



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 5

Meeting Date: October 19, 2018

Meeting Location: Department of Child Services
Tippecanoe County Office
250 Main St., Ste 301
Lafayette, IN

Council Members Present: Angela Smith Grossman, Regional Manager; Paige Heath, Tippecanoe County FCM Supervisor; Karen Hayden Sturgis, Director Tippecanoe County; Jennifer Johnson, Carroll County DCS Director; Keith Luebcke, Tippecanoe Co. FCM Supervisor; Laura Tibbets, Foster Care Specialist, Debbie Brenneman, Foster Parent

Council Members Absent: Rhonda Friend, Benton/Fountain, Warren County DCS Director; Judge Hunter Reece, Warren County; Judge Stephanie Campbell, Fountain County; Coleen Connor, CASA Director; Judge Faith Graham, Tippecanoe County; Jennifer Steinsdoerfer, Warren Co. FCM;

Others In Attendance: Cassie Wade, Bauer Family Resources; Hong Phuc Nguyen, Regional Services Coordinator; Lois Logan Beard, Regional Financial Manager; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad Child & Family Services; Melissa Simpson, Counseling Partners/Child & Family Partners

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:00 am

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Review of Community Partners (Bauer report out)
 - Currently 236 cases for Community Partners in Region 5
 - Close to 100% of Community Partners cases are free from abuse or neglect in the counties in Region 5
 - RFPs have been released for some proposals.
 - Benton County no longer in Region 5, however Community Partners (Bauer) will serve the county until the expiration of the contracts.
 - LODs may be reaching out for education on CP programming to make sure utilization is strong and understood within current assessment and permanency staff.
 - Safe Sleep contractor information will be sent to Regional Manager from Cassie Wade (Bauer) to share with staff for possible educational referrals.
- 3) Practice Indicators
 - Length of stay and kinship numbers discussed.

- Length of case and stay in out of home care will be monitored monthly in the LOD meeting and strategies shared with RSC for feedback and suggestion.

4) Budget Report

- As a Region, we are at 24.1%. Some increase in residential costs. Tippecanoe went over a little bit but doing fairly well and on target.

5) Services

- There is still no concrete date for RFP release.
- Day treatment and day reporting are being separated as a service standard to make sure that probation kids are getting therapeutic services during their time in the service.

6) Good of the Order

2019 Regional Service Council Meetings will be held on 01/18/2019, 04/19/2019, 07/19/2019 & 10/18/2019

Respectfully submitted,

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