

**Regional Services Council Notes – Region 6
1-25-18**

- Welcome-
- Minutes approved

- Regional service coordinator updates:
Iwona Morretino replaced Sue Kramer. Iwona stated she is excited to take over. She has been with DCS for 10 years and has been with the services department 1 ½ years. She also covers Region 11 & 7. Iwona stated there are no RFP's out right now and said the team is working on revamping the RFP's and working to stream line on getting qualified providers to serve the needs of our families.

- Financial updates: meaningful discussions of needs and targeted services to ensure fiscal responsibility
Liz passed out the financial updates. Region 6 is within 2.6 % of our budget as a whole region and we have started looking at the needs of each county. The budget is currently at 52.6%, which is not bad. We have seen a slight downward trend in cases, have a higher need for services for families. Liz talked with providers about having meaningful conversations at the onset of a case to get targeted services in place.

- Scan updates and Provider meeting updates:

Paige Hamilton passed out handout and went over financial pages. Community Partners Services for November were 31.9 %. The goal was 41% so we are right we want to be .which was a little under where expected to be. Contract to date are 112 enrollments. Total referrals for November are 38 and 35 were eligible. The Eligible referrals for the year are 191 with 113 discharged. Families served for the year are 407. Referrals are coming primary from DCS, but have gotten an increase from schools.

IYI provided a short overview of the services they provide and resources they can assist with.

- Update on Howard Co.

Today was last day of move. Their training room is big and they are excited to have additional space. Some meetings will probably be held there in the future. Their new address is 1928 S. Dixon Rd., Kokomo, IN 46901.

- DCS regionally priorities 2018
Want to get back to the basics and ensure good quality practice. Safety- how do we ensure and provide safety throughout the life of a case. Engaging families and how we work on engagement skills with our families, providers and co-workers. Companionate Confrontation

with families to address issues. Looking at ensuring kids get to legal permanency timely through good clinical supervision. Also working on developing foster parents, working on strengthening support, and provide skills and resources to maintain kids in their home. We are working on setting a time weekly for foster parents to come in and talk to LOD to resolve problems and or have issues they want to discuss.

- 2018 Schedule every other month starting in January
Fourth Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned