



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 2

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, July 26, 2016 – 5:30 p.m. CST  
**Meeting Location:** Wheatfield Library, Wheatfield, IN

**Council Members Present:** Terrance Ciboch, Mark Brown (Proxy for Judge Harper), Sharon Mathew, Dee Lynch, Ron Fisher, Mitzi McGlone, Melissa Johnson, Don Amidei, Christy Turbett, Magistrate Jonathan Forker

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Michael Shurn, Claudia Clark and Sandi Beckett

**Others In Attendance:** Joni Tusing, Kristina Killen, Lisa Sharp, Jim Burns, Melanie Dooley and Paula Dranger

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to Order at:** Regional Service Council meeting was called to order by Mr. Ciboch at 5:35 P.M. CST. Mr. Ciboch introduced and welcomed Mitzi McGlone as a new member to the council replacing Jack McGlone.

1. Roll was called, and the Regional Service Council introduced. It was noted that a quorum was present and seated.
2. April 6, 2016 minutes: Magistrate Jonathan Forker made a motion to accept the April 6<sup>th</sup> minutes as written and was seconded by Don Amidei. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, minutes passed.
3. Unfinished Business: None
4. New Business:
  - A. New Service: Family Preparation / Home Study and Child Advocacy Center:

Mr. Ciboch informed the council of the RFP for Family Preparation and Home Studies which a management team has reviewed and scored the proposals and recommend Beyond The Dream to be approved. Sharon Mathew made a motion to approve Beyond The Dream for Family Preparation / Home Study which was seconded by Dee Lynch. Vote taken: 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, motion passed.

Mr. Ciboch informed the council of two proposals for the Child Advocacy Center RFP which was also scored by the management team. The team recommended accepting Dunebrook and Wabash Valley. Magistrate Jonathan Forker made a motion to accept Dunebrook and Wabash Valley for the Child Advocacy Center and was seconded by Sharon Mathew. Vote taken: 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, motion passed.

B. Expanded Service – Dr. Schwartz

Mr. Ciboch discussed the need to expand Dr. Schwartz's services into all counties in Region 2. Dr. Schwartz was in LaPorte County but is now available to all counties.

C. Transportation

Mr. Ciboch introduced Kristina Killen as Dion Smith's superior and asked Kristina to inform the council the progress of the transportation issue. Kristina told the council how their unit is working on this need and what they are doing to collect information of the specific needs for transportation. Kristina acknowledged the importance of transportation needs for DCS clients.

D. Community Partners Report:

Lisa Sharp discussed the recent RFP's for which Lifeline Youth & Family Services has been approved for Critical & Responsible Thinking and Housing Opportunities has been approved for Therapy Works: Strengthening Families. Lisa gave a handout of the fiscal year end Partners Prevention report on how all monies were spent. Dunebrook is now involved with a Safe Sleep Program which they have already distributed 6 pack-n-plays. Lisa went over the Community Partners summary for January 2016 thru June 2016, monthly newsletter and discussed a new program called Parent Café which engages parents, build protective factors and promotes deep individual self-reflection and peer-to-peer learning.

Dunebrook plans to have this program running within the next 6 months. Mr. Ciboch asked that Dunebrook research and report on informative programs for expecting/new parents.

5. Testimony / Announcements Public:

Jim Burns acknowledged Kristina and questioned if the rumor that home based contracts will be extended by 2 years was correct. Kristina answered by saying it is a possibility but no official decision has been made yet. Jim also questioned if there will be a increase in monies which Mr. Ciboch stated no one could answer that question at this time.

6. A motion to adjourn was made by Dee Lynch and seconded by Magistrate Jonathan Forker, motion passed without opposition, meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. CST.

The next regular meeting will be announced at a later date