



Regional Services Council Minutes Region 9

Meeting Date: 4.26.2013
Meeting Location: Avon Town Hall
6570 E. US Hwy 36
Avon, IN 46123

Council Members Present:

Char Burkett-Sims – Region 9 Regional Manager
Pat Baldwin – Hendricks County Prosecutor
Shelly Chadd – Director, Putnam County DCS
Stan Piercefield – Morgan County CASA
Racheal Young for Judge Siamas – Montgomery County Court
Stephanie Kerner – Region 9 Foster Parent
Joanie Crum – Director, Montgomery County DCS
Tiffany Stewart – Supervisor, Montgomery County DCS
Erin Richardson – FCM, Hendricks County DCS
Rhonda Allen – Director, Hendricks County DCS

Guests Present:

Dawn Stovall – Foster Care Specialist, DCS
Sumiko Tsujimoto – Supervisor, DCS Foster Care Specialists
Lolita Campbell – Regional Finance Manager, DCS
Joanna Habegger – Children's Bureau / Community Partners
Matthew Gooding – DCS, Service Coordinator
Jane Christophersen – Montgomery County CASA
Gwyn Green – Hendricks County Probation
Karen Branch – Montgomery YSB
Brett Ratcliff – Family Interventions
Allison Creekmore – CAC, Susie's Place
Gail Kibiger – Hamilton Center
Karen Branch – MCYSB
Ashley Titus - Lifeline Youth and Family Services
Bill Nunn – Hamilton Center
David Reed – The Villages
Pamela Darby – Wabash Valley
Jim Priester – ResCare
Tawanda Dent – Choices, Inc.
Julie Ensonger – Columbus Behavioral Center
Lacey Dabelow – Hamilton Center
Becky McClure – Boone County CASA / GAL
Robert "Bud" Milner – Indiana United Methodist Children's Home

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Meeting Minutes from 1.11.13:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting on 1.11.13. All members present voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Financial Report:

As of February 28, 2013, as a region we are at 61% of the budget. The target is 67%.

Boone County is at 61% of their budget.

Hendricks County is at 59% of their budget.

Montgomery County is at 58% of their budget.

Morgan County is at 70% of their budget.

Putnam County is at 56% of their budget.

Foster Parent Representative:

Bridgette Morales Kilgore will be serving as the new Foster Parent representative on the Regional Services Council.

Foster Care Update:

There are 3 new Foster Care Specialists to provide support for relative placement. Things will be looked at a little differently. There will be more community support and they will be using teaming skills that are used with the families. The main focus will be relative support to make sure they are in a stable home.

Community Partners Update:

The first quarter outcomes were provided from the last year. There were 170 referrals. Additional funds were effective January 1, 2013. They hired a full time parent partner. This has been a success. They have been able to reach 99% of referrals and the parent partner has been a key part of that. They are right on target with the \$8000 set aside for material relief funds.

There have been some successful events in the communities. There will be an annual conference that will focus on understanding and meeting mental health needs. There will be a flyer sent out. It is an all day free event at Primos in Plainfield.

There is no final number on the budget yet. They are anticipating it to be similar to last year and continuation of the same.

Recommendations for Selection of Comprehensive Service Providers:

RFP

A list of models for comprehensive services that were recommended and the list of recommendations of providers were presented to the council to vote on accepting and moving forward with the recommendations. The provider will be able to pick any model and will have to work with the model owners to be approved. The next step will be to go through Central Office for the final per diem and providers will decide on whether they want to accept. Services will begin on July 1, 2013.

*A motion was made to vote on moving forward with the recommendations as suggested. All voting members were in favor of accepting the recommendations.

Next Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM

Next Meeting Date: Friday, August 23, 2013

Time: 9:00 AM

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