



**Regional Service Council Minutes
Region 9**

Meeting Date **6/8/2018**
Meeting Location: **Avon Town Hall**
 6570 E. US Hwy 36
 Avon, IN 46123

Council Members Present:

Rhonda Allen – Region 9 Regional Manager, DCS
Patricia Baldwin – Prosecutor, Hendricks County
Courtney Crowe – LOD, Hendricks County DCS
Harmony Jensen – LOD, Montgomery County DCS
Waylon James – LOD, Morgan County DCS
Shelly Chadd – LOD, Putnam County DCS
Racheal Young – For Judge Siamas, Montgomery County Court
Ryan Peschke - FCM Supervisor, Hendricks County DCS

Guests Present:

Hong Phuc Nguyen – Region 9 Service Coordinator
Holly McFadden – Children’s Bureau – Community Partners
Kathy Seymour – Redwood Toxicology
Brandon Waterbury – National Youth Advocate Program
Jess Degenhardt – The Villages
Crystal Wiley – The Villages
Paula Morton – Family Interventions
Dianna Huddleston – Aspire

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Minutes from 3.9.18:

Motion to vote and accept the minutes from 3.9.18.

*All in favor of accepting the minutes.

Budget Updates:

- Small cut to budget early on, but then we ended up getting the money back and it is going to be shored up at end of year with a 0 balance.
- New views on expenditures and budget #s – the mind set changed and they gave back to us.

2017 – \$14,728,198

2018 - \$14,800,000

By County:

Boone - \$2.5 mill 7.75% increase
Hendricks – \$3.2 mill – decrease of 7.9%
Montgomery – \$2.8 mill – 2.5% increase
Morgan – \$3.5 mill - .19% increase
Putnam - \$ 2.6 mill – 1.87% increase

- No probation budget yet

Current expenses for region –

- Total CW – spent \$1.4 million on target, supposed to be at 92% - we are 1% over
- Boone – spent \$247,894, over 100 %
- Hendricks – spent \$329, 453 at 86 %
- Montgomery – spent %235, 620 at 94%
- Morgan – spent \$349, 199 at 94%
- Putnam – spent \$243,449 at 95%
- Caseloads and placements are up.

Probation – April

Montgomery - \$690,617

*** Attach this info to the minutes when it gets sent out

Data:

Assessments and IA /CHINs

- Snapshot for 2016, 2017, 2018
- Boone – stayed relatively consistent, currently increased
- Hendricks – increased
- Morgan - increased
- Montgomery – stays pretty stable
- Putnam – stable

*If there is any data you want to see, let Rhonda know

Permanency –

- Tracking length of out of home placement – increased
- Young staff that don't have work /life experience
- Services providers have young staff
- Court system that got an influx of cases that don't get seem timely
- Problem with legal staff not having experience

Contributing factors - staying involved with families longer than what we should.

Community Partners:

Referrals since January 1st:

Boone - 67
Hendricks - 158
Montgomery - 56
Morgan - 70
Putnam - 56

More Community Agency Referrals –

- Would like to see school referrals go up
- Trying to reach out to police departments

*School resource officers – school meeting in Hendricks, Pat Baldwin will give Holly the info
On track to spend down for fiscal year

- Money left over - purchase diapers, wipes, car seat, medicine lock boxes, smoke detectors, safety items, if any specific needs or ideas let Holly know. Will also share at events
- Door chimes – big for Morgan County.

Safe sleep provider in each county

- Don't have to be involved with Community Partners to get pack and play, this is a different funding source – must be 36 weeks pregnancy or under to get one, one per household
- Curriculum - training for safe sleep
- Staff needs to do training – good things to have
- Holly will send the link they use for training

Car seat training –

- Hope to have available again

Grandparent Café –

- Boone – wanted to keep going – taking break for summer – when school starts will start up again –

Success stories –Applying for a grant for safety items

Safe sleep classes through WIC –

- May have another location

Save the date –

- Community block party Jamestown Park Sept 13 5:30 – 7:30 - Free food community resources activities
- Community block party in Plainfield – Hummel Park
- Montgomery Safety Fair – was May 31st
 - Not quite the turnout as last year – still good though – would like to do next year
 - Temp tattoos work out better than face painting

Material relief –

- Highest is rent - biggest need
- Need is always rent, utilities, emergency food assistance

Talking about doing more community events.

Child care is a tricky issue

Talk through with Holly about the needs

Services:

- There might be a small RFP going out in Fall * Will get info from Hong
- Services – overlaps with placement
- Foster care – busting at seems needing foster parents - Placing kids all over the state
- Hit a spike in needing residential care – having to negotiate with acute hospital to keep until we find placement
- Significantly struggling with where kids go

Providers:

Paula Morton– Family interventions

- Hired new therapists — hired 2 that live in Montgomery – doing services in Marion and Montgomery
- Paula is the new Director

Cathy Seymour - Redwood:

- Compliance – 4-5 weeks – Region overall – 33 % compliance on drug testing –
- Call in – clients are supposed to call in if they are on random drug testing 0- 16 % against state average of 24%
- Will be here if any questions – made changes in several regions – 9 being one
- Transition clients from one provider to another – need to know if working for you

Dianna Huddelston - Aspire:

Primary Care Clinic – open now

Boone added 2 more addictions therapists

Adding more addictions groups – big thing in their community

Brandon Waterbury - National Youth Advocate Program:

- Packed full
- TRP – different than most therapy for probation

Crystal Riley – The Villages:

- Does foster care in region
- Montgomery - interested in where they can recruit , community fairs, etc
- Keep us posted
- Recruitment and retention - would be happy to attend to help out in that area

Julie Ensinger – Cummins:

- Covers all counties in R 9
- Medicaid. Tricare
- Children’s Mental Health - Female population tends to be a little younger

CWG:

If interested – the governor initiated a contract with the Child Welfare Group for an assessment with our agency – ready to issue findings – there will be a press conference June 18th – may be a live stream at 10:00. More info to come.

Meeting adjourned - 10:06 AM

Next Meeting:

September 14th at 9:00 AM

Avon Town Hall