Regional Services Council Agenda

Friday, October 18, 2019

9:00 am

Department of Child Services

Tippecanoe County

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1. Welcome

2. Community Partners Report

* Bauer staff were not available to present the financials, but Angela Guimond provided the information to the group.
* **General update:**
  + Slightly behind on spending, not significant given the time of year. A new staff is starting next week. We have seen an increase in referrals with the start of school.
* **Prevention Grants:**
  + To be released next week, we will send a notification email to LODs, Angie, and submit a press release. Due at the end of November. Funds to be released 2020. If the LODs would please encourage local partners, community agencies to apply.
* **Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month Planning:**
  + If you would like to have any prevention month activities please contact us by the end of November. Though April seems like a ways away planning now allows us the time necessary to complete the tasks to carry out planned activities. Thank you to Jennifer for starting the planning early.
* **Enlite Update (Case Record System):** 
  + The state transitioned to a new system this year. This is the reason the current reports do not have detailed information, breakdown of referral sources, etc. We are getting closer to having access to reports as well as more detailed information. Though we are getting closer we are still experiencing some struggles. Our goal is to provide all current contract information in its entirety by December 2019.
* Coleen Connor asked a question about the 2020 grants and whether the funds that are granted need to be spent in 2020. Angela Guimond will relay that question to Bauer and will report back to the group.

1. Practice Indicators for the Region
   * RM Guimond reviewed the practice indicators provided to the RSC membership as well as an update as to the goal progress for the region.

4. Budget Review (Lois Logan-Beard)

* Lois went over the budget for Region 5 as of the end of September.
* The region is at 18%--with a target of 25%.
* Concrete spending is up from last year, which was at a low point at the end of the fiscal year last year.

5. Service Updates (Iwona)

* Biennial Plan
  + Public meeting for the Biennial Plan will be 11/8/2019 at 11 a.m. at the Tippecanoe County DCS office.
  + Iwona went over the four goals that will be a focus for the plan.
* Provider Fair
  + Attendance among DCS staff was good, and the hope is to build upon the provider fair next year to include more providers.
  + Region 5 will be planning another fair for 2020 and will incorporate the feedback received from staff and providers to build upon the success from this year.
* Family Preservation Services RFI is being reviewed to determine what a fair per diem rate would be for providers. No date established for the RFP as of yet.

6. Good of the Order

* Lifeline has a new position that will involve training the Lifeline staff across the state and Shannon Kochensparger will be the Regional Manager for Lifeline in Region 5.
* Melissa Simpson (CFP) reported a new therapist in Kokomo and they are taking child prep referrals for children who need pre-adoption services.
* Krystal Pollard stated that her group is providing training to providers regarding the DCS Practice Model. They will also be asking for provider input about service need in the community for the biennial plan. Please look for an email.
* Kathy Seymour (Redwood) let the group know that she is back to work and can be contacted with any concerns or questions.
  + Ambyr Wade had question about a hold up on getting a drug screen result and Kathy was able to provide clarification on the process.
* Looking ahead to 2020—meeting dates listed below.
  + Meetings will start at 9 a.m. and will be located at the Tippecanoe County DCS office. Provider meetings will follow each RSC at 10:30 a.m.
    - 1/17/2020
    - 4/17/2020
    - 7/17/2020
    - 10/16/2020
* Provider meeting to follow at 10:30 a.m.