

Regional Services Council Minutes

Region 13

2/18/2022

Regional Manager Laura Fair called the virtual meeting on TEAMS to order at 10:02AM EST

RSC Members in attendance

Doug Chastain

Sonya Seymour

Trisha Skillman

Amanda Vanleeuwen

Kelsey Hanlon

Rachel Burnworth

Community Partners

Danielle Stansfield with Ireland Homebased Services presented the Community Partners Report

300 referrals in R13 from July 2021 to the end of January

53 new referrals in January, 71 open/active referrals

Increases in referrals and successful engagements

IHBS remains slightly under budget so far and anticipates in-person events to begin once again soon.

Danielle shared a success story regarding a family accessing community-based services available in the community and eliminating bed bugs from their home and replacing clothes and furniture in the home. The family was very motivated and their successes were definitely deserved.

CP Sub-contractors:

Turning Point worked with 5 new families

Life Solutions provided services to 32 clients in the last quarter

CP New Business:

Due to COVID, last year's provider fair was canceled and Danielle asked the RSC what their thoughts were in scheduling one for this year.

Laura Fair spoke regarding previous Provider Fairs and potential speakers and encouraged an in-person event at the Monroe Convention Center

The Council agreed to pursue a possible provider fair in October in-person but also look at virtual components of the fair (like the speaker).

Reminder that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Danielle and Mandi Barger (IHBS) offered to partner with local offices on any events.

Fiscal Report

Regional Finance Manager Joann Caylor was not in attendance. RM Fair reported that reductions in residential placements were a success, particularly in Monroe County as well as the current status of a few cases that involve children with long-term residential services needs. The region remains over budget on community-based services (approximately 3%).

Judge Hanlon commented that single-room availability is a barrier in stepping down some residential placements.

RM Fair commented on the QRTP process. Finding that staffing issues are having an impact on facilities and bed availability (ex/ Lutherwood operating at 50%). Foster home availability has also been a challenge and resulted in additional group home placements.

53% of placements are with relatives this year which is an increase.

Preservation Services

Regional Services Coordinator Jason Nelson reported there are currently 70 open Family Preservation cases in Region 13.

Reminder to providers that they should not be providing tutoring or mentoring services under Home-based Casework referrals.

Reminder that Family Reunification Services RFP is currently on hold.

Reviewed the Biennial Strategic Plan that was approved earlier this year.

RM Fair commented that she has had multiple productive meetings with providers this year and that on 3/20 Open Arms Foster Care event @ the City Church for all Nations www.openarmschristian.com

Public Comment

No additional comments or questions.

The next RSC meeting will occur on May 20, 2022