



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 8

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017

Meeting Location: Vigo County DCS
30 N. 8th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Council Members Present: Susan Lesko, Regional Manager; Megan Richardson, Vigo County Supervisor; Andrea Williams, Parke and Vermillion Director; Heidi Decker Vigo County Director;
Jason Holt, Clay County Director, Mike Goodwin, Sullivan County Director; Heather Anderson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Janet Wall-Myers, FCM

Council Members Absent: Terry Modesitt, Vigo County Prosecutor; Judy Schoffstall, Foster Parent Representative; Judge Dan Kelly, Vigo County Circuit Judge; Bruce Stengel, Vermillion Circuit Judge; Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director

Others in Attendance: Amy Foxworthy, Regional Services Coordinator; Doug Hazelwood, Lifeline; Gary Emmons and Jodi Stone, IHBS; Anna Ceduis, Family Interventions; Jill Kelley and Star Griffin, Children's Bureau; Christina Hall Sullivan Supervision Center; Mary Yelton and Donna Little CRADLES of Clay County; Lolita Campbell, Regional Finance Manager DCS

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:02pm

Susan Lesko welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Minutes were discussed from the October 19, 2016 meeting. Jason Holt made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike Goodwin. Minutes were approved as written.

Programs/Committee Report:

Budget Update

Lolita Campbell, Regional Finance Manager gave the RSC an update of the Budget for Region 8. The budgets for CHINs cases and Probation cases are way over budget for the first two quarters. There was discussion by the RSC that caseloads in all counties have doubled and tripled in some counties so overages were to be expected.

Community Partners/Prevention Services Update

Starr Griffin was introduced as the new director for Community Partners in Region 8. She passed out two handouts and discussed the future of Community Partners. There are plans for community outreach in our counties focusing on safe sleep and what services can be provided by Community Partners. Community Partners would like to partners with DCS for community events and discussed April Child Abuse Prevention activities.

Service Coordinator Report

Amy Foxworthy stated she had been out meeting providers in Region 8. She also discussed the Energy Program provided by ARC and what they could offer families.

New Business

Jill Kelley, VP of Community Based Services from Children's Bureau discussed the upcoming letters of intent for prevention dollars. There will be a bidder's conference on March 3, 2017 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the Children's Bureau Office. Anyone planning to apply for funding is encouraged to attend. Letters of intent will be accepted from March 3, 2017 until March 31, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

Public Testimony/Announcements

Mary Yelton provided an update and handout of the Cradles Program. Christina Hall also provided an update on the Sullivan Supervision Center.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 PM after a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Goodwin and seconded by Janet Wall-Myer and approved by all members.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 3:00pm in the second floor training room of the Vigo County office.

Addendum to the minutes The April meeting is being rescheduled to April 26, 2017, the location and time will remain the same.