Regional Services Council Minutes

Region 9

January 8, 2021

9:00 AM

Microsoft Teams

**Council Members Present:**

Jaclyn Allemon – Region 9 Regional Manager

Nobuhle Harding – DCS Boone County, LOD

Courtney Crowe – DCS Hendricks County, LOD

Harmony Jensen – DCS Montgomery County, LOD

Virginia Lobianco – DCS Morgan County, LOD

Shelly Chadd – DCS Putnam County, LOD

Terrian Brady – DCS Hendricks County, FCM Supervisor

Ryan Peschke – DCS Hendricks County, FCM Supervisor

Becky McClure – CASA, Boone County

Racheal Oldham – Montgomery County Probation (Proxy for Judge Siamas)

Jenny Stout – Hendricks County Court

**Guests:**

Joan Caylor – DCS, Regional Finance Manager

Carolee Couch – DCS, Services Coordinator

Brandi Murphy – DCS, Peer Coach Consultant Region 9

Ben Abels – Children’s Bureau - Community Partners

Jill Atterbury – Community Partners

Abby Swift– Community Partners

Natalie Jeffers – Wilson Services

**Call to order**

The meeting started at 9:00 AM.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 8, 2020

All voting members were in favor of accepting the minutes.

**Community Partners**

* Ben Abels provided a handout with Community Partners data sent via email.
* Referrals from January 1 – December 31 2020 were at 950 –The highest amount of referrals are from DCS and Self Referrals.
* They are fully staffed

Boone Highlights:

* Safe sleep – 13
* Car seat safety – 29
* Chromebooks for kids – 5
* Grandparent Café – up and running and doing very well
* Hope for the Holidays - 27 families (34 kids)
* Thanksgiving Baskets – for 15 families (36 kids)
* Serve Day Backpacks for kids Freedom Church – 120 backpacks
* Food pantries – 4
* Went over Material Relief funds

Hendricks Highlights:

* Safe Sleep - 27
* Car Seat Safety -44
* Chromebooks for kids – 9
* Hope for the Holidays – 17 families (42 kids)
* Resource guide – Ben will continue to update
* Hendricks County Bundle up Coat Drive – Oct. 17th – 283 registrations – 253 kids.
* Christmas Shop with a Cop – 6 kids
* Food Pantries - 1
* Went over Material Relief funds

Montgomery Highlights:

* Safe Sleep Providers – 12
* Car Seat Safety Providers – 42
* Chromebooks – 6
* Hope for the Holidays - 31 families (98 kids)
* Food Pantries – 14
* Went over Material Relief Funds

Morgan Highlights:

* Safe Sleep Providers – 9
* Car Seat Safety Providers – 27
* Chromebooks – 5
* Hope for the Holidays – 20 families (64 kids)
* Thanksgiving food baskets – 25 families (74 kids)
* Went over Material Relief funds

Putnam Highlights:

* Safe Sleep Providers – 34
* Car Seat Safety Providers – 32
* Chromebooks – 7
* Backpack event – 500 backpacks
* Food pantries – 9
* Went over Material Relief funds

**Kids Voice of Indiana**

* Free virtual legal clinic
* Face to face meeting with attorneys every Thursday 3PM – 6PM for legal questions or assistance with forms.

**CFTMs**

* Attended a lot last year – especially when closing an assessment – this helps bridge gap between CP and families. It allows them to explain to families what they can help with.

**Practice Team**

Brandi and Jaclyn had discussions about goals for 2021

* Teaming in assessment is going to be a focus and a goal for this year.
* When we provide resources to the family that community partners has given us to give out – is there an opportunity to make the referral to CP before closing assessments so that we can connect to some resources.

**Budget:**

Goal was 50% - Region 9 is at 47.13%

* Down in all placement types
* Down 98 children from this time last year

Boone – 44.61%

* Down in placement, down 13 children from last year

Hendricks – 42.08 %

* Down in placement and community based, down 54 kids from last year

Montgomery – 48.04%

* Down in Foster Care but slightly up in residential, down 8 kids from last year

Morgan – 51.24%

* Over in placement and community based and increase of 9 kids from last year

Putnam 47.75%

* Down in placement and community based, down 32 children from last year

**Services:**

* Family Preservations Services – had 65 referrals
* Call with providers every other Friday
* Provider Meetings starting in 2021 and will be every 3rd Tuesday of the month.
* No RFP and service contracts will be extended
* Continue to let Carolee know of any issues with service providers or Family Preservation questions

**Foster Care:**

LCPAs

* We will be having quarterly meetings starting this year. Our DM is organizing these. Getting field staff reconnected with LCPA providers.

**Legal:**

* Fully staffed – this has been very helpful especially for case reduction - from Oct – Dec a 9% reduction.
* We had lots of successful adoptions this year to close out the year.

**Biennial Plan:**

**FYI**

* Haven’t heard anything yet, but we will be looking at this and put people together for workgroups when the time comes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.