
Michelle Savieo
Kelley Moorman
Angela Vachon
Wesley Husselman

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Members Absent:

Amy Richison
Judge Pratt
Judge Heuer

Non-Members Present:

Alexys Vosmeier	Ron Lahmeyer	Reda Theurer-Miller	Julie Ensinger
Andy Ogle	Kathy Seymore	Kate Stephenson	Paige Hamilton
Jonet Mitchell	Jennifer Rutkowski-Smith	Kim Hollabaugh	Debbie Branfield
Rachael Glaser	Tanya Custer	Melinda Knoblauch	Dee Szyndrowski
Trish Fox	Maureen Prebynski	Deane Holderman	Angel Metro
Chelsea Patton	Irene Paxia	Kris Wise	Aslisia Rodgers
Addie Brandell	Kelsey Middaugh		

Approval of minutes from last meeting

As read X As corrected

Recommended Correction:

Program/Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

None

New business

Network for Safe Families:

Paige Hamilton distributed and reviewed the following handouts:

- Network for Safe Families - Services February 2018 Financial Report
- February 2018 Program Statistics
- Local Prevention Fund February 2018 Financial Report
- 10/01/2017 – 12/31/2017 Outcomes
- Local Prevention Dollars: Number of Individuals Served for First Quarter
- Local Prevention Dollars: 10/01/2017 – 12/31/2017

RFP's are out for Region 4. They were posted on April 4, 2018 and will close May 4, 2018. This year instead of having one "Bidders Conference" we're having 2 Webinars which will be Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Regional Fiscal Report - Mary Holliday

- Budgets were increased! There are new revised budgets for all the regions. The revised budget for Region 4 was based on the February Year to Date
- Based on February YTD as a Region we should be at 75% of our budget, we're at 75.58% t

County Updates

Adams - Melissa Hayden, Director

We have an FCM position open to start in May. We have activities planned for Prevention Month. Space is still an issue.

Allen - (Michelle Savieo, Director) – We are hiring and have some positions to fill for May. This week is our Child Prevention and Awareness. On Thursday we partner with the System of Care and other organizations to have our Resource Fair and Family Fun Night at the Summit Building. I am changing positions, I will be with Allen County through the end of this month and start my new position in May as Adoption Manager.

DeKalb – (Wesley Husselman, Director) –

We're not fully staffed right now. We have one person hired as an FCM and two positions soon to be offered. This should get us up to speed. Our Child Abuse and Neglect event is partnered with Auburn United Methodist Church and Children First Center. It will be an all-day event held Wednesday.

Huntington – (Alexys Vosmeier, Director) – We will be fully staffed at the end of this month. We have two new Caseworkers and one from Steuben. We didn't have a lot of time this year to plan for Prevention Month. The staff will be wearing their blue DCS shirts and the blue shirts from our Walk Run last year. We have some pinwheels gardens. We're also giving out our Ron Mitchell Award this year.

LaGrange- (Kathryn Stephenson, Director) – We're filling our FCM position at the end of the month. We're wearing blue around the office for Prevention month and displaying Pinwheels

Noble County (Austin Hollabaugh, Director) – We're almost fully staffed.

Steuben – (Ron Lahmeyer, Director) – We have one position to fill. We have a slot in May. This month we're participating in Days of Caring event through United Way. We're also doing a fundraiser for TLC

Wells – (Deane Holderman, Director) – We have one opening, we're accepting a transfer that will start in June then we will be fully staffed. We're turning our tongues blue for Child Abuse Prevention, we're passing out blue Dum Dum Suckers for the kids and have frames so they can have their pictures taken, we have the blue pinwheels. We also have a fundraiser which allows us to buy signs and things we put out in the Community. It's a Blue Tire which stands for Stop Child Abuse in its Tracks. We have 5 blue tires and charge a fee to have it removed from yard. You can pay \$10 so the tire doesn't end up in your yard or pay \$5 to have it placed in someone else yard. People like it!

Whitley County (Jeff Bedree, Director) – We are down one staff. We made an offer to our Intern. She graduates in May and hopefully she will go to Cohort in June. We're also trying to expand.

Region and State (James Pippin, RM) – Our new Director is stopping by different Regions, talking with staff and taking action. She's very open to ideas and very personable as well.

Regionally as Michelle Savieo has said; Allen County will have LOD position posted shortly so we'll be doing interviews for that. I'm going on Military Leave for about 3 ½ months from early June to mid-September. There will not be a Regional Manager appointed to Region 4 to cover all of my tasks. The Region will be divided into Sub Regions. The Northern 4 Counties (LaGrange, Steuben, DeKalb and Noble) will function as their own little unit. The Southern 4 Counties (Adams, Huntington, Wells and Whitley) will function as their own unit and Allen County will function as its own unit. Jeff Bedree will run the RSC meetings while I'm gone. All complaints will be handled by Melissa Hayden.

Next Meeting – July 9, 2018 Allen County DCS Office @ 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business meeting was adjourned.

Signatures:

Secretary Helen Harmon Chair [Signature]

Date 7-9-2018 Date 9 JUL 2018

Approved: hg (secretary's initials) Date: 7-9-2018