

Regional Services Council Minutes
Friday, October 15, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Department of Child Services—Region 5

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1. Welcome

Attendees—Angela Guimond, Andrea Bennett, Brooke Brown, Jennifer Johnson, Sandra Lock, Samantha O’Neal, Ambyr Wade, Lois Logan Beard, Erika Davis, Coleen Connor, Bill Gallagher, Iwona Morretino, Jennifer Julian, Jackie Marshall, Judge Faith Graham, Caitlin Jackson

2. Community Partners Report

- Bauer to provide updates on budget and program updates
 - Jackie Marshall presented the budget information for Community Partners.
 - Housing is most of the expenditures for concrete funds for families.
 - Currently at target for the annual budget.
 - Schools who applied for prevention grants received their funding.
 - Sent out letters to providers who applied for the prevention grants.
 - Jackie read the list to the group along with award amounts.
 - Will provide the list formally to the group.
 - Bauer is currently out of compliance according to state measures for making face to face contacts with initial referrals, but that is likely due to volume and a surge of referrals at the end of the month.
 - Some challenges with referrals having incorrect or incomplete information.
 - They are able to reach out to the referring party and get more information.
 - Multiple incidents of outreach throughout the region—targeted with local schools.
- Reports emailed to RSC members

3. Budget review (Lois Logan-Beard)

- Current budget expenditures
 - Target for DCS was 25% at the end of September.
 - Region 5 was 25.65%

4. Services (Iwona Morretino)

- Updates:

- Cordant—Continuing to transition the drug screen referrals from previous vendors. Clinic availability has not changed/increased in Region 5.
- Family Preservation Services—Continuing to conduct a full evaluation of the program. Absence of Repeat Maltreatment and length of involvement data appears to be promising, but we are in the early stages of that evaluation.
- DCS has a Family Preservation webpage where public can access information.
<https://www.in.gov/dcs/family-first-act/family-preservation-services/>

5. Region 5 data report out

- Practice Indicators
 - Highlights and areas of focus for the remainder of 2021
 - RM Angela Guimond provided a summary of practice indicators for the region and how they compare to the state.
 - Discussed the Absence of Repeat Maltreatment data and how it connects to the health of the Child Welfare System in Region 5.

6. Good of the Order

- Provider presentations/community comment
 - None
- Last meeting for 2021.
 - I will email Outlook invites for 2022 in the coming months.
 - Biennial Planning will be on the agenda for 2022.
 - There will be a hybrid in-person/virtual option for the coming year.
- Provider meeting to follow RSC at 10 a.m. via Teams

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