

Regional Service Council Minutes Region #12

Meeting Date: January 11, 2016
Meeting Location: Fayette County DCS Conference Room
Meeting Chair: Kelly Owens
Meeting Secretary: Myrna Baldwin

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:33 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Mark Munchel, Kathy Hobson and Hannah Robinson, Fayette County DCS; Bill Ammerman, Rush County DCS; Judge Mary Willis, Henry County Circuit Court; Kelly Broyles, Wayne County DCS

Council Members Absent: Karen Bowen, Wayne County CASA; Catherine McNamara, Union County DCS; Judge Beth Butsch, Fayette County Circuit Court; and Judge Brian Hill, Rush Superior Court.

Others In Attendance: Bob Daugherty, DCS Regional Finance Manager; Megan Lammert, DCS Regional Coordinator; Carl Scheib and Angi Johnson, Children's Bureau; Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation; Stephen Groce, Choices; Norm Smith, Wernle; Jenna Turner, Fayette County Probation; Matt Gooding and Laura Drake, DCS; Paul Stanley, Centerstone; Kory George, Wayne County Probation; Karen Antrim, Union County Probation; and Jessica Pflum, Meridian.

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes

- a) Meeting agenda distributed.

II. Approval of Minutes

Bill Ammerman moved to approve the minutes from the October 2015, meeting. Mark Munchel seconded the motion which was passed with no opposing votes. Minutes approved.

III. Community Partners for Child Safety

The *Community Partners for Child Safety* report was distributed. Carl Scheib reporting last quarter referrals are down slightly at 183.

- Material relief funds noted on report;
- Outcomes- Continuing to meet/exceed all outcomes; of note, the outcome reading "90% of families receiving 8 or more fact-to-face contacts will not have a substantiated child abuse case following the 8th contact for a period of 12 months after discharge" the state standard was at 90% but has been increased to 95%. Region 12 is at 96%.

- Events:
 - St Michael's coat drive- distributed 350 items;
 - Naomi Griffith workshop- full house, great reviews;
 - October 27, 2015- Children's' Fall Festival and Halloween in Roberts Park; great turnout even though it rained all evening;
 - October 30, 2015- Provider Fair went very well, more providers as well as visitors this year;
 - A 2016 agenda has not been established yet. Scheib welcomed emails containing ideas;

IV. Regional Coordinator Report

Megan Lammert, Region 12 Regional Services Coordinator, reported a Request for Proposal (RFP) is to open April/May. Lammert requested members inform her of any services/needs/agencies in the region and she will speak with providers to try and contract with DCS. Ms. Lammert's contact information: Megan.Lammert@dcs.in.gov
 Kelly Owens noted a lot of counties don't have enough agencies for referrals. She asked that providers contact the local office directors with availability.

V. Child Protection Service Plan/Biennial Regional Service Strategic Plan

Lammert reported that several biennial plan committees had met to finalize goals for Region 12. A print out distributed containing goals, action steps, identified tasks, responsible parties, time frames, and dates of completion for council vote. They include:

- 1.) Measurable Outcome for Prevention Services
- 2.) Measurable Outcome for Maltreatment after Involvement
- 3.) Measurable Outcome for Permanency for Children in Care 24+ Months
- 4.) Measurable Outcome for Substance Use Disorder Treatment

After brief discussion, Kelly Broyles moved to approve the plan as presented. Bill Ammerman seconded the motion and the measure passed with no objections.

VI. Regional Financial Manager Report

Bob Daugherty distributed the *Family and Children Services Year to Date Comparisons; Cumulative for December, 2015*. Expenditures: \$4.9mil for 2015, \$5.5mil for 2016; all categories increasing except wards in institution. Daugherty stated that placement and preservation services have increased across the board. Probation is at \$1.67mil for 2016 down from \$2.2mil for 2015.

VII. Other Business

No other business to discuss.

VIII. Public Comment

- Matt Gooding spoke briefly regarding probation/juvenile justice.
- An informative discussion was had concerning the effectiveness of Permanency Round Tables (PRT). The consensus being that PRTs are valuable tools for achieving permanency for a child.
- Paul Stanley, Centerstone, introduced himself and stated he is heading up a grant in Wayne County in collaboration with DMHA and JDAI to provide an intake center and emergency shelter for adolescents and teens.

IX. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business to discuss.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2016, at 3:30pm, at the Fayette County Local DCS Office.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14pm.