

Region7
Regional Services Council Minutes
Friday, June 14, 2024
1:00 p.m.

Greetings/Introduction

- Members: Kelly Broyles, Deane Holderman, Nicole Mock, Kelly Kirby, Kristen Beer, Kwana Balfour
- Absent Members: Judge Dana Kenworthy and Proxy Melissa Stephenson, Judge Kimberly Dowling and Proxy Amanda Yonally, Judge Jay Toney and Proxy Beth Krieg, Josh Crist, Eric Hoffman, Morgan Crutcher Smith, Nicky Bosken and Proxy Miles Hill, Stacy Britton
- Others in Attendance: Andrea Wilson, Justin Littman, Krista Garrett, Kourtney Gallegos, Bob Daughtery, Julie Ensinger, Krystal Upchurch, S Baldwin, Ashley Gutierrez, Daniel Braun, Rachael Hunt, Joseph Combs, Carla Castro, Dawn Jones, Tasha Weaver

Minutes of the March 8, 2024, meeting reviewed today. Nicole Mock motions to approve. Deane Holderman seconds that motion. Minutes of March 8, 2024, meeting approved by unanimous vote.

Firefly Children & Family Alliances

- Events
 - Community Outreach & Events: 1,589 children
 - Car Seats: 39 provided to families
 - Safety Items provided to DCS to have on hand including pack n' plays, car seats, diapers, fire safety, lice kits, and alarms serving an estimated 185 children
 - 52 pak-n-plays and 2 cribs provided to families
- Grant County Family Resource Center
 - <https://www.facebook.com/FRCGrant>
 - Strengtheningfamilies.org
- Five parents will be serving on the Parent Advisory Counsel for Firefly Prevention Counsel

- Region 7 Referrals-March, April, May 2024: 342
 - Material Relief \$21,250
 - Number of Referrals:
 - Adams: 15
 - Blackford: 16
 - Delaware: 197
 - Grant: 57
 - Jay: 28
 - Randolph: 18
 - Wells: 16

Vote: Members voted that as of July 5, 2024, any money not used will be reallocated back to Firefly to purchase safety items. All in agreement of this vote

Provider Update

- Centerstone
 - State Medicaid CCBHC demonstration Centerstone was approved to do
- Bowen Center
 - Has hired a second Case Manager
 - Will be building a new facility in Decatur in October
- Family Center Services
 - Working on connecting with Blackford, Grant and Jay
 - DCS has recognized that services can continue for families even after their case has been closed with DCS, with grant funding given to FCS.
- ASI Community Wellness Group
 - Have a total of seven offices
 - Offers:
 - Parent Education
 - Parent Aid stated May 1st
 - Working on getting certified to do DV
- Family Links Indiana
 - Located in Grant County
 - Hired 2 new staff members who are open for new cases

- Resource Treatment Center
 - Have 4 Group Homes whose been in residential and completed and are ready to step down but don't quit have some place to go
 - Windrose is a female group home focusing on psychiatric treatment and independent living skills for adolescent females ages 14-20. The adolescent girls can complete their education, obtain employment in a structured and supervised family-like setting.
 - Cardinal Point group home is dedicated to adolescents, ages 14-20 who identify as LGBTQ+ and are addressing mental health issues. This group home is a safe, structured setting where the adolescents receive psychiatric treatment and independent living skills.
 - Polaris and Carina group homes are located off site in Indianapolis. Polaris and Carina serve males who have completed a treatment program for sexually harmful behaviors and who need a safe setting with staff who can assist them in following their safety plan while learning healthy behavioral, educational and employment skills. Carina is dedicated to younger males and Polaris works with older males. Males in these homes range from ages 11-20. Each group home offers resident's individual rooms.

Coordinator Update

- Family Preservation referrals:
 - DCS 128
 - Probation 13
- Repeat off treatment on removals in Region 7, we are above state average, yet it continues decline
 - Removal Rate 15.22%
 - Repeat Maltreatment Rate 16.56%
- Family Preservation meeting is June 21st @ 1:00 p.m. eastern time
- Field Call June 28th @ noon eastern time
- Father Engagement gap has not been filled
- Functional Family Therapy gap has not been filled
- Current RFP's open are
 - Community Partner
 - CACR
- Community Base and the Family Preservation RFP should be open in October

Regional Finance Manager-Financial Status Reports – May 2024

- Budget - \$24.6M; YTD Spend - \$23.5M/95.67% Target 91.67%
- Prior Year Spend - \$19.2M; Spend is up 22% over last year
 - Family Preservation Costs up \$705K over last year
 - Residential Costs up \$1.9M over last year
- In Home \$5.9M or 25% / Out of Home \$17.6M or 75% (State Average 15%/85%)
- Total Caseload 894. Caseload up 3% (29) from this time last year.
 - Decreases: Non-Relative (19)
 - Increases: In Home (36), and Residential (3)

Questions/Concerns from Membership

Meeting Dates for 2024

- December 13, 2024

Motion:

Krista Garrett motion to adjourn meeting. Kelly Kirby seconds the motion. All members are in favor of motion.