



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 15

Meeting Date: September 21, 2016
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
Gretchen Ricketts, Dearborn DCS FCM
Amy Phillips, Foster/Adopt Parent/YES Home

Council Members Present by proxy:

Dena Steiner, Proxy for Dearborn County Judge

Council Members Absent:

Barbara Bowling, R15 Manager, Chair
Jessica Whitham, Switzerland DCS FCM
Chad Lewis, Jefferson County Prosecutor
Natalie Williams, Proxy for Ripley County Judge

Others In Attendance:

Bob Daugherty, Regional Finance Manager
Jason Nelson, Regional Services Coordinator
Erica Roberts, Community Partner/IHBS
Mike Singleton, Community Partner/IHBS
Teresa Nobbe, Secretary
Stephanie Schoettmer, NYAP
Jessica Wooten, Youth Villages
Andrea Paille, Youth Villages
Kathleen Grimes, Benchmark Family Services
Scott Noel, White's Residential & Family Services
Terry Coy, Extra Special Parents of Indiana

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 1:30 pm

I. Welcome/Roll Call – Sandy Ante called meeting to order; introductions completed.

II. Approval of July 20, 2016 RSC Minutes
Michelle Smith made a Motion to approve; Amy Phillips seconded; all in favor.

III. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Community Partners: Erica Roberts/Mike Singleton

1. Handout (Reports)

- Referral reports
- Budget Report

2. Erica shared success stories.

- Helped family obtain housing and connect with other community resources - doing well
- Reluctant family is now fully engaged and receiving services, including mental health.



20160921153834759.
pdf

B. Regional Finance Manager: Bob Daugherty

1. Handout – Budget Reports

- 60% increase overall from last year at this time; contributing factor is placement costs have increased.



20160921153936402.
pdf

C. Regional Services Coordinator – Jason Nelson

1. RFPs needing approval of Regional Service Council

- Region 15 Children’s Advocacy Center in Dillsboro
Michelle Smith made a motion to approve; Gary Keith seconded; all in favor.

D. Biennial Plan Update

1. A copy of the 2017/2019 Biennial Plan was made available for review. *It can also be found at dcs.in.gov. Click on Regional Service Councils then Region 15.
2. Terry Coy from Extra Special Parents was invited to speak about their SMART Recovery (Teen and Youth Addiction Recovery Program / ages 14-22)
 - Handout – information flyer



20160921154207797.
pdf

- Once funding is in place – services will begin. Terry will send an email to the group once this happens.
- Referrals will be through IV-B/KidTracks – select Substance Abuse Outpatient.
- Currently services are only in Dearborn & Jefferson
- YES Home applying for grant to assist kids who fall in gap
- RSC members agreed this was a needed service

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Amy Phillips stated last week of October Dearborn Co will be presenting *Steered Straight*.
2. *Hidden in Plain Sight* trailer will be available at South Ripley High School on October 4th.
3. Handout – Indiana Safe Sleep Locations / distribution sites



20160921154059419.
pdf

4. Region 15 Adoption Event will be held November 18, 2016 at the Tyson Activity Center in Versailles from 5-7 pm. Carnival themed event.
 - LODs stated list Sandy Ante sent them did not include all adoptions. Sandy forwarded the list to Bob and he will check and get back with Sandy.
 - Sandy sending flyers to LOD. Each county responsible for sending the invitations.

- Each DCS office needs to bring at least one carnival-themed game
- Terry Coy offered to bring therapeutic games
- Sandy Ante inviting providers that offer post-adoption services to attend the event.
- Will be reaching out to Ripley community for assistance in providing food & prizes for games

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:

November 16, 2016 / Versailles DCS Training Room / 1:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 2:05 pm

Amy Phillips made a motion to adjourn; Michelle Smith seconded; all in favor.