

## Regional Service Council Meeting

### Region 17

September 8, 2017

**Welcome and Introduction:** Meeting was called to order by Mr. Snook at 9:35am. In attendance was Mr. Snook, Audrey Dortch Supervisor Spencer County, Sybil Rodeck Supervisor Spencer County, Jessica Richardson LOD Spencer County, Mendy Berry LOD Daviess County, Lisa Smith Supervisor Crawford County, Dale Stroud LOD Crawford/Orange County, Nancy Rennie LOD Perry County, Amy Temple LOD Dubois County, Gwen Girtten Service Coordinator, Stephanie Helton FCM Martin County, Tawana Jackson Peer Coach Consultant, Brittany Clark Youth Villages, Paula Rasche Crisis Connection, Dana Welborn IHBS, Jonda Bowers IHBS, Danelle Standfield IHBS, Katie Vanvleet Raintree, Jackie Foley Raintree, Kenneth Malapote SWIRVY, Tucker Smith SWIRVY, Megan Stafford Youth Villages. Meeting is held at Ferdinand Public Library.

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve made by Mendy Berry, Lisa Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, there were no objections or corrections to the prior meeting minutes, motion passed.

**Service Coordinator's Report** – Gwen reported that they are discussing a timeline for the Biennial plan. She handed out the workbook activities, DCS staff is to review data from the last year and look to move forward for the next year. RFP is being updates. Mr. Snook reported that there is a webinar coming soon regarding the biennial plan for the Region. He reported that LOD'S should be reviewing plan and looking at new ideas for the next year.

**Regional Finance Managers Report** – Bob is attending each local office to go over the budget. He has completed Dubois, Spencer, and Perry at this time. Mr. Snook reported that DCS is writing better referrals for the service providers to make sure the budget is ensured and getting appropriate services for the referral. The Budget was set at 8.33% Region 17 is at 8.39% for the start of the year.

Community Partners – Beginning Budget: \$496,447.32

**Total budget to be used by 6/30/18:      \$496,447.32**

As of September 1, 2017, a total of 74 referrals had been received since July 1, 2017. A home based caseworker (HBCW) was assigned to 72 cases, a home based therapist (HBT) was assigned to 2 cases. During the third quarter 89.13% of engaged clients closed successfully with one or more goals completed.

There are 71 levels currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety to assist 71 families.

Region 17 received a total of 30 referrals during the month of July. Of these referrals, 2 cases came from Crawford County, 7 from Daviess County, 7 from Dubois County, 4 from Martin County, 6 from Orange County, 2 from Perry County, and 2 from Spencer County.

Region 17 received a total of 44 referrals during the month of August. Of these referrals, 1 case came from Crawford County, 13 from Daviess County, 9 from Dubois County, 2 from Martin County, 7 from Orange County, 6 from Perry County, and 6 from Spencer County.

**Recent Success Story:**

This family was referred to the Community Partners program at the end of June by the Department of Child Services. When we met with the mother she was living with her 10 year old son, her adult son and his girlfriend. Shortly after meeting with this family they were kicked out of the son and girlfriends home and were homeless. IHBS assisted the mother with getting into an emergency shelter. The mother and son came to Indiana to flee a Domestic Violence relationship from New Mexico. The mother had no income, no transportation and was not receiving public aid assistance. Once the family moved into the shelter we assisted the mother with applying for SNAP benefits and health insurance. We assisted the mother with utilizing local resources in town and helped her apply for income based housing. After living at the shelter for three weeks the family successfully gained affordable and stable housing. We then assisted the mother with utilizing community resources to obtain household furniture and household items. IHBS assisted the mother with finding employment. The child is adapting to the new school year and his new apartment.

Father Hood Engagement – We currently have a total of 50 open levels. 4 of those are in Daviess, 1 in Martin, 3 in Orange, 3 in Crawford, 8 in Perry, and 18 in Spencer, and 13 in Dubois. We recently began working with a dad who was struggling with drinking and his relationship with his teenage son. Our worker has been able to build a rapport with dad that helped him open up with his therapist. During their FHE session he has begun praising his child and having intentional conversations and interactions to help build and improve that relationship. He has also begun replacing his drinking with alternative, positive activities.

**Other Business-**

IHBS – Car Seat Program to be held in English on September 22, 2017 at 9 am. By Appointment only.

Foster Care – Spencer County will be walking in the Dale Parade to recruit foster parents in the area. September 16, 10<sup>th</sup> street fair will have a booth, Odon Pumpkin Fest will be a booth, and Old Eckerty Days will be a booth as well to recruit foster parents.

Spencer County – has a new location and remodeling has started on the new building

Daviess County – Building remodeling is almost complete

September 23, 2017 SWICCAC 5k is set in Milltown this year

Public Comments/Announcements –

SWIRVY stated that they do a screening assessment for substance abuse and mental health when children are placed. They add a CANS for the children as well. They will give recommendations after the screening. New staff being hired. They reported that they had an open bed in the female program and Sexual Maladaptive Program.

Youth Villages reported that they have 2 new hires. They have one opening for Region 17. Perry County has asked for 2 slots at this time.

Meeting Adjourned – Mendy Berry made a motion, Amy Temple made a second, everyone agreed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:06am.

Next Meeting: December 15, 2017