



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 3

Meeting Date: July 18, 2016
Meeting Location: Joy Rose Center
1000 W. Hively Avenue
Elkhart, IN

Council Members Present: Jamie Pippin, Regional Manager DCS; Michael Carroll, Director Marshall County DCS; Lindsay Castro, Kosciusko DCS; Teresa Zornig, Director St. Joseph County DCS; Bill Horton, Division Manager St. Joseph County DCS; Philice Hutchen, Marshall County DCS.

Council Members Absent: Judge David Cates, Kosciusko County Superior Court; Judge Curtis Palmer; Magistrate Deborah Domine.

Others In Attendance: Joni Tusing, DCS; Paige Hamilton, SCAN; Janet Rathberger, DCS; Dion Smith, Regional Service Coordinator; Leah Plank, CAPS; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad; Kiana Jackson, YSB; Julie Gonzalez, YWCANCIN; Libby Martin, LSSI; Lorelei Madison, Meridian Health; Candy Yoder, CAPS; Judie Jones, CAPS; Barbara Vernon, CAPS.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jamie Pippin.

1. Welcome/Introductions of Members and Guests.
2. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of 4-18-16 reviewed. Teresa Zornig motioned approval of the minutes. Michael Carroll seconded. Vote taken. All in favor. 0 Opposed. Motion carried.
3. Community Partners Update. Paige Hamilton, Program Administrator, Community Partners budget for May 2016, 91.6% spent and on target for May. Projecting that we are right at the needle for the end of year. Summary of enrollment this month; St Joseph 46, Elkhart 33, and Kosciusko 2. Total enrollments CTD 794, with 2669 families served. Total referrals 176 and we discharged 69. The program outcome standards, which we are graded on, are doing very well. DCS largest referral source. Local Prevention funding we are where we want to be and will be re-allocating funds this week. Service standards reviewed for the Parenting Education Program, Gear Up Safety Program, Out of School Program, Therapeutic Preschool and the Young Mothers Program.

Jamie – at the last RSC, SCAN and R3 talked about reallocating funds for a symposium. The direction we are going in is for a daylong event. We are looking at contracting it out with a professional group because it would be too overwhelming for staff. Some ideas for speakers to include talking about prescription drug abuse and the challenges seen. Looking at next spring. More information to follow. Email Paige if you have any comments, thoughts or speaker recommendations.

4. Service Update. Dion Smith, Regional Service Coordinator, we had a couple of RFP's close on June 20th. We have scored these and I am asking that we have a vote on them. Community Based Family Preparation, we have three submissions that we do not want to accept. Family prep is a service use for SNAP and adoption. They do a family survey to see if they are ready to adopt. This service is not a need in our region at the moment. We also have the CAC RFP closed. We have two submissions, Child and Parent Services and the CASIE Center, which we would like to put to a vote and accept both of those.

Vote taken to not accept the three proposal for Family Preparation. All in Favor. 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Vote taken to accept Child and Parent Services and the CASIE Center proposals for Child Advocacy Centers. All in Flavor. 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Yoder Q. I understand that the Community Based Services contracts will be extended? Dion does not have any information on an extension. Possibility but that has not come down yet. Yoder commented that if there is an opportunity for any input it would be nice if there was a chance to update the reimbursement unit rates. When they get renewed the rates do not update. Dion will take that comment back.

5. Regional Budget Update. Joni Tusing, Regional Financial Manager, June 30th was the end of fiscal year. Region 3 had a budget of \$30,450,213 and of that Region 3 used 70.14%. Total YTD expenditures approximately 5.1 million spent on In Home Care (Community Based Services and Concrete Services) and 16.2 million spent on Out of Home Care (DCS Foster Homes, Licensed Relative Homes, Residential Placements, LCPA, Community Based Services and Concrete Services). Quarters reviewed. Comparison YTD June 2015 and YTD June 2016 reviewed. The number of children in residential did not increase, cost increases were seen in the per diem. Probation costs are managed at the State level. Probation at FY2015 spent 17.2 million up from 15.6 million FY2015. Increases seen in residential rates.

6. County Updates.

Elkhart – Jamie Pippin, Regional Manager, Tony Sommer retired May 31st. I have stepped in as interim. We have completed two rounds of interviews for the position and have submitted candidates to Central office. Hoping to have the position filled by September. Elkhart is at full staff.

Kosciusko – Lindsay Castro, Supervisor, hiring an FCM but are almost at full staff. Increase seen in assessments. An FCM has transferred from Permanency to Assessment. Building just expanded which has double the size of the space.

Marshall – Michael Carroll, Director, continue at full staff. Preparing for QSR, two cases and one assessment pulled. Thursday participating in a Community Carnival at Webster School from 3pm-6pm. St. Joseph – Teresa Zornig, Director, two FCM leaving, transfer to Hotline and DOC. Several FCM in training. Need space, some of the new hires we do not know where they will sit. QSR tomorrow and Wednesday, 12 cases pulled and 2 assessments.

Regional – Jamie Pippin, Regional Manager, all of Region 3 is fully staffed. We have had a lot of transfers in, people wanting to come work in our region. Up until last month we had the lowest turnover. QSR coming; 24 cases pulled with the bulk from Elkhart and St. Joseph County. Some of you may be asked to interview for this. The cases are randomly picked. If you folks are ask to be interviewed I strongly recommend participating. PQI folks will be here in October to discuss how we are doing and where we go from there. Governor Pence is the VP running mate which means we will have a new Governor coming up. Overall, my goal is to keep kids safe and get them to permanency regardless of who is in the Governor seat. If you have questions get a hold of me or your local office Director.

Michael Carrol motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:32 a.m.

Next RSC meeting is Monday October 17th, 10:00a.m., at the St. Joseph County DCS Local Office, 300 N Michigan Street, Ste 418, South Bend, IN.