

Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 15

Meeting Date: April 17, 2024 Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams

Council Members Present:

Michelle Adams, R15 Manager Sandy Ante, Dearborn/Ohio Local Office Director Denise Burton, Decatur Local Office Director Gary Keith, Jefferson Local Office Director Teresa Patrick, Switzerland County Local Office Director Amy Neimeyer-Davis, Decatur DCS Supervisor Alyssa Shelton, Jefferson DCS Supervisor

Council Members Present by proxy:

Bailey Wolf / Proxy for Jefferson Co Prosecutor

Council Members Absent:

Michelle Smith, Ripley Local Office Director K-Lynn Minor, Jefferson FCM Laural French, Advocates for Children Kerri Fox, Foster Parent/YES Home Jennifer Sturges / Proxy for Judge Day, Decatur Co Morgan Thomas / Proxy for Judge King, Ripley Co

Others in Attendance:

Julie Ensinger

Belinda Foreman, Regional Finance Manager Jon MacMurdo, Services Coordinator Erica Roberts, Community Partner/IHBS Amanda Green Andrea Goodwin Gunnar Stiles Dr. Billy Royal Montoan Butler belinda.foreman@dcs.in.gov jon.macmurdo@dcs.in.gov eroberts@ihbs.us amanda.green@lifespringhealthsystems.org andrewgoodwin@omnivisions.com gunnar.stiles@youthvillages.org broyal@healthyfamilyadvocates.com mbutler@healthyfamilyadvocates.com Julie.Ensinger@resourcetreatmentcenter.com

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 2:00 pm

I. Welcome/Roll Call: Introductions

Approval of Minutes: Sandy Ante made a motion to approve the January 17, 2024, II. minutes; Teresa Patrick seconded; all in favor.

III. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Community Partners / Erica Roberts
 - 1. Quarterly Report, Referral Report, Budget & Flex fund reports emailed to council members.
 - Quarterly Report: As of 4-1-24, a total of 197 referrals have been received since 12-1-23. All referrals were assigned to a HBCW. 21 levels are currently being serviced to assist 21 families
 - Referral Report: Breakdown by region and county of referrals received as well as referral sources
 - Budget: Little over budget target is 50%; actual 57%
 - Flex Funds: report showed comparison to last year; majority of funds spent on utilities and housing.
 - 2. Success story: Referred through Heart House; single mom of 1 child; assisted her in obtaining child care & vouchers; completing resume and gainin employment; created a budget & as of March she has her own place of residence.
- B. Regional Finance Manager Belinda Foreman
 - 1. Financial Report sent to RSC members.
 - a. SFY 2024 Target budget as of 3/31/24 is 75%; actual is 88.77%; up 19% compared to last year.
 - b. Providers: reminder to attach reports utilizing naming convention
 - c. Billing questions: dcspaymentresearchunit@dcs.in.gov
 - d. As of April 14, Kidtraks payment paid in average of 40 days (invoice date to actual payment date).
- C. Regional Services Report Jon MacMurdo
 - 1. Provider Fair coming up in July check emails for more information
 - 2. Continuing to review Family Pres cases; notify Jon of any issues
- D. Biennial Plan Goal: Provider Presentations:
 - 1. Youth Villages Intercept: Gunnar Stiles, Program Rep / 812-265-1842; gunnar.stiles@youthvillages.org; contact Gunnar for county presentations
 - **Intercept Program**
 - o Intense program
 - o 24 hr crisis hotline goal is to assist FCM
 - o Therapeutic level therapy offered





- 2. Healthy Family Advocates: Dr. Billy Royal & Montoan Butler broyal@healthyfamilyadvocates.com & mbutler@healthyfamilyadvocates.com
 - Still working in the field assisting clients
 - Family advocates started in Region 12 (Rush)
 - Provides Family Pres services; homework/tutoring; mentoring
 - Plan to have office in Connersville by May
 - Bilingual provider in Richmond; willing to travel to Regions 12 & 15
 - They realize there is a need for servicers outside business hours
 - Currently taking referrals; can go into Ohio if needed (parent lives there)

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Suggestions for Provider Presentation for April 17, 2024
 - 1. Justin Volk / Just-In-Time for Change
 - 2. Amy Phillips, YES Home
- B. Biennial Plan: Jon getting signatures from council members
- V. NEW BUSINESS
- VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: July 17-2024 / Microsoft TEAMS / 2:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at: 2:34 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Gary Keith; Sandy Ante seconded the motion; all in favor.