



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 15

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017
Meeting Location: Ripley County DCS, Versailles 47042

Council Members Present:

Barbara Bowling, R15 Manager, Chair
Sandra Ante, Dearborn DCS Director
Sandy Thurston, Decatur DCS Director
Gary Keith, Jefferson DCS Director
Michelle Russell, Ripley DCS Director
Michelle Smith, Ohio DCS Director/Supervisor
Jessica Whitham, FCM/Switzerland County
Amy Phillips, Foster/Adopt Parent & YES Home

Council Members Present by proxy:

Dena Steiner, Proxy for Dearborn County Judge
Natalie Williams, Proxy for Ripley County Judge

Council Members Absent:

Gretchen Ricketts, FCM/Dearborn County
Chad Lewis, Jefferson County Prosecutor

Others in Attendance:

Bob Daugherty, Regional Finance Manager
Hannah Robinson, Regional Services Coordinator
Erica Roberts, Community Partner/IHBS
Nick Miller, Community Partner/IHBS
Craig E Beckley, Heart House
Emily Hankins, NYAP
Norm Smith, WERNLE
Whitney Boxley, DCS Probation Liaison
James (Jim) Snook, DCS Regional Manager
Teresa Nobbe, Secretary

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 1:30 pm

- I. Welcome/Roll Call – Barbara Bowling called meeting to order; introductions completed.
- II. Approval of November 16, 2016 RSC Minutes
Michelle Smith made a Motion to approve; Michelle Russell seconded; all in favor.

III. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Community Partners: Erica Roberts/Nick Miller

1. Handouts (County and Regional Stats)



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- Referral reports – referrals remain steady
 - Budget Report – close to budget; looking at creative ways to remain on budget and continue to assist families
2. Erica shared success stories.
 - Helped family get back on their feet due to medical expenses; got kids involved in helping at home to help alleviate mom's stress
 - Helped parent with utilities and navigate community assistance
 3. Ripley Christmas Party – Barb thanked Nick (Santa) and Erica and staff for their help in the annual Christmas parties for children/families involved with DCS. It was a big success!
 4. Nick said Community Partner's statewide goal is 50% Family Engagement and Region 15 is at 81%!
 5. CP holds quarterly events in their office to get feedback from families close to completion or have already completed goals. This provides CP with information as to what works and ways to improve. Child care is provided.
 6. CP is now looking at starting Parent Support Group; they are at ground level and will update RSC on progress.

B. Regional Finance Manager: Bob Daugherty

1. Budget Reports

- DCS budget reflects a 35% increase on out of home CHINS and 24% increase on in home CHINS for overall increase of 28%.

- Probation up minimally compared to last year. Costs for residential is up 20% but services are down 44%.



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C. Biennial Plan Update

1. Craig Beckley / Heart House

- Handout – pamphlet



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- 70% employment rate in shelter
- Provide men and women shelter as well as (6) Family accommodations
- Recidivism is 5%
- No time limit; they assist the person in becoming self-sufficient with the least amount of government assistance.
- Children must be enrolled in school (can be school of origin)
- Serve 350 people per year

D. Regional Services Coordinator – Hannah Robinson

1. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT); Hannah asked council for feedback from DCS, providers, and community as to their perception regarding the effectiveness of this treatment.

- Council listed Methadone Clinic in Lawrenceburg, Centerstone, Modern Medicine (Rising Sun), Bridge, Dearborn County Stabilization Program, Groups (Aurora) and various doctors as treatment agencies.
- Most services require private pay or private insurance. Medicaid covers some (minimal).
- Do judges accept this type of treatment when closing case? Decatur does not accept Methadone and other step down drugs as “sobriety”. Other Judges will based on DCS information (is client working the program, etc.)
- Currently, Decatur and Jefferson have limited access to this type of treatment
- Perception of Methadone is not as good as others (Vivitrol). Concern that Suboxone is prescribed by doctors but not necessarily with any additional treatment/therapy.

- Council did state there have been success stories with MAT. Vivitrol is too new to have information yet.
 - Council stated there is a difference of opinion from medical field as to the appropriateness of pregnant women on MAT.
2. Cross Training / DCS & Service Providers
- Statewide forums with both to determine the needs of each
 - Providers not getting enough information on referral forms from DCS. *Suggestion:* Look at system (MaGIK) so “blank” forms cannot be sent. Would be helpful if there were a list of questions that required an answer and depending on your answer would prompt additional question/information.
 - LODs stated referrals in MaGIK sometimes look different when printed.
 - Providers state children transferring from residential often run out of meds before they can be seen by doctor.
 - Provider Reports often don’t have the details DCS is looking for
 - SUB-COMMITTEE: Hannah Robinson, Sandy Thurston, FCMs from Decatur and Jefferson DCS, Nick Miller (Ireland), Erica Roberts (Ireland), and staff from CMHC/Centerstone or any other interested staff email Hannah

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Region 15 Adoption Event

1. The event was held at the Tyson Activity Center in Versailles on Friday, November 18 from 5-7 pm.
 - There weren’t a lot of adoptive families in attendance although approximately 100 invites were sent and the event was listed in local newspapers.
 - Sandy Ante suggested “Save the Date” for Adoption Event be given to families that adopt throughout the year.
2. SMART Recovery
 - Terry Coy sent email to Teresa Nobbe explaining teen group is currently meeting at the YES Home. Amy Phillips confirmed 3 teens are participating with an additional 3-4 to begin. Any teen is welcome to participate. Referral made through ESP. No start/end time; can join any time, meet Thursdays at 4 pm.
 - Email also stated they were starting an adult group in Greensburg. Barb received email from Terry after the meeting and one adult group still meets in Greensburg on Tuesday mornings.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017 RSC Schedule

***March 22 – change from March 15**

May 17

July 19

September 20

November 15.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:

March 22, 2017 / Versailles DCS Training Room / 1:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 2:40 pm

Amy Phillips made motion to adjourn; Michelle Smith seconded; all in favor.