



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 2

Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 – 5:30 p.m. CST
Meeting Location: Wheatfield Library, Wheatfield, IN

Council Members Present: Terrance Ciboch, Judge Michael Shurn, Mark Brown (proxy for Judge Mary Harper), Sharon Mathew, Dee Lynch, Ron Fisher, Mitzi McGlone, Andrea Jackson (proxy for Don Amidei), Sarah Fink and Sandi Beckett

Council Members Absent: Melissa Johnson, Linda Rugg, Magistrate Jonathan Forker

Others In Attendance: Joni Tusing, Dion Smith, Lou Richie, Crystal Williams, Lisa Sharp, Jim Burns, Karen Burnacki, Cheryl Highsmith, Sherrie Shivok, Melanie Dooley, Nicole Hiatt-Drang and N. Koecylur

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: Regional Service Council meeting was called to order by Mr. Ciboch at 5:33 P.M. CST.

1. Roll was called, and the Regional Service Council introduced. It was noted that a quorum was present and seated.

2. Unfinished Business:

Expanding FCT Services

Dion Smith explained the current Family Centered Therapy provider is unable to handle the amount of referrals and he has reached out to SCAN to come into Region 2 to assist. Sherrie Shivok from SCAN Inc. explained on how they would be able to provide the services that were needed. Dee Lynch made a motion to approve adding SCAN as a FCT provider for Region 2 and was seconded by Sharon Mathew. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, motion passed.

3. New Business:

A. Community Partners Report:

Lisa Sharp discussed the summary of families served, referrals, prevention dollars, budget and Mobile Tot Shop for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Mr. Ciboch questioned the items available through Tot Shop and requested they survey the parents which items they would like to be available. Mr. Ciboch also requested from Lisa a blank Healthy Family Parenting inventory which would be distributed to RSC members.

B. Family Advocates – Case Management

Karen Biernachi gave a brief summary of Harmony House and their services. Karen would like to submit an RFP or expand current contract for homemaker, parent education, CHINS support, home-based family centered casework/therapy services but was told by Dion that the state will not be opening new RFP's for the remainder of the calendar year. There was a discussion on how to include transportation into visitation in which Mr. Ciboch said he would get the correct information.

C. Budget

Mr. Ciboch explained how the budget has gone to a regional level and how the budget was distributed by percentages. When the budget amounts become available, they will be distributed to the council members. Mr. Ciboch also explained how probation has their own budget but when there is a dual status case, DCS pays.

4. Testimony / Announcements Public:

Jim Burns questioned preapproval for a referral, if there is enough time to get all the signatures when there is a time frame to see the client. Mr. Ciboch explained how fraud is up and there has to a procedure to help eliminate it. Mr. Burns also spoke about the licensing issues of therapist and providers having to turn down referrals due to it.

5. October 18, 2016 minutes: Sharon Mathew made a motion to accept the July 26th minutes as written and was seconded by Dee Lynch. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, minutes passed.

Mr. Ciboch adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

The next meeting will be announced at a later date