

Regional Services Council

Region 4 Meeting

Date: October 7, 2019

Time: 12:00 p.m.

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

Meeting Chair: Alexys Vosmeier, Local Office Director (Allen County)

Meeting Secretary: Helen Garmon

Call to order

Start time: 12:00 p.m.

Roll call

Members Present:

Alexys Vosmeier
Wesley Husselman
Karena Hernandez
Amanda Meyer
Brad Hoover
Jen Malott

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Members Absent:

Judge Pratt
Judge Heuer
James Pippin
Misty Schoenherr
Renee Hood

Non-Members Present:

Debbie Branfield	Bill Stephan	Melisa Monterrusoe	Elena De La Cruz
Andy Ogle	Amanda Herendeen	Rebeca Riley	Katie Craft
Andrea Colley	Allie Kresse	Kim Lanman	Amanda Meye
Antoniya Wedge	Antionette Johnson	Suzanne Poe	Heather Rouns
Ron Lahmeyer	Chandra Patton	Adrienne Batteast	Katie Craft
Paige Hamilton			

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, SCAN):

Paige Hamilton distributed and reviewed the following handouts:

- Network for Safe Families Services August 2019 Financial Report
- September 2019 Program Statistics
- Local Prevention Services August 2019 Financial Report

Data reporting for referrals:

- DeKalb had 15 referrals accumulative; 5 did not come from DCS but from schools and self
- LaGrange had 13 referrals accumulative; 1 was from the medical system, 1 from the school and 1 from self
- Noble had 14 referrals accumulative; 1 was from a school and 1 from a community agency
- Steuben had 19 referrals accumulative; 1 was self
- Whitley had 13 referrals accumulative; 1 was self

Dion Smith could not attend. He sent the following information to be shared with the RSC:

- Family Preservation RFP has been pushed back. It will not begin on 10/1. A new date has not been set
- The new RFP closed and contracts for Community Based services will be started on 10/1 the new providers for R4
 - Sky Point Social Services
 - Home Based Therapy
 - Counseling
 - Genesis Outreach
 - Home Based Case Work
 - BPW LLC
 - Counseling
 - D&E
 - DV Victim and Child
 - HBCW
 - HBT
 - HMPA
 - Parent Ed
 - Parenting and Family Functioning Assessment
 - Sexually Harmful Reactive Youth
 - Visitation Therapeutic and Traditional
 - E Behavioral Solutions LLC
 - HMPA
 - Parent Education
 - Tutoring
 - Visitation Therapeutic and Traditional
 - Growing Minds Educational Services
 - Counseling

- Day Reporting
 - Father Engagement
 - Parent Education
 - Tutoring
 - Visitation Traditional
- Contract amendments were approved
 - Whittington services have been put back in place
 - SCAN
 - DV services (victim and child and Batters)
 - therapeutic visitation
 - Center for Problem Resolution
 - Counseling
 - Substance Use Assessment
 - Substance Use Treatment
 - DV Batters
 - Boys and Girls Club FT. Wayne
 - Father Engagement
 - Community Anti-Violence Alliance
 - Visitation Traditional
- All providers should be submitting all monthly reports into KT
 - If monthly reports are not in KT by the 10th of the month reports should be denied

Fiscal Updates – Katie Craft

- For September Region 4 target was to be at 25% or below. We are just over 21% so we are under budget. For July and August we were under budget as well
- Region 4 has just over 41 Million Dollar budget for the 2020 Fiscal Year which is what was spent last year

County Updates

Allen - (Alexys Vosmeier, Director) – Remodeling still moving forward. Everything is still sitting with the Landlord right now. We are rapidly growing out of space. We haven't hired any Supervisors or Divisions Managers since the last RSC. We had 17 Case Managers that started over the summer, we hired 4 new clerical and we're hiring 6 more clerical on the 21st as long as they pass their background checks

DeKalb – (Wesley Husselman, Director) – We are hiring 2 possibly 3. One is a transfer from Grant County and will start on October 28th. We're doing interviews on the 2nd position and pretty sure on the 3rd position but that won't happen until December then we will be back up to full capacity. We're still plugging away at our Family Restoration work. We have our first hearings on October 17th

LaGrange- (Alexys reported for Kathryn Stephenson, Director) – They have another Supervisor

Noble County (Amanda Herendeen, Director) – We are also fully staffed. We have 20

FCM's. We now have 3 clerks. Our Assessment numbers have been lower through the summer but may go back up now that school has started

Steuben – (Ron Lahmeyer, Director) – We have an FCM returning from leave. All is good

Whitley County (Karena Hernandez, Director) – We have been very busy. We are just about ready to move into our expanded side to work while they work on our existing side which will be about a month. We are fully staffed other than a Legal Assistant. We added a 2nd clerical position. She started early September and is doing very well. We are fully staffed as far as FCM's. We also saw dip in assessment numbers over the summer

Misc. (Alexys Vosmeier)

Region 4 Chief Deputy Counsel, Ashley Fox is going to be the Chief Counsel for Region 7. Her official start date is not known at this time. Shawn Jarrett, Chief Counsel Region will be covering the outer counties in region 4. We have 2 new Deputy Counsels which will specifically be working for Allen County; Mitchell Morris and Andrea Lamontagne

Next Meeting – January 13, 2020 Allen County DCS Office @ 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business meeting was adjourned.

Signatures:

Secretary Helin Harmon Chair [Signature]

Date 1-13-2020 Date 1-13-20

Approved: hg (secretary's initials) Date: 1-13-2020