

DCS Region 5 Regional Services Council Minutes  
Friday, January 21, 2022 at 9:00 am

## Microsoft Teams meeting

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RSC members present: Judge Faith Graham, Coleen Connor, Rhonda Friend, Jennifer Johnson, Penny Neal, Brooke Brown, Caitlin Jackson, Rachel Gallichan, Debbie Brenneman

Other attendees: Sandy Lock, Cassie Wade, Jackie Marshall, Ambyr Wade, Lynn Kershner

1. Welcome

- a. Rachel Gallichan, FCM from Clinton Co., is a new member to RSC.
  - i. Replacing Kristina Courtney who transferred out of R5.

2. Service Updates (Iwona Morretino)

a. Biennial Plan

i. Review, discussion, and vote

1. Questions:

- a. Rachel Gallichan asked about what determined the goals (specifically length of stay and relative placement)
- b. Coleen Connor asked for clarification about the Safe Sleep committee proposal and who would make that up
- c. Suggestion by Judge Graham to firm up the data for the safe sleep initiative

- d. Judge Graham expressed that the quality of the provider in Family Preservation Services is ultimately what drives the success in maintaining children in the same home.
      - e. Iwona Morretino spoke to the quality measurements that DCS Services completed at the end of 2021 to ensure that FPS providers maintain good practice. Data is currently being evaluated. Support for providers and DCS Field Staff is on-going.
      - f. Judge Graham asked about data sources to measure the quality of FPS services.
    2. Judge Graham motioned to adopt the plan.
    3. Brooke Brown and Rachel Gallichan seconded the motion.
    4. RSC members voted to adopt the plan.
  - ii. Signatures from members needed
    1. Signature form will be sent to members electronically for signature.
3. Budget Review (Lois Logan-Beard)
  - a. Provided an overview of Region 5 budget.
    - i. Target was 50% and Region 5 spent 50.9%
    - ii. Projected to be over budget slightly by end of fiscal year.
4. Bauer—Community Partners Report
  - a. Slightly over budget so they are watching their spending.
    - i. Some of the over-spend is due to a staff hire.
  - b. Spoke to referral numbers by county and need along with service compliance.
  - c. Conducted outreach in Tippecanoe County in the last month. Planning more in the region in subsequent months.
5. Practice Indicators for the Region
  - a. Recap of 2021

- i. Improved in most areas—looking at increasing the percentages of IAs and in-home cases and reducing the number of children in out of home care over 731 days.

6. Good of the Order

7. 2022 meeting dates listed below

- a. 4/22/2022
- b. 7/15/2022
- c. 10/21/2022

Provider meeting to follow at 10:00 a.m.