



REGIONAL SERVICES COUNCIL

REGION 1

Meeting Date/Time: April 24, 2017 @ 3:30pm

## Agenda

Call the meeting to order  
Approval of October Meeting Minutes  
Report from Community Partners  
Fiscal Report  
Evening Reporting

### Biennial Plan 2017-2018 Update

[http://in.gov/dcs/files/Region 1 final BRSSP.pdf](http://in.gov/dcs/files/Region_1_final_BRSSP.pdf)

Division Manager Kimberly Wells-Substance Abuse

Division Manager Alfred Fisher-Permanency

Division Manager Twan Stokes-Prevention

### Next Meeting:

All meetings will be held at the Lake County Juvenile  
Complex-3000 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave Crown Point, IN

### Meeting Dates for 2017

July 24, 2017

October 23, 2017

### Adjournment



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# Regional Service Council Minutes

Region 1

April 24, 2017

3:30 PM

Lake County Juvenile Justice Center  
3000 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

**Council Members Present:** Ellis Dumas, Malea Guidarelli, Breanne LaPlante, Lois Logan-Beard, Erica Rios, Annette Smith, Thomas Stefaniak, Twan Stokes,

**Council Members Absent:** Rehana Adat-Lopez, Matt Gruett, and Kathleen Guzek, Diane Weiss-Bradley

## Call to Order

Ellis Dumas called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM.

## Approval of Minutes

Malea Guidarelli motioned to accept the January 23, 2017 minutes; Breanne LaPlante seconded the motion. The minutes were passed unanimously.

## Community Partners

Community Partners (CP) reported that the total number of families served for the month of March 2017 was 550, which included 1302 children. There were 269 open referrals, and 170 new referrals. Bed/cribs accounted for their highest expense this month with 11 requests. Currently, CP has 259 open referrals and 126 new referrals. In 2016, CP received 575 referrals from the Indiana Department of Child Services, Lake County. Successes reported by Community Partners: Clients were able to receive financial assistance, and CP has started occupying space at the Gary Public Safety Facility 2<sup>nd</sup> fl., three days/wk, T, W, Th, 9 AM- 4PM to enroll people. Recruitment efforts have targeted barbershops, beauty supply and grocery stores. The Easter Bunny Brunch served 100 families w/children, and included a visit with the Easter bunny, pictures and brunch. Eight families were enrolled. Community Partners Upcoming Events: 4/25/17 Child Abuse Candlelight Vigil, 4/29/17 Child Abuse Prevention Walk-A-Thon, 5-4-17 Mental Health Luncheon, 5-24-17 Family Fun Night. The Request for Proposals (RFP) opened for Prevention Services on 3/1/17 and close 4/14/17.

## Fiscal

Lois Logan-Beard reported that Lake County may go 15%-20% over budget due to the increase in children involved with the Department of Child Services. The budget for Lake County is \$56.3 million; \$49 million has been spent thus far. There is \$7 million of this fiscal year budget remaining.

## Biennial Plan

Division Managers reported out on the assigned workgroups.



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### **Evening Reporting**

Evening Reporting through JDAI was discussed as an alternative to detention for low risk youth that do not rise to higher levels of restriction, but are in need of structure. This service would be available until 8PM and would need to feed the participants. The council is exploring this option at this time. RSC Chair Dumas recommended the council research the number of the children that could benefit from evening reporting prior to opening a request for proposal (RFP). Janet Bonner, DCS Probation Liaison, will be meeting with Probation on 5/8/17 to discuss in further detail.

### **Next Meeting**

July 24, 2017

### **Adjournment**

Erica Rios moved to adjourn the meeting and Malea Guidarelli seconded the motion. Adjournment passed unanimously. Ellis Dumas adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM.



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