

RSC Minutes
December 15, 2017

Introductions were completed and RM Snook welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous RSC meeting was made by Mendy Berry and a second by Jessica Richardson. Minutes were approved.

Finance Manager Report: Debbie Dailey passed out a summary of the financial status report. We are 5 months in and the target for expenditures is 41.67% but we are at 47.51% as a region. A little over 4% increase from this time last year. 13% increase in the number of children that we have provided services to from November 2016 to November 2017. Dubois and Perry has seen the most increase in children providing services to. Of Debbie's 3 regions, Region 17 is closer to the target than the other regions that she covers. RM Snook stated that the budget report doesn't reflect our efforts in doing appropriate referrals, staffing cases, etc. DCS looking into monitoring the services and adjusting them as needed instead of just continuing to keep the same services. RM Snook stated he may be contacting staff about services to a case—why the service was referred, the length of the service, etc.

Community Partners: Danielle stated all the Parent Cafes are up and running in each county. Budget wise they are slightly over budget. 43 levels currently open. Danielle gave the numbers for each county. Danielle told the members about a success story.

Regional Services Coordinator: Jason Nelson said we need approval of the action steps and entire plan. RM Snook advised that the proposed Biennial Plan had been forwarded to the RSC members prior to the meeting for their review. Lisa Smith made a motion to approve the action steps and plan as written and Dale Stroud seconded the motion. No discussion was held. 2019-2020 biennial plan was approved. Signatures by voting members were signed at the end of the meeting. Jason said yesterday Regional Services Coordinators volunteered for 2 hours at a warehouse cleaning toys for children. Jason reported that we are getting close to a transportation service standard. Jason talked about the new process of the provider accepting or rejecting a referral that is made by an FCM. Nicole from the Villages said that not all referrals have the button but all the emails have the disclaimer on them. Nicole said they are only getting the button on individual referrals.

Other business: IHBS update—42 open services levels for Fatherhood Engagement. Open service level in each county. Jonda talked about a success story with Fatherhood Engagement. Villages—submitted applications in Ferdinand to foster children only under the age of 1, a couple opening soon in Spencer County, one opened in Martin or Daviess but region 13 scooped them up quickly. Nicole has been covering the whole state. Her focus for 2018 will be to recruit more in 17. They will be letting each county know when a new home opens in the county. Trafficking Victims Program—training CASA workers, trained ISP regarding protection of children, and they are starting a regional coalition for trafficking. It will be January 24th at 10:30 in Evansville. January

is Human Trafficking month. Crisis Connection—identified need to be better equipped to deal with children and domestic violence. This will be the focus for 2018. Previous clients helped with this and what was needed with this was a DCS referral as well. D. V. continues because the focus hasn't been on the children. Efforts will be focused on working with different populations and the direct advocacy. Many of their success stories came as a result of DCS referrals. This year they have had 104 referral, 53 for victim services, 41 for BIP. Lifeline—Christmas party for older youth is tomorrow. Pierceton Woods has open beds for males 12-18 for sexually maladaptive youth. Deb Johnson is over that program. They have a wood working shop there as well. Youth Villages—Expanding the Jasper office, full team and working on a 1.2 team. She is over holiday hero's (this has tripled) and they have services 36 kids across the state for the Christmas for the kids. Daviess county-single mom with 7 kids and each kid will get 10 gifts- community has really pulled together for this family.

Panel and discussion with IARRCA—Megan reported it was a great meeting—staff retention and travel times were concerns that everyone shared. How can collaboration be maintained. Senator valued the opinions of DCS and providers. Nicole attended the one in Vincennes and Jeffersonville. Concerns were across the board. This was the most productive and collaborative meeting she has ever attended. Lots of collaboration and everyone focused on the needs of the family. Waiting on IARACA report. Everyone shared their prospective on things. Very positive meeting. RM Snook said there was a breakout session after panel discussion—4 regions from DCS represented. Issues discussed in Region 17 included lack of inpatient treatment program, and challenges associated with supervised visits and travel. Providers talked about lack of understanding and barriers to services. Talked about providers being a part of the first CFTM with the families. PIP will be implemented at the first of the year. Engagement will be a focus. Services providers will be reaching out to each office to come to staff meeting to discuss their services and this will occur on an ongoing basis especially with the turnover. RM Snook talked about a provider who walked a FCM through what was needed for a referral but then the referral was totally different than what was discussed in the CFTM. RM Snook talked about how this could help families reach permanency sooner and get appropriate services to begin with.

No comments or announcements.

Next meeting: March 16, 2018
Ferdinand Library

Motion to adjourn was by Jessica Richardson and Lisa Smith seconded the motion to adjourn.