



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 8

Meeting Date: October 21, 2015

Meeting Location: Vigo County DCS
30 N. 8th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Council Members Present: Heidi Decker, Vigo County Director; Andrea Williams, Vermillion/Parke County Director; Jason Holt, Clay County Director; Megan Richardson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor;

Council Members Absent: Terry Modesitt, Vigo County Prosecutor; Judy Schoffstall, Foster Parent Representative; Judge Dan Kelly, Vigo County Circuit Judge; Bruce Stengel, Vermillion Circuit Judge; Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director; Susan Lesko, Regional Manager; Mike Goodwin, Sullivan County Director;

Others in Attendance: Sheila Johnson, Vigo County DCS; Kristina Killen, Regional Services Coordinator; Sandy Bennett, Children's Bureau; Richard Troyer, Lifeline Youth and Family Services; Mary Yelton, CRADLES of Clay County; Monica Wallace, Hamilton Center Inc.; Kenneth Malapote, South West Indiana Youth Village; Penny Bluebaum, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Christina Hall, Sullivan Supervision Center; Jonathan Strauss, Ireland Homes Based; Michele Orndorff, The Villages; Becky Southwick, RainTree Consulting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:02pm

Heidi Decker welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Minutes were read from the June 17, 2015 meeting. Heidi entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Andrea Williams made motion to accept the minutes and Jason Holt seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Budget Update

Heidi handed out budget information through September 2015. We are waiting on distribution of the current budget numbers.

Community Partners/Prevention Services Update

Sandy Bennett - Handed out information through September 2015. 615/646 referred in 2015; 132 current active families and 20 current engaging families.

Father Engagement

Sandy Bennett - There is nothing to report at this time.

Biennial Strategic Plan

Kristina Killen – Biennial Action Plan is due by January 15, 2016. Work groups will be created and Kristina will be sending out an email asking people to participate on November 17, 2015 from 9 – 12 and 1 – 3 at the Vigo County DCS Office.

The public meeting on the Region 8 Child Protection Service Plan will be held on October 26, 2015 at 10:00 in the Vigo County DCS office if you wish to attend.

There will be a special RSC meeting in December to vote on the plan. The January 20, 2016 meeting may be canceled due to having the special December meeting.

Kristina is now the Prevention Manager for DCS but she will still be around for awhile.

CRADLES

Mary Yelton – Handed out information through September 2015. Clay City is going really well.

Additional Business

RainTree Consulting

Becky Southwick – They are moving to a new office in December located on South 7th Street in Terre Haute (in the Murphy and Associates building).

Becky has been promoted to Director of RainTree.

Sullivan Supervision Center

Christina Hall - Handed out information through September 2015.

The Villages

Michelle Orndorff – They have a support group for adoptive Moms on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from Noon to 1:00 in the Terre Haute Office.

Lifeline

Richard Troyer - If you want to tour their office feel free to stop by.

Hamilton Center Inc.

Monica Wallace – They now have a DCS team that will focus only on DCS.

The Annual Hamilton Center dinner is coming up soon.

They will be opening an office in West Terre Haute.

DCS

Andrea Williams – Amanda Nowakowski is the new Parke County Supervisor.

Jason Holt – Stephen Johnson is the new Clay County Supervisor.

Heidi Decker - Vigo County currently has a Supervisor position on the job bank.

START Program – Hamilton Center is assisting with the program and they are currently looking to hire 3 full time mentors (\$13.00 per hour and benefits). Mentors must have 3 years sobriety, addiction history and CPS history to help mentor families that we work with. No degree is required but they need a GED. If you know of someone that fits the requirements please call Heidi Decker or Sarah Schroeder with DCS or Hamilton Center. The START program started in KY and they have seen a lot of success.

Heidi entertained a motion to adjourn. Andrea Williams made motion to adjourn and Jason Holt seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 3:26pm

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 3:00pm in the second floor training room.

2016 Schedule

January 20, 2016 (Meeting may be canceled due to special December 2015 meeting.)

April 20, 2016

July 20, 2016

October 19, 2016

3:00pm start time.