



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 2

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2016 – 5:30 p.m. CST
Meeting Location: Wheatfield Library, Wheatfield, IN

Council Members Present: Judge Michael Shurn, Sharon Mathew, Ron Fisher, Jack McGlone, Melissa Johnson, Don Amidei and Crystal Williams (Proxy for Dee Lynch)

Council Members Absent: Terrance Ciboch, Mark Brown (Proxy for Judge Harper), Dee Lynch, Claudia Clark, Magistrate Jonathan Forker, Christy Turbett and Sandi Beckett

Others In Attendance: Dion Smith Sr., Lisa Sharp, Jeanne Ann Cannon, Jim Burns, Clinton Hardy, Lisa Jordan and Karen Johnson

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: Regional Service Council meeting was called to order by Sharon Mathew at 5:35 P.M. CST.

1. Roll was called, and the Regional Service Council introduced. It was noted that a quorum was present and seated.
2. January 19, 2016 minutes: Jack McGlone made a motion to accept the January 19th minutes as written and was seconded by Melissa Johnson. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, minutes passed.
3. Unfinished Business: None
4. New Business:
 - A. Region 2 Services Update:
Lisa Sharp presented handouts with updates from:
 - 1: Tot Shop
 - 2: Choices Counseling Prevention Programs
 - 3: Dunebrook Prevention Programs
 - 4: Parent Education Program

Lisa noted the dates of the upcoming Parenting Workshops. On the budget spreadsheet Lisa talked about Mr. Ciboch's approval of the request to transfer \$15,000 from the Father Engagement Funding to KIDS. Jim Burns talked about the monies left in the budget and the struggle to maintain services. Lisa reported she has tried to contact the Pulaski County schools but they are not responding back to inquire why they don't want Body Safety program in their school system.

B. Community Partners:

Lisa Sharp presented and discussed the Community Partners Summary Report (January – February 2016). Lisa also shared their quarterly Community Partners news letter.

C. Prevention Services

Miss Mathew led a discussion of allocating prevention program funding for the next budget year. The following funding is:

- Family Focus Inc.
 - In-home counseling through their KIDS program - \$132,322
 - Father Engagement - \$13,215
- Choices Counseling
 - Mediation - \$17,465
 - Trauma Informed Services - \$17,465
 - Marvels of Parenting - \$14,554
 - Addiction Prevention Service - \$23,286
- Family Youth Service Bureau
 - TOT Shop: Incentive program - \$17,465
- Dunebrook
 - Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Education - \$34,930
 - Nurturing Parenting Topics - \$20,375

It was determined during the Biennial Strategic Plan that drug addiction is extremely high in our region and the need to start a Drug Abuse Prevention program. To fund the program, reallocate the monies from Child Sexual Abuse Prevention to Drug Abuse Prevention. The drug Abuse Prevention program RFP's will be in April and Prevention will create the standards. Ron Fisher made a motion to reallocate funding from Sex Abuse Prevention funding to Drug Abuse Prevention funding and all other areas remain with the same funding. Jack McGlone seconded the motion Vote taken: 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, motion passed.

5. Dion announced Healthy Families has an open RFP from March 16th and will remain open until April 22nd. Questions and answers will be posted on Friday, April 5th.

6. Testimony / Announcements Public:

Jim Burns questioned a statement made by Hong that only Geminus and Crown Counseling can conduct therapy for domestic violence situation. Dion had not heard of this but will check for an answer for Jim Burns and Lisa Jordan.

Jim questioned if there will be additional dollars for prevention in the upcoming budget. Dion said he would check into the matter. Jim also asked about the other problems that were identified but was told that drug abuse is our number one problem and we will concentrate on it. Dion also said that mediation and transportation will be done through a regional RFP not prevention RFP.

7. A motion to adjourn was made by Jack McGlone and seconded by Ron Fisher, motion passed without opposition, meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. CST.

The next regular meeting will be announced at a later date