Region 17 RSC

Meeting Minutes

03/15/2019

Present: Jim Snook, Dale Stroud, Mendy Berry, Amy Tempel, Jason Holt, Crystal Noble, Nancy Rennie, Lisa Smith, Ashley Manship, Casey Newton, Sybil Rodeck, Cheryl Hillenburg, Amy Smith, Chelsea Hemmerlein, Leighah Wheeler. Non-Members: Amanda Holt, Megan Stafford, Gina McDonald, Gwen Girten, Jonda Bowers, Andrea Bennett, Kaci McGlaughlin, Aimee Eckstein, Samantha Sellers, Chelsi Hamilton, Susan Lents, Jill Tucker, Tyler Bittner, Jennifer Hamilton, Paula Rasche, Tammy Lampert, Christina Wicks, Dana Welborn, Jaime Greer, Angie Phillips, Whitney Vowels, Rhonda Woolems-Corbett.

Jim had everyone to introduce themselves as several new members were present.

Jim asked if previous (December) meeting minutes were accepted, Amy motioned to accept, Mendy seconded. All approved.

RFP’s were reviewed and scored on February27th and sent to Council for review. Community Partners for Child Safety service narratives were scored and brought to this meeting.

Jim asked for a motion to accept the proposals as submitted, Mendy made a motion to approve and Lisa seconded the motion, no discussion, vote taken, motion approved.

Gwen stated there is a correction as Counseling for Change is outpatient, not inpatient. She thanked all who attended and scored. She announced Community Partners awarded to IHBS, Homebuilders, as well.

Jim introduced, Whitney Vowels our new Provider Advocate. She recently attended Jim’s RM meeting. She covers Regions 8 and 12 – 18 and Region 15 is her home office. She works with partnerships, bridging DCS with Providers. She’s not here to interject, but to supercede and she is available to help and continue efforts to make relationships stronger and improved.

Gwen and Debbie Dailey have only one more county, Daviess, to train in writing referrals. Debbie states we are in the eighth (8th) month of our State fiscal year and a few counties are over target, Handout #1. One of the comments of CWG was overcentralization of Budget Office. She says our budget is a target. Jim is pleased our good legal support started moving cases, which in turn helped our budget.

Jonda Bowers, Community Partners, gave us a breakdown of referrals received per county and source, see Handout #2. She says our region is on budget. She read a really good success story to us. Mendy spoke up and said the story is about a family in her county and with Community Partners involvement the children did not have to be removed. Fatherhood engagement: She had a good success story for a father engaging with his family and through partnering with FEP, CASA, DCS, the interpreting service and community resources things are improved for him and his infant daughter, see Handout #2A. Per Jim, Families First, Fatherhood Engagement is a Big deal with CWG.

Jim asked that each local office represented share their planned April CAP Events:

**Crawford- Dale**: April 1st at Crawford County Judicial Plaza 10am to 1pm, county children to receive pinwheels and decorate the plaza, refreshments, popcorn, icees and April 17th at CCJP 11am to 12:30pm, U.S. Rep. Troy Hollingsworth and Judge Bell to speak, lunch provided, door prizes and Pinwheels available.

**Daviess- Mendy**: Pinwheels for Prevention Friday, April 12th, 4 – 7 pm, East Side Part, Washington (Rain or Shine), Speaker – D.V. and effects on kids, Free Food, Presentations, Give-a-ways including bicycles donated from local agencies, K-9 Presentation, face painting, Emergency Personnel, DJ, tickets for give-a-way!

**Dubois- Amy**: Kids’ Fest! Where: Jaycee Park 1405 Bartley Street, Jasper IN When: April 24th 5-7pm EST, FREE EVENT! Booster Bash: Free Booster and Installation (ages 4-8) Face Painting! Food and Drinks! Balloon Animals! Games & Raffle! Safety Sam! Stat Flight, Fire Truck, Police,& Ambulance.

**Martin- Jason**: TBA

**Orange- Crystal**: April 26th at Beechwood Church, partnering with PCA. S.V. Elementary Choir, Stand-Up Foundation, speaker.

**Perry- Nancy**: Great provider help, April 13 CDT, Easter Egg Hunt @ Joe Shaker Park. April 17th, Get community out.

**Spencer- Sybil for Jessica**: Family First Fun Fest, April 27th, 9 am to Noon CDT, Yellig Park, Ashburn Road, Santa Claus. Food, games, crafts, Free fun for the whole family. CASA/ HHMS Jr. Optimist Club Joint Event, 5K Walk/ Run begins at 7am, Registration fee benefits CASA.

Jim asked about plans for this year’s provider fair, Gwen and Meghan are already working on it.

Judge Bell in Crawford County met with Providers, as she wanted them to know Crawford’s needs.

Cheryl Hillenburg, Crawford County’s Prosecutor, stated that she is working with the schools to enforce truancy laws and increase school attendance.

Jill Tucker from 4C gave Handout #3 with requirements for DCS Referrals and Handout #4 CCDF Pre-application.

Megan Stafford is creating a document for parent use.

Susan Lents states Malinger is now reaching out to community building, family and children services.

Jonda, Dana- Protective Factors Training.

Jennifer Hamilton with the Villages is involved in Adoption Competence training.

Tammy Lampert says SWICACC is great! She is hiring new staff and work is up 25%. In regards to compiling information for Crawford, Gwen is concentrating on FCMs. Roundtable in

April with SWICACC and DCS, to educate and be more transparent. Tammy is interested in more Region 17 FCMs attending and participating with others in the State and see what they are doing. Cheryl states that DCS needs training with SWICACC as they have great funding. Jim stated that he is encouraging more FCMs to participate in trainings.

RSC meeting ends.

The 2nd Quarter RSC meeting is scheduled for June 21st at 9:30am.