 **Regional Service Council Minutes**

**Region # 15**

**Meeting Date**: July 21, 2021

**Meeting Location**: Ripley County DCS / 531 W US 50, Versailles

**Council Members Present**:

Michelle Adams, R15 Manager

Sandy Ante, Dearborn/Ohio Local Office Director

Denise Burton, Decatur Local Office Director

Gary Keith, Jefferson Local Office Director

Michelle Smith, Ripley Local Office Director

Teresa Patrick, Switzerland Local Office Director

K-Lynn Minor, Jefferson FCM

Laural French, Advocates for Children

Morgan Thomas, Proxy for Judge King, Ripley Co

**Council Members Present by proxy:**

**Council Members Absent**:

Emily Jackson, FCM/Ripley County FCM

Jon MacMurdo, Dearborn DCS Supervisor

Alyssa Shelton, Jefferson DCS Supervisor

Jennifer Sturges / Proxy for Judge Day, Decatur Co

Amy Fischmer, Proxy for Jefferson Co Prosecutor

Adam Rauch / Proxy for Judge Humphrey, Dearborn Circuit

Jackie Murray, Foster Parent

Kerri Fox, Foster Parent/YES Home

**Others in Attendance**:

Belinda Foreman, RFM (virtual)

Erica Roberts, Community Partner/IHBS [eroberts@ihbs.us](mailto:eroberts@ihbs.us)

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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order at**: 2:00 pm

1. Welcome/Roll Call – Introductions completed
2. Approval of Minutes:
3. ***Michelle Smith made a motion to approve April 21, 2021 minutes; Sandy Ante seconded; all in favor.***
4. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:
5. Community Partners / Erica Roberts & Nick Miller
6. Quarterly Report, Referral Report, Budget & Flex fund reports

* Reports sent to council members
* Erica provided summary of each report; waiting on June expenditures for year-end totals
* Referrals continue to increase each year
* Shared success stories of two families referred by DCS
* Flex funds – majority of expenses used for housing needs

1. Regional Finance Manager - Belinda Foreman
2. Region 15 came in 21% over budget for 2021
3. Billing questions: [DCSPaymentResearchUnit@dcs.in.gov](mailto:DCSPaymentResearchUnit@dcs.in.gov)
4. Currently at 36 day payment turnaround



1. Regional Services Coordinator – Austin Hollabaugh - Absent

1. Biennial Plan Goal: Provider Presentation
2. Erin Thomas & Michelle Guidice / Lifetime Resources

* Catch a Ride Services
* Available to anyone for any purpose as long as there is availability
* Requests are on a first come first serve basis
* Remind clients to plan ahead - as of August 1st you can schedule up to 30 days in advance (prior to that there were limitations due to pandemic)
* Masks required but no social distancing as of 8-1-2021
* $2 is the standard fee; $1 for reduced; 6 mile radius – 25 cents per mile over 6 miles; have exact change if using cash
* Wednesdays they travel to the Cincinnati area
* Many insurance carriers accepted; if using insurance – you must schedule through insurance provider
* Vouchers can be purchased (to be given to clients)
* Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult
* Driver shortage in the Madison and Vevay area; part time positions; $13/hr; test is taken at BMV; training provided during hiring process



1. Division of Family Resources will present at the October meeting.
2. Suggestions for future meetings: Safe Passages, Turning Point, CHOICES, One Community One Family (Jody Alexander)
3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
4. Practice Model Review (PMR) is scheduled for our region in July. Results will be shared at the October meeting or a special meeting may be scheduled (more information to come). Gary Keith is the PMR liaison and states everything is on track for the review.
5. NEW BUSINESS
6. PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time**:

October 20, 2021 / Ripley DCS, 531 W US 50, Versailles / 2:00 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned at**: 3:00 pm

***Sandy Ante made a motion to adjourn; Michelle Smith seconded; all in favor***