

## Regional Service Council – Region 6

### Notes

September 28, 2017

- **Welcome**  
Paige Hamilton talked about what was discussed in the provider meeting held right before RSC. Scan got picked for state audit. The audit is only looking at Region 4 right now. Shannon Lees was elected as new chair person.
- **Financial- Katie**  
Katie Craft talked about the budget and said in July we spent a million and in August we were shy 2 million. The target for August was 1.9. The budget is figured on what has been used over the past few years. Katie said it is still too early to determine because we need to get through 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. We need to continue to look at how we can work smarter not harder. Liz and Gil talked about looking at what services a family needs and getting the right services in place and work to get prevention going in local community. We will continue to keep local dollars for certain activities, but will be looking at how we are using dollars effectively.
- **Service Coordinator- Sue**  
Brian Brown will take over gate keeper for homebuilders. With the contract extensions they don't have any RFP's.  
Liz asked how everyone liked the provider meeting that is held before RSC. DCS is in it together and glad that it is a benefit and coming up with ideas on how we can help families together. Wants to continue the effort for the region to come together.
  - **Scan- Community partners-reports**  
Paige passed out handouts and went over financial pages. Said it is too soon to report out. Nothing to note for financial and community partners. To date they have served 101 families and enrolled 33. That is about 50% success rate. Brian & Paige will be going to schools in Cass County to see what can be done to get more referrals.  
  
FSA provided safety fair in Kokomo. They partnered with Kokomo Police Department and had over 100 people attend. The housing department and police department help with planning. There was also a booth set up in Wabash at Wabash City First Friday. White's & YSB were part of the fair and had a lot of providers available to talk to the community.
  - **Update on: Regional Prevention Summit by June 2018-** develop and RFP to help facilitate this process
    - Sub Group to begin working on this- get names
    - Identify influential people in the communities to be involved-develop
    - Keep on RSC agenda to keep them informed of progress
- **Biennial Plan - Submit by end of December ---every 2 years look at 4 areas and what are the accomplishments.** Julie Hobbs is in charge of prevention services. Mary Cunningham is in charge

of maltreatment. Jamie Brown is in charge of substance use disorder treatment. Brian Brown will oversee Permanency for children in care 24 + months.

- 4 areas
- Prevention Services
  - Do we have prevention program available to meet the top needs:
    - Drug dependency
    - Mental health problems
    - Domestic Violence
    - Family Discord/Marital Problems
    - Abused/neglected as a child
  - Ideals to help address service gaps and who we need at the table
  - How can we pull our resources together to help meet the needs
- Maltreatment After Involvement-
  - How do we decrease the 2<sup>nd</sup> incident of maltreatment in a year
    - Increase support systems in the home for THV
    - Better assessing of risk factors assessment tools
    - Increase the quality of Clinical Supervision during assessment phase
    - We need to ensure we are making educating families on community resources and making referrals for community supports
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment-
  - How do we increase communication between agencies
  - Increase CFTM's
  - Need to research evidence based prevention programs
  - Need to increase services to meet the needs- RFPs
- Permanency for children in care 24+ months
  - Action steps around Quality Assurance- ours will be in April 2017
  - Increase CFTM
  - Increase quality of Clinical Supervision-
  - Permanency Teams and PRTs
  - Data management- review LOS of all kids in care over 24 months. As well as the 15/22 months report.
  - Kids in care:
    - approximately 47.8% return home w/in a year
    - approximately 30.7% (12%-last yr) w/in 2 years –biggest change
    - approximately 9.5% w/in 3 year
    - approximately 12% in the 4+ year
      - Factors- substance abuse/dependency and mental health of child or parent are large contributors
      - We are increasing the utilization of PRTs and Permanency Round Tables
      - Increase the use of alternative plans- concurrent plans
  - Workgroup meeting:
    - Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-3
    - Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-3
    - Nov. 30 Public Meeting

- Nov. 30 present to RSC for Approval
- Other issues facing the Region:
  - Increasing caseloads due to substance abuse
  - Increased need for Foster Care- ideas/discussion-  
Need to come up with ideas on how to recruit more foster parents and get training and information in the community as the aware and the need.
- Questions?  
Redwood shared statistics on compliance with drug testing 38/39%. Region 6 is exceeding average for the state. Call ins are about 26% for region and 21% for state. Redwood opened a clinic in Howard County. They can do referral. Doing 15 + screens a day. Gives an opportunity to see if there is a market for this and if there is another location to serve other locations.
- Adjourn