



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 2

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 – 5:30 p.m. CST  
**Meeting Location:** Wheatfield Library, Wheatfield, IN

**Council Members Present:** Terrance Ciboch, Judge Michael Shurn, Sharon Mathew, Dee Lynch, Ron Fisher, Jack McGlone, Melissa Johnson, Andrea Amidei (Proxy for Don Amidei), Claudia Clark and Magistrate Jonathan Forker

**Council Members Absent:** Mark Brown (Proxy for Judge Harper), Christy Turbett and Sandi Beckett

**Others In Attendance:** Dion Smith Sr., Joni Tusing, Lisa Sharp, Jeanne Ann Cannon, Jim Burns, Melanie Dooley, Debi Sibray, Clinton Hardy and Judge Thomas Alevizos

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to Order at:** Regional Service Council meeting was called to order by Terrance Ciboch, Regional Manager for Region #2, at 5:30 P.M. CST.

1. Roll was called, and the Regional Service Council introduced. It was noted that a quorum was present and seated.
2. July 1, 2015 minutes: Magistrate Jonathan Forker made a motion to accept the July 1<sup>st</sup> minutes as written and was seconded by Jack McGlone. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, minutes passed.
3. Unfinished Business: None
4. New Business:
  - A. Region 2 Services Update:

Dion Smith discussed the recent RFP for Day Treatment primarily for juvenile probation. There were 6 proposals which were viewed and scored

by local directors. Out of a possible score of 25 the following providers scored:

1. Elite Family & Social Services – Merrillville.....12
2. New Beginnings Life Center – Valparaiso.....15
3. LaPorte County Board Of Commissioners – LaPorte.....17
4. Just Do It Counseling LLC – Chesterton.....18
5. Choices Counseling Services P.C. – LaPorte.....19
6. Inner Connections Counseling & Consulting LLC – Hobart...20

Judge Alevizos gave a brief summary of the programs agenda and how it is designed to help juveniles. After a discussion, Jack McGlone made a motion to accept the proposals from LaPorte County Board Of Commissioners and New Beginnings Life Center with Dee Lynch seconding the motion. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstention, motion passed.

**B. Community Partners:**

Lisa Sharp introduced Jeanne Ann Cannon, the new Executive Director of Dunebrook. Lisa then presented and discussed the Community Partners Summary Report (July 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015). Handouts included:

1. Dunebrook’s Prevention Programs (July 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015)
2. Choice Counseling
3. Tot Shop (July 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015)
4. Dunebrook’s Nurturing Parenting Workshops

**C. Biennial Strategic Services Plan & Child Protection Plan:**

Mr. Ciboch went over the plan’s highlights concentrating on the information pertaining to Region 2.

1. Co-parenting / Parent Mediator
2. Enhance FCM’s understanding and knowledge of Service Standards and utilization
3. Permanency for children in care 24+ months
4. Increase substance use prevention programs
5. Create a Service Standard for Transportation

After a discussion of the different issues and the child protection plan, Sharon Mathew made a motion to approve the Biennial Strategic Service and Child Protection Plan for Region 2 and Claudia Clark second the motion. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstention, motion passed.

6. Testimony / Announcements Public:

Lisa Sharp wanted clarification of the money split for Body Safety and Stewards of Children which is a mixed position. Mr. Ciboch discussed how high drug involvement is how money is needed but in the new fiscal year the money will be discussed and possible reallocated for drug abuse. Judge Shurn questioned on Pulaski School's interest in Body Safety.

Jim Burns questioned if they could ask the state for more prevention money in which Mr. Ciboch stated they can always ask but was unsure if there was extra money available due to the time frame.

Melanie Dooley handed out new updated Tot Shop brochures.

7. A motion to adjourn was made by Jack McGlone and seconded by Dee Lynch, motion passed without opposition, meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. CST.

The next regular meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, March 2, 2016