



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 2

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 – 5:30 p.m. CST
Meeting Location: LaPorte County DCS, Michigan City, IN

Council Members Present: Ellis Dumas, Magistrate Jonathan Forker, Mark Brown (proxy for Judge Mary Harper), Sharon Mathew, Dee Lynch, Ron Fisher, Mitzi McGlone, , Lou Richie (proxy for Meghan Finn), Linda Rugg and Sarah Fink

Council Members Absent: Judge Michael Shurn, Shawna Smith, Brandi Spear, and Sandi Beckett

Others In Attendance: Joni Tusing, Dion Smith, Michelle Goebel, Crystal Bradley, Jim Burns, Melanie Dooley, Lena Perez, Christine Mrgan, Aslisia Rodgers, Kathy Seymour, Esther Stiles and Sherrie Shivok

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: Regional Service Council meeting was called to order by Mr. Dumas at 5:30 P.M. CST. Mr. Dumas, regional manager for region one, informed the council and public of Mr. Ciboch's upcoming retirement. Mr. Dumas will be the acting regional manager for region 2 until the position is filled.

1. Roll was called, and the Regional Service Council introduced. It was noted that a quorum was present and seated.
2. December 12, 2017 minutes: Sharon Mathew made a motion to accept the December 12th minutes as written and was seconded by Dee Lynch. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, minutes passed.

3. Unfinished Business:

a) Biennial Plan Correction:

Dion Smith reported all corrections have been made to the Biennial Plan and turned into Central office. Mr. Dumas stated the agency has a new director

and as soon as the plan has been approved by the agency director, they will be posted on the DCS web site.

b) RFP for Autism Services:

Mr. Dumas informed the council the state has the autism services requested by the region is on hold by central office for review. RFP's will hopefully open this fall for that service and a provider will apply and be able to provide that service.

4. New Business:

a) Regional Budget:

Joni Tusing gave a Financial Status Report to council members for the month of February, comparing how much has been spent to how much the region was budgeted to spend. Joni reported that region 2 is actually over the budget at this time but is working hard to get back on budget.

b) Community Partners Report:

Ester Stiles introduced herself as the new Community Partners manager at Dunebrook and gave a handout reporting the summary for families served from November, 2017 through January 2018. Ester briefly discussed the report and Mr. Dumas asked for a comparison to last year report.

4. Testimony / Announcements Public:

Jim Burns discussed the reduction and eliminating of the Father Engagement which is prevention dollars. Mr. Burns informed the council of how successful the program is and asked if the council if they would extend the funding for July. Mr. Dumas asked Mr. Burns for data for the past two years showing how well the program works.

Mr. Burns also announced the Northern Indiana Coalition meeting will be held on Friday, March 16, 2018. If you would like to attend, please contact Mr. Burns.

Aslisia Rodgers from Oaklawn announced their current specialized group home will be changed into a regular group home. More information will be mailed out at a later time.

5. Mr. Dumas asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sharon Mathew made the motion and was seconded by Dee Lynch at 5:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be announced at a later date