



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 2

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 – 5:30 p.m. CST
Meeting Location: Wheatfield Library, Wheatfield, IN

Council Members Present: Jaclyn Allemon, Mark Brown (proxy for Judge Mary Harper), Sharon Mathew, Dee Lynch, Ron Fisher, Shawna Smith, Meghan Finn and Sandi Beckett

Council Members Absent: Magistrate Jonathan Forker, Judge Michael Shurn, Brandi Spear, Linda Rugg and Sarah Fink

Others In Attendance: Joni Tusing, Dion Smith, Michelle Goebel, Lou Richey, Jim Burns, Melanie Dooley, Esther Stiles, Jeanne Ann Cannon, Stephanie Paduch, Karen Biernacki, Cheryl Highsmith, Adam Myszak, Kristie Perez and Nancy Koedyker

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Meeting Called to Order at:** Regional Service Council meeting was called to order by Jaclyn Allemon at 5:30 P.M. CST. Jaclyn Allemon introduced herself as the new Regional Manager for Region 2 and everyone introduced themselves.
- 2. June 12, 2018 minutes:** Dee Lynch made a motion to accept the June 12th minutes as written and was seconded by Sharon Mathew. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, minutes passed.
- 3. Regional Budget:** Joni Tusing gave a Financial Status Report to council members comparing In and Out of Home expenditures; total Child Welfare Services; comparisons for 2017, 2018 - 2019; and 2018 Year to Date.
- 4. Regional Services:** Dion Smith informed the council there had been an open limited RFP for Substance Abuse Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation Services (child hearsay only). There were no proposals qualified to bring to the council. There are Service Standard (Home Based) updates

which turned into a length document. The document is available online and has more precise language to eliminate the ability to debate the standard.

5. Discussion and Vote – Time & Location of 2019 RSC Meetings:

After a brief discussion of county court days, it was decided to move the meetings to another day. Dee Lynch made a motion to move the meetings to the first Friday of the month at 9:00 am, CST and seconded by Ron Fisher. At this time the location has not been determined. The changes will not take effect until 2019.

6. Community Partners Updates: Ester Stiles presented the council with summary report from May – July, 2018 and briefly went over key elements and answered questions. There was a discussion on how everything is broken down by monies, percentages, services, providers and referrals. Ester will bring more information broken down to the next meeting.

8. Testimony / Announcements Public:

Jim Burns discussed the education level for providers requested by the state and training their staff for using the assessment tool. Jim also questioned on why in the service standards, the state states that the provider must rate 4 or above by on the DCS survey. Jim is questioning is the state still conducts the surveys and if they do, why don't the providers get the results. Dion wasn't aware of the surveys but will check into it.

Karen Biernacki questioned if there will be a RFP opening for Case Management and Home Maker services. Dion said that the RFP will be open sometime in the winter and asked the providers please keep checking the website.

Another question was asked if there will be a comprehensive provider meeting in the near future. Jaclyn stated she would like to see this happen in the near future possibly when we move the RSC meetings during the day, to have a provider meeting after.

9. Jaclyn Allemon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dee Lynch made the motion and was seconded by Shawna Smith at 6:11 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2018.