

DCS Region 5 Regional Services Council Agenda Minutes  
Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 am

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Present: Angela Guimond, Penny Neal, Jennifer Johnson, Sandy Lock, Rhonda Friend, Lois Logan Beard, Iwona Morretino, Lynn Kershner, Caitlin Jackson, Jackie Marshall, Tristen Comegys, Cassie Wade, Coleen Connor, Faith Graham, Brooke Brown, Ambyr Wade, Debbie Brenneman

1. Welcome
2. Budget Review (Lois Logan-Beard)
  - a. Region 5 is currently at 75.64% of the budget as of the end of March. (Target was 75%)
  - b. Fountain, Warren, and White Co. are over their allocations, but that is mostly due to case load changes.
  - c. Projected to be just under budget by the end of SFY 2022.
3. Bauer—Community Partners Report
  - a. Slightly over budget but making strides to work within allocation.
    - i. Reduced staffing levels by 2 staff to stay within budget and sustain program but should be able to manage the services at the level needed.
    - ii. Referrals are down and expenses have increased.
  - b. Outreach efforts to the region continue.
  - c. Continue to have challenges with some errors in the referrals that make it difficult to

4. Service Updates (Iwona Morretino)
  - a. Supervised Visitation—Service Standard updates
    - i. Currently working on changes to the visitation service standard to better align the services to the needs with families and expectations of the providers.
    - ii. Will be coming out in about a month.
    - iii. Cassie Wade made a comment that she believed Region 5 was best prepared for these changes.
  - b. Fountain/Warren Co. Provider Fair—April 29, 2022, from 1-3 p.m.
    - i. Flyer emailed to the RSC members.
5. Practice data for the Region
  - a. February 2022 Practice Model Review (PMR)
  - b. Practice Indicators (so far)
6. Good of the Order
  - a. Indiana’s Framework for the Prevention of Child Abuse/Neglect
  - b. <https://www.in.gov/children/files/DCS-Toolkit-Framework-final.pdf>
  - c. Cassie Wade asked about the Upstream Project where Tippecanoe County is one of two pilot sites.
    - i. Judge Graham provided insight on the project process/goals.
7. 2022 meeting dates listed below
  - a. 7/15/2022
  - b. 10/21/2022  
Provider meeting to follow at 10:00 a.m.