

Region7

Regional Services Council Minutes

Friday, September 13, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Greetings/Introduction

- Members: Deane Holderman, Kelly Kirby, Kwana Balfour
- Absent Members: Kelly Broyles, Nicole Mock, Josh Crist, Kristen Beer, 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: Andrea Wilson, Krista Garrett, Ryan Jacobs, Tasha Weaver, Liz Finley, Jill Kelly, Christina Chandler, Carrie Schad, Julie Ensinger, Matt Shadle, Jodee Stonebraker, Shawna Mikesell, Stacy O'Neal, Ashley Gutierrez, Bob Daughtery

Minutes of the June 14, 2024, meeting reviewed today. Ashley Gutierrez motions to approve. Kelly Kirby seconds that motion. Minutes of June 14, 2024, meeting approved by unanimous vote.

Firefly Children & Family Alliances

- June, July, August 2024: 372 referrals
- Material Relief: \$16,182
- Subcontractor numbers:
 - Total people served 1924
 - Total families served 47
- Events
 - 1,522 children served
 - 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 187 children
 - Safe sleep: 45 Pak-n-plays 19 were provided through safe sleep classes
 - Car Seats: 32 purchased by Firefly, 2 provided through car seat tech
- Each County has \$6,000 to spend for Prevention
- Jay Co is where the next Provider Fair will be possibly held
- Need 15 volunteers for the Poverty Simulation November 18th

Provider Update

- Meridian
 - They are hiring again
 - Free flu shots are offered
- Centerstone
 - Stacy O'Neal is the new Assistant Manager in Delaware

Coordinator Update

- Continue Gap and Services in Region 7
- One provider in the state is willing to conduct child safety evaluations
- Father engagement is needed in Region 7
- The next RFP coming soon
- Starting quarterly provider meetings starting in September

Regional Finance Manager-Financial Status Reports – August 2024

- Budget - \$25.8M; YTD Spend - \$4.8M/18.63% Target 16.67%
- Prior Year Spend - \$4.2M; Spend is up 15% over last year or about \$616K
 - OH, Community Based Service Costs up \$370K over last year
 - Residential Costs up \$254K over last year
- In Home \$1.1M or 23% / Out of Home \$3.7M or 77% (State Average 15%/85%)
- Total Caseload 907. Caseload up 7% (63) from this time last year.
 - Decreases: Non-Relative (14)
 - Increases: In Home (60), and Residential (23)

Questions/Concerns from Membership

- Adams, Blackford, Jay and Wells Co have FCM's position open

Motion:

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