



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region 5

**Meeting Date:** July 29, 2016

**Meeting Location:** Department of Child Services  
Tippecanoe County Office  
250 Main St., Ste 301  
Lafayette, IN

**Council Members Present:** Angela Smith Grossman, Regional Manager; Stacey Morgan, Clinton County FCM Supervisor; Jennifer Johnson, Director Carroll County DCS; Paige Heath, Tippecanoe County FCM Supervisor; Courtney Taylor, Warren County FCM; Coleen Connor, CASA Director; Judge Graham, Tippecanoe County; Rhonda Friend, Director Benton, Fountain & Warren County DCS.

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Rader, Warren County; Debbie Brenneman, Foster Parent; and Judge Henderson, Fountain County; Karen Hayden Sturgis, Director White County DCS

**Others In Attendance:** Sandy Lock, Director Clinton County DCS; Cassie Wade, Bauer Family Resources; Dion Smith St. for Hong-Phuc Nguyen; Angie Guimond, Tippecanoe County DCS Director; Lois Logan Beard, Regional Financial Manager; Jennifer Samuels, Fountain/Warren County FCM Supervisor; Penny Neal, White County FCM Supervisor; Vivian Leuck, Child and Family Partners/Community Partners; Tai Crayton, Whites RFS; Debbie Branfield, Crossroads; Julie Ensinger, Columbus Behavioral Center

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 9:00 am

#### Member Replacement

- Laura Zimmerman left the agency and will be replaced on the Regional Service Council by Rhonda Friend, Director Benton, Fountain & Warren Counties.
- Iona LaBaw is retiring effective July 28, 2016 and will be replaced. Her replacement will be Laura Tibbets who is promoted from Foster Care Specialist.
- Judge Rader, Warren County and Judge Henderson Fountain County are both retiring in the near future. Judge Graham, Tippecanoe County was asked to elicit other judicial representatives for 2017.

#### Community Partners Report

- Prevention Funding for 2015/2016- 9 agencies funded for a total of \$168,000.00
- Expended 100% of contract- 3500 families received services.
- Will do Request For Proposals for new prevention services in August, due September, award by the end of the year. The proposal will continue to look for unique programming in areas of prevention. Council members are encouraged to provide any targeted ideas or thoughts to Bauer or the Regional Manager for further discussion.

**Budget Review**

- Lois Logan-Beard reviewed the Region 5 budget. Region 5 expended 144% of the 2015/2016 budget. Line items that exceeded the most were Therapeutic care and Community Based Services. A new budget will be set in the future and shared with the Council upon receipt.

**Proposals for Region 5 Services**

- Recent proposals for services were submitted, scored and recommended.

The following agencies are recommended to move forward with the contract process for Community-based and CAC RFP's:

**Child Advocacy Center-**

Heartford House to cover all of Region 5  
 Quinton's House- Clinton County Only

**Home-Based Case Work-**

Healing Solutions Counseling Services  
 Just Do It Counseling  
 4<sup>th</sup> and Goal  
 Alliance Family Services  
 BEST Programs and Services  
 People Makers  
 Work In Progress

**Home-based Therapy-**

Healing Solutions Counseling Services  
 BEST Programs and Services

**Visitation Facilitation-**

Healing Solutions Counseling Services

Alliance Family Services  
BEST Program and Services  
Arisings  
Work In Progress

**Next Regional Service Council Meeting**

- October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. To be held at the Tippecanoe County Department of Child Services at 9:00am. If you need to make arrangements to phone in, please let Kim Doyle, the Regional Manager's Administrative Secretary know and she will make arrangements

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Smith Grossman, MSW, LSW  
Regional Manager, Region 5