

# Regional Service Council Minutes Region 5

Meeting Date:

April 29, 2016

**Meeting Location**:

Department of Child Services Tippecanoe County Office 250 Main St., Ste 301 Lafayette, IN

**Council Members Present**: Angela Smith Grossman, Regional Manager; Stacey Morgan, Clinton County FCM Supervisor; Jennifer Johnson, Director Carroll County DCS; Paige Heath, Tippecanoe County FCM Supervisor; Courtney Taylor, Warren County FCM; Karen Hayden Sturgis, Director White County DCS, Coleen Connor, CASA Director; Judge Graham, Tippecanoe County.

**Council Members Absent**: Judge Rader, Warren County; Debbie Brenneman, Foster Parent; and Judge Henderson, Fountain County; Iona Labaw, Foster Care Specialist Supervisor,

**Others In Attendance**: Sandy Lock, Director Clinton County DCS; Rhonda Friend, Director Fountain/Warren County DCS; Cassie Wade, Bauer Family Resources; Hong-Phuc Nguyen; Angie Guimond, Tippecanoe County DCS Director; Lois Logan Beard, Regional Financial Manager; Jennifer Samuels, Fountain/Warren County FCM Supervisor; Penny Neal, White County FCM Supervisor; Cody Hegel, Tippecanoe County FCM Supervisor; Keith Luebcke, Tippecanoe County FCM Supervisor; Justin Dearinger, Tippecanoe County FCM Supervisor; Ashley Weinkauff, Tippecanoe County FCM Supervisor; Brian Nichols, Tippecanoe County FCM Supervisor; Vivian Leuck, Child and Family Partners/Community Partners; Regina Drummond, DCS PQI; Lisa Whitaker, DCS PQI

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:00 am

# **Biennial Plan Overview**

Coordinators have been appointed to all of the committees and work has begun to convene the groups and initiate the action steps. Permanency has had three meetings and has begun to identify details that might be helpful to draw out for work efforts. Capturing meaningful data from these meetings is the next step.

#### **QSR** Overview

Region 5 was reviewed in March. The results were shared with the Regional Service Council both in a Powerpoint Presentation and a handout that shows current ratings. This Quality Review process occurs once every two years. Areas of opportunity exist in higher tem functioning and formation, greater engagement of fathers and improved child and family planning to permanency.

## **Community Partners Report**

- Financially on track to expend Community Partners Contracts
- Benton & Clinton County referrals going up.
- Materials were distributed showing current financial expenditures, referral numbers, needs assessments and prevention dollars spending.
- Bauer is currently exceeding all of the Service Outcomes for the program as set by the State contract

## Next Regional Service Council Meeting

• July 29, 2016. To be held at the Tippecanoe County Department of Child Services at 9:00am. If you need to make arrangements to phone in, please let Kim Doyle, the Regional Manager's Administrative Secretary know and she will make arrangements

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am

Respectfully submitted, Angela Smith Grossman, MSW, LSW Regional Manager, Region 5