**Regional Services Council Meeting Minutes**

**Region 11**

**Meeting Date: January 29, 2020**

**Meeting Location: Hamilton County DCS Office**

**938 N. 10th Street**

**Noblesville, IN 46060**

**Council Members Present:**, Joanie Crum, Lyndsay Krauter, Ashley Krumbach, Amy Waltermire, Iwona Morretino, Jessica Paxson, Bob Bragg, Bob Daugherty, Annette Craycraft, James Janes, Caitlyn Purvis, Amy Atkins

**Council Members Absent:** Pam Owens, Blake Alexander, Britni Nelson, Nikki Howenstine, Cheri Coonce, Mike Gray

**Guests:** Ciara Coleman, Cindy Sucese, Andy Ogle, Michael Parks, Megan Wills, Brandi Pass, Randy Pierce, Hope Russell, Joan Wilson, Jill Kelly, Julie Ensinger, Lynne Wisneski, Amanda Wills, Kelly Reiff, Ola Smith, Denelle King, Denise Valdez, Rita Goodridge, Opeoluwa Ifabiyi, Courtney Hunt, Tifini McChyde, Megan Stafford

**Meeting Minutes**

* Meeting was called to Order at 9:02 A.M. by Regional Manager Joanie Crum
  + **New Council Member**
    - Amy Atkins , LOD of Tipton County DCS , effective 1/27/2020
  + **Old Business**
    - **Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2019 Meeting.** RSC members spent a few minutes reviewing the minutes from the December 4, 2019 meeting. Annette Craycraft motioned to approve the minutes and Jessica Paxson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.
  + **New Business**
    - **Biennial Plan for SFY 2021-2022**

Iwona Morretino stated that the Biennial Plan will be ready for a vote at the next RSC meeting which will be held March 25, 2020.

* + - **Fiscal – Regional Finance Report** – Bob Daugherty provided an update. Region 11’s budget is $23,287,000. Region 11 has spent $13 million (55.52 % of the budget) as of 12/31/19. There was a flux of expenditures for November and December which may indicate why we are over budget. January and February expenditures should stabilize. Bob also reminded the RSC that the 2019/2020 budget is $2.7 million less than last fiscal period.

* + - **Community Partners Update** – Jill Kelly provided the update
      * Referrals: November – December 2019 - 142
* Hamilton – 26
* Hancock – 15
* Madison – 93
* Tipton – 8 (Katherine has been brought on to be a liaison between Hamilton County and Tipton County. She is from Tipton and Jill believes Kathy will assist with bringing up the Tipton numbers since Tipton is such a tight knit community).

Material Relief for Region 11 - $7,300.53

* Bitters Conference
* Conference will be held on the next RSC meeting on March 25, 2020; time to be determined.
* Information pertaining to the conference will be posted on the Children’s Bureau Website. The contract is the same. There will be a vote in May and implement by July 1, 2020.
* **Prevention Funding Provider Updates**: Annette Craycraft motioned to approve that unused funds from Cherish, approximately $13,100, will go back to Children’s Bureau. This motion was seconded by Jessica Paxson. A vote was taken and approved. The RSC also stated that these funds will be disbursed to Hamilton County DCS.
* **Services**: Joanie Crum requested that Iwonna Morrentino speak regarding Prevention Services (Family First).
* Open until February 21, 2020
* 268 questions and answers on website
* Contracts projected to be effective June 1, 2020
* Increase in evidence based practice/model
* Iwonna will provide council members with link to the questions and answers
* **Strengthening Indiana Grant**
* Indiana University has provided a Prevention Grant for Madison and Tipton County.
* Grant is for strengthening primary prevention and getting kids out of foster care
* Requirement of grant is to do 4 sight visits.
* Most visits scheduled
  + - Gainesville, FL – 2/24 -2/25; Tipton attending; focus on Parent Cafes
    - Alleghany County, PA; Heather Kester and Meghan attending; focus on early intervention (as soon as baby is born) and home visits for new parents
    - Nebraska – April; Ashley Krumbach attending
* Ashley Krumbach will keep RSC informed
* **Additional Madison County Grant**
* Madison County was added to an existing grant
* 3 year grant to review how to reduce the number of children fatalities
* Need to prepare a 5 year retrospective analysis of child fatalities; was the death due to abuse/neglect or other reasons
* Guest comments :
* CCDF- Maximus is taking over. Children’s Bureau no longer has a contract with CCDF.
* Randy Pierce from Madison Park Celebrate Recovery informed RSC of a success story
* Homecoming LLCH (Anna Sasin) works with juveniles and adults. Anna presented brochures, etc regarding her business. She stated that she can handle 10 assessments per week and her highest capacity was 12 clients. Medicaid eligible.
* Fresh Start Recovery Centers (Wendy Hague)
  + - Residential recovery treatment centers for mothers
    - Approximately 75 day program
    - 4 centers currently
* Indianapolis – can accommodate 45 mothers + 2 kids/client (up to age 5)
* Winchester – 24 mothers
* Evansville – 23 mothers
* Columbus – 25 mothers

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 A.M.