

**Regional Services Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Region 11**  
**Meeting Date: July 19, 2017**  
**Meeting Location: Hamilton County DCS Office**  
**938 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Noblesville, IN 46060**

**Council Members Present:** Joanie Crum, Lyndsay Krauter, Amy Neuner, Blake Alexander, Annette Craycraft, Bob Bragg, Becky Hughes, John Mullany, Pam Owens, Cari Kelm, Christi Beebe

**Council Members Absent:** Jessica Paxson, Mike Gray, Lori Shaw, Cheri Coonce

**Guests:** Jill Kelly, Jama Donovan, Sharon Ferreira, Katie Iwona, Morretino, Crystal Wiley, Monica McDonald, Elizabeth Avery, Savita Bokil, Doshia Fifer, Brenda Miles, Natasha Beathea, Azonda Andrews, Laura Snyder, Christina Smith, Lynne Wisneski, Debbie Branfield, Denise Valdez, Julie Coon, Stephanie Fertucci, Megan Stroup, and Cecilee Walker

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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- Meeting was called to Order at 9:11A.M. by Regional Manager Joanie Crum.
  - **Old Business**
    - **Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2017 Meeting.** RSC members spent a few minutes reviewing the minutes from the May 23, 2017 meeting. Annette Craycraft motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Christi Beebe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.
  - **New Business**
    - Fiscal – Regional Finance Report – Joanie provided an update. The budget for this year is approximately 1.5 million less than our budget from last year. The target \$13,077,769.
    - Community Partners Update – Jill Kelly provided an update.
      - Referrals: From March 1, 2017 to April 30, 2017
        - March – 96
          - Hamilton – 40
          - Hancock – 15
          - Madison – 35

- Tipton - 6
  - April: 71
    - Hamilton – 23
    - Hancock – 14
    - Madison – 30
    - Tipton - 4
  - Outreach Efforts
    - Madison County – Safety Fair was on June 7th
  
- Presentations from Providers who currently have a contract with the state and wish to expand into Region 11
  - Helen’s House – Megan Stroup – Helen’s House currently has a contract in Region 7, where they provide supervised visitation, home based case management, and home maker services. They also provide services in Howard County, Tipton, Madison and Wabash Counties. They provide quality reports that are well written and provided timely. Their knowledge of the system can support your plans for unification. They want to be a strong support role for the FCMs. Pride themselves on having creative solutions to long standing problems. While their agency is fairly new (2106), the average experience for their worker is 9.8 years. They have a team that is growing in Region 11. They have the ability to do long distance transports. Their employees have been trained and are able to conduct drug screens at visits. Their current capacity is 30 employees and have a training process in place, which starts on July 31, 2017. Classroom training for 1 week, followed by shadowing. Nine people are based in Region 11 currently that are full time staff. They currently have a house in Marion, and are looking to have two properties in Region 11.
  - Christina Smith – First Priority Services – They currently have a contract in Regions 13 and 14. They provide homebased casework, home based therapy, supervised visitation, homemaker

and parent aid services. Currently they have 21 workers, six of those have just started and would be assigned only to Region 11. Before new workers are allowed to go out on their own, they go through training at orientation, as well as shadowing other workers. As far as the intake process, before they even assign the referral to the workers, they have an assessment process to ensure that there are no service gaps. If they are allowed to add Region 11, they have workers ready to go immediately. They are also looking to expand to Region 9 and 10. Most of their staff are currently in Region 13 and 14.

- Roberta – All Things 2 All People. They currently have a contract with Region 11. They have a facility located in downtown Anderson. They have three visitation rooms fully furnished. They offer home based case work, supervised visitation, parent aid homemaker and homebased therapy. They also do parent education and individual and group domestic violence prevention and education sessions. They have a full staff but have not been receiving referrals. They also offer the transportation piece. Iwona Morretino informed the council that the state currently has place a hold on their Referrals. Roberta then indicated that they had a meeting with the state on July 14<sup>th</sup> and within 14 days, they should be able to accept referrals. Joanie stated an update would be provided at the next RSC meeting, but if we are able to make referrals, we won't wait until the next meeting to make referrals.
- FACE -Natasha Beathea - They currently have a contract in Region 11, and would like to add homemaker and parent aid to the contract. They have an office in downtown Anderson. Currently has 89 employees, 43 work in Region 11. They have 30 that work in Hamilton County and 13 that work in the Anderson office.
- Journey Support Services - Doshia Fifer – They have been in operation since 2016. Most of their staff have served in some capacity of Child Welfare. They offer homebased casework, and

supervised visitation. They currently have 15 staff, and an additional 10 people on the waitlist to start.

A vote was taken and all providers/services will be added.

- Possible Funding – Requested Additional Information
  - Project Hope – Proposed 10,000 As long as we can ensure that the children who are prevention funds are not involved with DCS or Probation. Joanie Crum motioned to fund \$10,000 to Project Hope as long as they can ensure the funding goes to children not involved with DCS or Probation, Christi Beebe seconded it. A vote taken, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M.