

Regional Service Council

Region 6

November 22, 2016

- Approval of Minutes- tabled until next meeting (pending approval)
- New Business:

Fiscal- Mary Holliday:

- Child welfare costs are up a little bit from last year, not significantly so. Region 6 will be over budget approximately ½ million for the year. Residential is kind of stable. LCPA and In-home/community based services costs are up which corresponds to caseload size.
- Probation costs are way up- about 40% from last year.
- At the next meeting, Mary will bring a copy of the Service Standard Costs to hand out.

RFP and Service updates- Amy Foxworthy:

- Amy is familiarizing herself with the region.
- Counties are requesting qualified therapists and the need for increased availability of therapeutic services.
- Service providers would like a provider fair.
- Howard County requested for Amy to look into getting an RFP open for more providers to do parenting assessments in the region as there are waitlist for this service.

Update Community Partners- Paige Pine:

- Reviewed handout on Community Partners Referrals through 9/30/2016.
- Meeting all of the state standards.
- Served 287 clients so far in 2016.
- DCS continues to be their largest referral source.
- They are getting 15% to 20% more referrals from DCS with higher needs.
- Currently, they're not utilizing any flex funds unless it's an absolute emergency due to being over budget. Additionally, they are not doing any extensions unless it's an absolute emergency.
- The cases being referred are more challenging and the families are staying in for the entire length of services, which didn't always happen in the past.
- This region is underfunded and we need to advocate for additional funding.
- Community Partner has some newer providers onboard as well.
- Paige is meeting with the new providers more frequently.
- Community Partners is funding a NEW after school program with Kokomo Housing Authority (KHA) this year.

- Regional Prevention Dollars (and, Local Plans):

*Miami County- Safe Sleep

*Wabash- Safety Fair

*Cass-Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, partner with PCA and ask what we can assist with

*Howard- Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, partner with PCA for speaker for annual conference or other needs

*Fulton- Working with the school, newly formed provider group with Community Foundation, identify best topics to address

(Ideas: safety fairs, mini conferences, prevention trainings, partnering with another agency to maximize prevention dollars.)

Deadline for allocations is July 2017, but need to get the info to Paige ASAP- waiting until the first of the year, especially for obtaining good/quality speakers, is very risky.

Once you've identified who you want to work with, get with Paige. He can walk them through the process (they'll be asked to do a 1 page proposal and whoever does the proposal will be the fiscal agent- their name will be on the check).

If you see/hear any good speakers, feel free to share that information with Paige.

- Set 2017 RSC meeting dates and location:
 - Looking for a centralized location
 - Over the next month, will locate a place in MIAMI COUNTY that will meet the team's needs (i.e. allow telephonic participation)
 - Meet every other month:

January 26th, March 23rd, May 25th, July 27th, September 28th, November 30th

-Time: 3PM for providers meeting and RSC will meet at 4 pm, generally on the 4th Thursday of each month (if changes needed RM will send out notice)

Suggestions: as we move forward as a RSC we want to increase participation of RSC as well as time for providers to meet to discuss- gaps in services, common themes and needs, etc. We can start by:

- Looking over Biennial Plan to help determine regional needs and help build stronger RSC
- Consider creating an agenda for the providers and ask for the providers input (discuss gaps in service, trends, etc...)
- Invite every agency who receives prevention dollars to be at the meeting and have them report out on their programs and services periodically
- Have 1 or 2 providers do a short (10 minutes or less) presentation about what they do/what they offer
- Provider led meeting from 3PM to 4PM prior to RSC to make it convenient for all to attend

- Discussion of the refinement or development of Regional team representation- ongoing

Team composition:

RM

3 Judges or designees (probation)

3 LOD's- all region 6 -LODs will be present with 3 voting allocations)

2 FCMS- supervisors e-mail Liz (Preference- 1 from Howard and 1 from any of the other counties)

2 licensed Foster Parents- Liz will talk to Mary Werner about adding another foster parent; currently Amanda Hudkins foster mother from Fulton County is on the Council.

1 GAL or CASA-

1 Prosecuting Attorney or designee

1 resident from region

1 parent of a child who has received services

Suggestions?? Please send Liz names of people who you feel would fit those roles and would be solid additions to the Regional Service Council.

- 2017 PROVIDER FAIR:
 - Would like a representative from each county OFC involved in the planning
 - Will add this to the agenda for next meeting and make it a standing item until completion.
 - Things to consider:

Who to invite and have FCMS attend to get to know providers in the region and increase awareness

Can be contracted and non contracted agencies

Where: Location-venue to support the fair

Table/chairs and space donated/registration/low cost food option for staff and agencies presenting

Could have local food trucks wanting to promote their restaurant available

Consider as we build- agencies donate items: school supplies, socks and underwear, hats and gloves, etc.

How do we get the word out: promote it – LEA attend, school counselors, probation, foster parents, etc. to get to know what programs/services are available in our region

- Questions/concerns from RSC membership
 - None

Adjourned meeting- Next meeting in January TBA