

DCS Region 5 Regional Services Council Minutes
Friday, April 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
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Members present: Hilary Laughner, Roxanne Holt, Chris LaMar, Angela Guimond, Judge Faith Graham, Jennifer Samuels, Penny Neal, Brooke Brown, Harmony Jensen, Ambyr Wade, Rachel Gallichan

Members absent: Judge Stephanie Campbell, Debbie Brenneman

Others present: Sandy Lock, Lois Logan-Beard, Iwona Morretino, Julie Ensinger, Grace Labi, Karmen Pithoud

1. News from the Region
 - a. Judge Graham alerted the group as to new proposed legislation that would reduce courts across the state and Carroll County is one of the counties that would be impacted.
2. Budget Review (Lois Logan-Beard)
 - a. Regional Finance Manager, Lois Logan-Beard, presented information to the members regarding Region 5 fiscal spending through March 2025.
 - i. The target is 75% and the Region is currently at 85.78%.
 - ii. There is \$2.1 remaining through the end of the State Fiscal Year which ends on 6/30/2025.
 - b. A breakdown of the March expenditures will be provided to RSC members after the meeting.
3. Bauer—Community Partners Report (Grace Labi)
 - a. Review of financials
 - i. Grace reported that the program is currently underspent but it's anticipated that the total spend will meet the allocation before the end of the SFY.
 - ii. LOD Jenn Samuels recommended that Bauer reach out to Fountain Co. School administrators given recent changes in the school district's leadership.
 - b. General program updates
4. Service Updates (Iwona Morretino)
 - a. Community Based Services RFPs
 - i. Overview of how the proposals were reviewed/scored
 1. Iwona Morretino went over the scoring process.
 2. Over 300 RFPs were reviewed and scored statewide.

- ii. The list of Providers that are recommended to serve Region 5 was provided to RSC members via email and was discussed during the meeting.
 - 1. Iwona explained that the list of providers are those RFPs that were approved to move forward in the contracting process.
 - 2. There could be changes depending on whether the provider opts out of serving Region 5 or other factors interfere with the contracting process.
 - 3. Not all providers are bidding to serve all Region 5 counties and some providers will not provide all services listed to Region 5.
 - 4. Iwona will provide a final list along with approved services once the contracts are finalized.
 - 5. Questions from the group included what the contracting steps were, what the service standards are within each service, and how FCMs are able to select providers who have availability in real time.
 - a. Angela Guimond provided the group with an example of a Service Standard that can be found on the website and provided the URL to members. <https://www.in.gov/dcs/service-standards/>
 - b. Members were also informed of an app that DCS staff can access that provides information on available providers for the most commonly needed services.
- iii. Call for a vote of RSC members to accept recommended providers for Region 5 to move them forward in the contract process.
 - 1. Judge Graham and Harmony Jensen called for and seconded a vote to accept the recommended providers from the list.
 - 2. List was approved by the RSC members with none dissenting.

5. Practice data for the Region

- a. A glance at 2025 data
 - i. Due to time constraints, the data was not reviewed but members will be provided the information via email.
- b. Updated data dashboards available to the public on the DCS website at <https://www.in.gov/dcs/reports-and-statistics/data-dashboard/>
- c. Additional Practice Indicator Reports can be found at <https://www.in.gov/dcs/reports-and-statistics/practice-indicator-reports>

6. Schedule for 2025 RSC meetings

- a. Location, date, and time
 - i. Reminder that the remaining meeting dates for 2025 are 7/18/2025 and 10/17/2025 at 9 a.m.
 - ii. Provider meeting would follow at 10 a.m.
 - iii. RSC Meetings would be a mix of in-person and virtual option for those outside of Tippecanoe County.

7. Good of the order

- a. Reminder! Provider meeting to follow this RSC at 10 a.m. via Teams.

8. Adjournment