Regional Services Council Minutes

Friday, October 16, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Department of Child Services—Region 5

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Conference ID: 263 948 605#

**Those in attendance:** Angela Guimond, Lois Logan-Beard, Penny Neal, Rhonda Friend, Ambyr Wade, Brooke Brown, Caitlin Jackson, Jennifer Johnson, Julia Larson, Tara Hamilton, Kimberly Sims, Kathy Seymour, Debbie Brenneman, Andrea Goodwin, Coleen Connor, Stephanie Campbell, Hunter Reece, Kristina Courtney

1. Welcome
	* Regional Updates
		+ DCS’s Back on Track Plan—Stage 5
			- Social distancing, mask wearing, and low in-person staffing levels remain a practice in the state.
			- Currently working with Fountain/Warren County to ensure precautions are being taken given the current spike in cases in that area.
		+ New RSC member—Clinton Co. FCM, Kristina Courtney

2. Community Partners Report

* Kara Boyles is no longer with Bauer and the CP supervisor is currently on leave.
* Averaging 100 referrals a month—likely due to COVID.
	+ “Basic needs requests” with some urgency from community members
	+ Outreach to the local school corporations via email and mailing due to COVID
	+ Partnering with United Way
	+ DCS is also making a lot of referrals
	+ RFPs for prevention funding were received and are in the process of being scored.
		- Final selections will be announced to RSC members by the end of this month.
* Exceeding DCS Service Standards with CP services to families
* On track financially, but underspending operationally due to being short-staffed.
1. Practice Indicators for the Region
	* Practice Indicator summary emailed to RSC members
	* Highlighted the strengths and opportunities for the region.
2. Budget Review (Lois Logan-Beard)
	* Regional budget emailed to RSC members
	* Region 5 under budget for the SFY.
		+ Target for the Quarter was 25%, with the Region 5 at 23.3%.
		+ Every region is on target with the exception of Fountain County which is at 32.7%

 5. Service Updates (Iwona Morretino)

* Family Preservation updates
	+ 53 open referrals for FPS services with 16 available providers in the Region.
	+ All FPS providers participate in state bi-weekly calls with David Reed at DCS.
* Virtual Provider fair
	+ Scheduled for 11/6/2020 from 9-12 p.m.
	+ Iwona will send links to FPS providers and schedule presentations for staff to attend.
* Provider updates
	+ Families United will provide supervised visitation services in Fountain/Warren Counties.
	+ Omni-Visions will be open for services in Clinton and Tippecanoe Counties.
		- Andrea Goodwin was on the call and provided background on service capacity and availability

 6. Good of the Order

* 2021 meeting dates TBD