



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 15

**Meeting Date:** September 20, 2017  
**Meeting Location:** Ripley County DCS, Versailles 47042

### **Council Members Present:**

Sandra Ante, Dearborn DCS Director  
Sandy Thurston, Decatur DCS Director  
Gary Keith, Jefferson DCS Director  
Michelle Russell, Ripley DCS Director  
Michelle Smith, Ohio DCS Director/Supervisor  
Shauna Collins, FCM/Dearborn County

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

Kerri Fox, Proxy for Ripley County Judge

### **Council Members Absent:**

Barbara Bowling, R15 Regional Manager, Chair  
Jessica Whitham, FCM/Switzerland County  
Chad Lewis, Jefferson County Prosecutor  
Dena Steiner, Proxy for Dearborn County Judge  
Amy Phillips, Foster/Adopt Parent & YES Home

### **Others in Attendance:**

Bob Daugherty, Regional Finance Manager  
Hannah Robinson, Regional Services Coordinator  
Erica Roberts, Community Partner/IHBS  
Nick Miller, Community Partner/IHBS  
Jannie Combs, R15 Adoption Champion  
S. Heather Click, R15 SNAP Specialist  
Shannon Schmaltz, Ripley County Probation

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 1:30 pm

I. Welcome/Roll Call – Sandra Ante presided as chair in Barbara Bowling’s absence. Sandra called meeting to order; introductions were completed.

II. Approval of March 22, 2017 RSC Minutes  
***Michelle Russell made a Motion to Approve; Michelle Smith seconded; all in favor.***

### III. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regional Services Coordinator – Hannah Robinson

1. Reminder to review updated service standards
2. Communicating with providers to ensure the *Clinical Interview and Assessment* form is completed when applicable. This has always been part of the service standards, but state is now enforcing.
3. RFP – not sure when the next one will go out

A. Community Partners: Erica Roberts/Nick Miller

1. Handouts: Referral Reports, which includes success stories Erica shared with the group; Budget Report (budget is on target); Chart showing flex fund spending for 2017/2018.
2. Safe Sleep Update: Nick stated they are working to sustain media awareness. Crib funding has resumed and they should receive a shipment in the near future.



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B. Regional Finance Manager: Bob Daugherty

1. Budget Reports – Bob went over expenditures for region; R15 is about 4% over budget compared to last year.
2. Biggest increase is in out of home placements.

C. Biennial Plan Update

1. Lynell Westbrook Gates / Abuse Counseling and Education
  - DV Batterer’s group currently meeting in Greensburg on Tuesday evening at the First Presbyterian Church, 202 N. Franklin Street at 5:30 pm.
  - FCMs have access to a database that tracks attendance/participation.
  - Handouts – Information packet; business card w/group info
  - Maximum amount for group is 18; currently have 2 referrals from Ripley but they’ve yet to engage - please share information.

- Anyone can refer; class is \$30; can bill private insurance, if applicable



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## 2. Ripley County Probation – Shannon Schmaltz

- Ripley County Court Services (located in one building) – collaboration of services has increased engagement. Handout
- Juvenile Moral Reconciliation therapy-MRT – National Program / 12 step program. Visit [www.ccimrt.com](http://www.ccimrt.com) for more information. Ripley County Probation has had great results; Shannon has been in contact with Hannah Robinson and waiting on RFP to open. Sandy Ante said she would talk with Barbara Bowling and Bob Daugherty to discuss how/if DCS could pay for CHINS to participate.



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## IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2019/2020 Biennial Plan – data presentation next week for DCS Directors; more information will be coming.

B. Region 15 Adoption Event / November 3 / Tyson Gym / 5-8 pm

- Jannie Combs and S. Heather Click were present to speak about adoption and the upcoming event.
- Jannie brought the Adoption booklets for anyone that wanted a copy.



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C. Redwood Representative: Kathy Seymour

- Contact Info: (707) 318-9382 / [kseymour@redwoodtoxicology.com](mailto:kseymour@redwoodtoxicology.com)
- Can provide urine and oral testing as well as hair follicle.
- Compliance Rates: State average – 33%; R15 32%
- Call in Rate: State average – 20%; R15 10%
- Redwood is currently addressing the issue of missed collections
- They are looking for medical providers/sites that will offer to be a clinic site. Council suggested contacting all hospitals in the region

as well as Urgent Cares (and other after hour clinics). Ripley Co Courthouse has a site – Kathy to speak with Shannon after meeting.

- Question: Will they provide service out of state?  
A: Depends on the location; will evaluate on case by case basis.
- Kathy is willing to speak at county staff meetings
- Reminder that emergency or one-time testing still requires a referral.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:**

September 20<sup>th</sup> / Versailles DCS Training Room / 1:30 pm

**Meeting Adjourned at: 2:30 pm**

***Michelle Smith made a Motion to Adjourn; Michelle Russell seconded; all in favor.***