



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 15

**Meeting Date:** January 15, 2025  
**Meeting Location:** Microsoft Teams

### **Council Members Present:**

Michelle Adams, R15 Manager  
Denise Burton, Decatur Local Office Director  
Gary Keith, Jefferson Local Office Director  
Michelle Smith, Ripley Local Office Director  
Teresa Patrick, Switzerland County Local Office Director  
Amy Neimeyer-Davis, Decatur DCS Supervisor  
Alyssa Shelton, Jefferson DCS Supervisor  
K-Lynn Minor, Jefferson FCM

### **Council Members Present by proxy:**

Morgan Thomas / Proxy for Judge King, Ripley Co

### **Council Members Absent:**

Dearborn Local Office Director - Vacant  
Bailey Wolf / Proxy for Jefferson Co Prosecutor  
Laural French, Advocates for Children  
Kerri Fox, Foster Parent/YES Home  
Jennifer Sturges / Proxy for Judge Day, Decatur Co

### **Others in Attendance:**

Jon MacMurdo, Services Coordinator	<a href="mailto:jon.macmurdo@dcs.in.gov">jon.macmurdo@dcs.in.gov</a>
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## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 2:00 pm by Michelle Adams

I. Welcome/Roll Call: Introductions

- II. Approval of Minutes: *Teresa Patrick made a motion to approve the October 16, 2024, minutes; K-Lynn Minor seconded; all in favor.*

III. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Community Partners / Chrystal Hardin

1. Quarterly Report, Referral Report, Budget & Flex fund reports emailed to council members.
  - Quarterly Report: As of 1/1/2025 117 referrals had been received since 10-1-2024: Breakdown: Oct: 43; Nov: 44; Dec: 30.
    - HBCW was assigned to all 117 cases.
    - 18 current open referrals
    - Success Story: Recently widowed mother and 3 children were referred by DCS to help family gain financial stability after the loss of their main supporter. IHBS assisted with back rent. They also linked family to community resources to assist with Christmas and ongoing needs.
  - Referral Report: Region and county breakdown of referrals received since 7-1-24 including referral sources.
    - Dearborn: 54; Decatur 43; Jefferson: 42; Ohio: 6; Ripley: 31; Switzerland: 16; for a total of 192
  - Budget: As of End of November target is 42%; actual 37.5%
  - Flex Funds: utilized for utilities and housing so far during fiscal year

B. Regional Finance Manager - Belinda Foreman

1. Region 15 continues to run over budget like most of the state; target is 50%; actual is 60.23%.
2. Providers: reminder to attach reports utilizing naming convention
3. Payment turnaround is an average of 43 days.
4. Billing questions: [dcspaymentresearchunit@dcf.in.gov](mailto:dcspaymentresearchunit@dcf.in.gov)

C. Regional Services Report – Jon MacMurdo

1. Currently working on RFPs for community based services. No timeline regarding approvals yet.

D. Biennial Plan Goal: Provider Presentations:

1. LaTresa Hart & Beth Hazen / Choices

Currently in process of hiring/training staff; will take minimum of 30 days before they will be able to take referrals.

- MST (Multi Systemic Therapy)
  - Kids may or may not be part of the Juvenile system
  - Practitioners are assigned small caseloads w/intensive services; Partnering with MST Institute to ensure high fidelity model being upheld

- Service is for 12 – 17 yo kids with an identified caregiver as the program requires heavy parental involvement along with kids
- Referrals are staffed with Service Consultant to ensure child/family is appropriate for services
- Youth in ESC or residential and identified as going home soon is an appropriate referral
- 3-6 month program
- Question: Who is NOT appropriate: Sexually Maladaptive, lower functioning/low IQ (need to be able to comprehend program); active delusional/homicidal/suicidal thoughts; may have some wiggle room with age depending on maturity level



Choices MST  
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- IFCS (Intensive Foster Care Services)
  - If you have kids placed in Marion or “donut” counties, Lake or Porter they can currently provide services in these counties; not quite ready in Region 15
  - Program designed to meet the needs of any age youth and support caregivers
  - First focus is on stabilization
  - Crisis & safety planning available to FP 24/7
  - Trust based Relational Intervention (TBRI)
  - Crisis Peer responders; can provide extra support to the team
  - Any questions contact LaTresa or Mia West Tournier: [MWest-tournier@choicesccs.org](mailto:MWest-tournier@choicesccs.org)



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#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Suggestions for Provider Presentation for January 15, 2025.

1. Garrett Watkins from Youth Villages offered to present
2. Other IFCS service providers?

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sandy Ante is no longer the Dearborn Co LOD; Teresa Patrick is the interim LOD

#### VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** April 16, 2025 / Microsoft TEAMS / 2:00 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned at: 2:37 pm.**

***Motion to adjourn made by K-Lynn Minor; Gary Keith seconded the motion; all in favor.***