

Region7
Regional Services Council Minutes
Friday, March 8, 2024
1:00 p.m.

Greetings/Introduction

- Members: Kelly Broyles, Deane Holderman, Josh Crist, Nicole Mock, Kelly Kirby, Kristen Beer, Danielle Reed, Ryan Jacobs, Andrea Wilson, Justin Littman
- Absent Members: Judge Dana Kenworthy and Proxy Melissa Stephenson, Judge Kimberly Dowling and Proxy Amanda Yonally, Judge Jay Toney and Proxy Beth Krieg, Eric Hoffman, Morgan Crutcher Smith, Nicky Bosken and Proxy Miles Hill, Stacy Britton
- Others in Attendance: Kourtney Gallegos, Bob Daughtery, Gina Raines, Holly Wheeler, Carrie Schad, Julie Ensinger, Stacey Woodin, Kara Keillor, Katie Shomo, Krystal Upchurch

Minutes of the December 8, 2023, meeting reviewed today. Deanne Holderman motions to approve. Danielle Reed seconds that motion. Minutes of December 8, 2023, meeting approved by unanimous vote.

Firefly Children & Family Alliances

- K-Launch has been a great tool for us to share safety and protective factor-based topics via text message with our families. Email Tashia at tweaver@fireflyin.org for more information
- The Enough is Enough (EIE) mission is to Make the Internet Safer for Children and Families. EIE is the pioneering leader on the front lines of efforts to prevent the Internet enabled exploitation of children. <https://enough.org>
- Help4Hoosiers.org is your regional resource guide as a downloadable pdfs/ Easily search by county.
- Gun violence and education <https://projectchildsafe.org>
- Region 7 Referrals-September, October, November: 331
 - Number of Referrals:
 - Adams: 14
 - Blackford: 5
 - Delaware: 201
 - Grant: 50
 - Jay: 28
 - Randolph: 12
 - Wells: 18

Provider Update

- Indiana Family to Family
 - Working since July on a project to provide Care Notebooks to families with children with additional needs
 - They have sent out 66 notebooks which are available in English/Spanish
 - There is training videos oh how to use the Care Notebooks
 - They are available to present to staff. Based in Indy but can-do virtual meetings
- Bowen Center
 - They have open availability in Adams/Blackford/Delaware/Jay/Wells their focus is Family Preservation

Coordinator Update

- Life solution is now doing FPS in Delaware County using the MST model
- Noble Transitions is now doing HBCW and SPT in Randolph
- Region needs Father engagement providers
- FPS count is 138 DCS and 14 JD

Regional Finance Manager-Financial Status Reports – February 2024

- Budget - \$24.6M; YTD Spend - \$16.6/67.81% Target 66.67%
- Prior Year Spend - \$13.6M; Spend is up 22% over last year
 - Family Preservation Costs up \$588K over last year
 - Residential Costs up \$1.2M over last year
- In Home \$4.3M or 26% / Out of Home \$12.4M or 74% (State Average 15%/85%)
- Total Caseload 847. Caseload up 4% (32) from this time last year.
 - Decreases: Relative (4) and Non-Relative (23)
 - Increases: IA's (21), In Home (35), and Residential (3)

Questions/Concerns from Membership

Meeting Dates for 2024

- June 14, 2024
- September 13, 2024
- December 13, 2024

Motion:

Kelly Kirby motion to adjourn meeting. Nicole Mock seconds the motion. All members are in favor of motion.