**Regional Service Council Minutes**

**Region # 15**

**Meeting Date**: April 13, 2016

**Meeting Location**: Ripley County DCS, Versailles 47042

**Council Members Present**:

Barbara Bowling, Regional Manager

Sandra Ante, Dearborn DCS Director

Gary Keith, Jefferson DCS Director

Michelle Smith, Ohio DCS Director/Supervisor

Michelle Russell, Ripley DCS Director

Steven Cruse, Dearborn DCS FCM

Amy Phillips, Foster/Adopt Parent/YES Home

**Council Members Present by proxy:**

**Council Members Absent**:

Sandy Thurston, Decatur DCS Director

Chad Lewis, Jefferson County Prosecutor

Dena Steiner, Proxy for Dearborn County Judge

Natalie Williams, Proxy for Ripley County Judge

Jessica Whitham, Switzerland DCS FCM

**Others In Attendance**:

Bob Daugherty, Regional Finance Manager

Jason Nelson, Regional Services Coordinator

Erica Roberts, Community Partner/IHBS

Nick Miller, Community Partner/IHBS

Teresa Nobbe, Secretary

Michala Teelucksingh, Youth Villages

Terri Davis, Youth Villages

Kenneth Malapote, SW IN Regional Youth Village

Jeanna Droscha, DCS

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order at**: 9:00 am

1. Welcome/Roll Call – Barbara Bowling called meeting to order; introductions completed.
2. Approval of January 6, 2016 RSC Minutes
3. ***Sandy Ante made a Motion to approve; Steven Cruse second; all in favor.***
4. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Community Partners: Erica Roberts/Nick Miller

1. Handouts: Monthly Summary; Closed Case Summary; Referrals Received; Budget Report. Talked briefly about each report.



* Question: Were any of the inappropriate referrals from DCS? If so, may be an education piece (new workers across region)
* Question: Any way to track those that don’t engage to see if they end up in DCS system? Currently unable to track.

1. On Target with budget expenditures
2. Erica shared couple of success stories.
3. Michelle Russell and Nick Miller gave an update regarding the Father Engagement Program through Ripley and Switzerland jails. Both thought program was going well; fathers appear interested and genuine. If any other director is interested in starting a program in their local jail – contact Nick for information.
4. Regional Finance Manager: Bob Daugherty



* Handout – Budget Reports, new format
* Bob explained new format and went over each report
* Expenses are up for DCS and Probation, which is consistent across the state.

1. Regional Services Coordinator: Jason Nelson
2. RFP will open for R15 on May 16. Check online for details. Will close June 10, 2016. Proposals will then be scored; voted on; and hopefully go into effect sometime later this year. Providers with questions regarding RFP process can contact Jason for assistance until May 16, 2016. Since all providers are entitled to the same information sharing; cannot assist in process after this date.
3. State is aware of HB Provider therapist shortage; partially due to DCS service standard requirements. Problem is statewide.
4. Any other issues please contact Jason. Email is best form of contact since he is currently coordinator of regions 13 through 18. ([Jason.Nelson@dcs.in.gov](mailto:Jason.Nelson@dcs.in.gov))
5. 2016 Biennial Plan Update: Barbara Bowling
6. 2017/2018 Plan has been added to the website. Effective date is 7/1/2016.

* Part of the Plan is to have Prevention Providers speak at Regional Service Council meetings to share information.

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Modification to Ireland Contract

* Ireland provides FCT to other regions. Currently Lifeline is providing FCT to region 15, but there is a need for additional FCT services. All members in agreement to modify the contract, but no official vote necessary since Ireland is contracted for other counties. Counties will be informed when they can begin referring as it will take time to hire/train workers.

1. Miscellaneous
2. Amy Phillips shared information about grants Drug Coalition has applied for; will update if/when grants are approved.
3. Using leftover budget money from Drug Coalition to set up “scholarships” for drug positive students in Ripley County schools who need assistance with rehab costs.
4. Amy stated foster parents voiced concern that they do not feel equipped to deal with drug positive kids. Example: foster parent was recently asked to take a child who was detoxing. They felt training on substance abuse would be very helpful.
5. APRIL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION EVENTS:

* Dearborn/Ohio: April 23 / 12 – 1 pm / New Town Park
* Decatur: April 25 / 7 pm / Courthouse lawn
* Jefferson: April 21/ 7 pm / Venture Out Business Center
* Ripley: April 14 / 7 pm / Courthouse Annex
* Switzerland: April 16 / 10 am / Courthouse in Vevay