

Regional Services Council

Region 4 Meeting

Date: July 8, 2019

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Allen County DCS – 201 E. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Meeting Chair: James Pippin, Region 4 Manager

Meeting Secretary: Helen Garmon

Call to order

Start time: 12:00 p.m.

Roll call

Members Present:

James Pippin
Wesley Husselman
Alexys Vosmeier
Amanda Meyer
Renee Hood

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Members Absent:

Judge Pratt
Judge Heuer
Misty Schoenherr
Karena Hernandez
Jen Mallott
Brad Hoover

Non-Members Present:

Kate Stephenson	Debbie Branfield	Rachael Glaser	Bill Stephan
Melisa Monterrusoe	Elena De La Cruz	Andy Ogle	Tanya Custer
Amanda Herendeen	Libby Martin	Angie Moellering	Hailey Dykstra
Dee Szyndrowski	Trish Fox	Angel Metro	Bonnie Spallinger
Carrie Irick	Ewelina Connolly	Jennifer Rutkowski-Smith	

Approval of minutes from last meeting

As read X As corrected

Recommended Correction:

Program/Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

None

New business

Network for Safe Families (Paige Hamilton, SCAN):

Paige Hamilton distributed and reviewed the following handouts:

- Network for Safe Families Services May 2019 Financial Report
- May 2019 Program Statistics
- Local Prevention Services May 2019 Financial Report

Grants went out in Local Prevention Dollars last week. The amount of money we had to spend in Local Prevention Dollars was about 50% of what we had the previous year and we still had the same amount of people applying

Dion Smith

- A new RFP opened up on June 21st through August 9th. It's only for specific services
- If you proposed for a contract in the 2018 RFP; you can propose again for services that you didn't get
- Family Preservation will open as an RFI (Request for Information) instead of an RFP
- There are glitches in Kid Traks i.e. visitation not populating correctly. These glitches are being worked out
- Contract Amendments – if you sent Dion information to get a contract amended; he has processed that information. Central Office is overwhelmed right now but they will get to it and you will get put back into the system so please bear with us

Fiscal Updates – R.M. James Pippin

- As of June 30, 2019 Region 4 ended the State Fiscal Year at 106.82% we should have been at 100% of our target budget. Residential was one of our biggest expenses. We spent approximately 13.5 Million Dollars with kids in residential placements over the past year. The next one was Community Based Services which was 8 Million Dollars

Region 4 - Jamie

- Region 4 has the highest number of parents seen in the State and each month we see it going up
- Jamie extended an invitation to Providers interested in meeting with him and the LODs to discuss what's going well, what not going well etc. Provider's interested need to e-mail Jamie and Cc Helen to schedule a face to face meeting. Face to face meetings will take place in Allen County following the LOD monthly Meeting
- The outlining 5 counties are fully staffed. Allen county will continue to add

County Updates

Allen - (Alexys Vosmeier, Director)– Since April we've hired a minimum of 15 new Case Managers, 3 new Supervisors: Ariane Beasley, Tonya Sullivan and Joshonda Weeks who starts next week. We're still in need of space and working on trying to get a remodel We have 5 more FCM's starting on Monday and 6 FCM's starting in August. Our caseloads are going down a little bit. Space is still an issue

DeKalb – (Wesley Husselman, Director) –We’re at full capacity with Caseworkers. Our last FCM is in training and will finish next week. Our In-takes are dropping. We’ve been working on our Family Preservation Court. LOD Husselman submitted a Grant Proposal for funding and was awarded \$72,670.00

LaGrange- (Kathryn Stephenson, Director) – We currently have 7 Case Managers so we’re at capacity. Our newest worker graduated last month. We’re holding steady with our reports and case numbers

Noble County (Amanda Herendeen, Director) – We are also fully staffed. We have 20 FCM’s. We had an FCM graduate last week and 2 FCMs started Cohort mid-June. Our case numbers have declined. Over the last couple of month we’ve gotten a lot of our older cases closed out so we’re moving in the right direction. Our assessments have remained fairly stable

Steuben – (Ron Lahmeyer, Director) –We are fully staffed. We’ve had some adoptions, gotten some cases closed. Everything is running smoothly

Whitley County (R.M. James Pippin for Karena Hernandez, Director) – They had a long term case get closed out! Their building construction will begin late July. They will be taking over the whole building with exception of the garage in the back

Next Meeting – October 7, 2019 Allen County DCS Office @ 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business meeting was adjourned.

Signatures:

Secretary Helen Harmon Chair Alexy Vosmeier

Date 10-7-19 Date 10/7/19

Approved: hg (secretary’s initials) Date: 10-7-19