



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 15

Meeting Date: January 17, 2024
Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams

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 County Local Office Director
Amy Neimeyer-Davis, Decatur DCS Supervisor
Laural French, Advocates for Children

Council Members Present by proxy:

Morgan Thomas / Proxy for Judge King, Ripley Co

Council Members Absent:

Kristen Lane, Ripley County Supervisor
Alyssa Shelton, Jefferson DCS Supervisor
Bailey Wolf / Proxy for Jefferson Co Prosecutor
K-Lynn Minor, Jefferson FCM
Kerri Fox, Foster Parent/YES Home
Jennifer Sturges / Proxy for Judge Day, Decatur Co

Others in Attendance:

Belinda Foreman, Regional Finance Manager	belinda.foreman@dcs.in.gov
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Gunnar Stiles	gunnar.stiles@youthvillages.org
Amy Phillips	amy@yeshome.org

Meeting Called to Order at: 2:00 pm

- I. Welcome/Roll Call: Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes: *Denise Burton made a motion to approve the October 19, 2023, minutes; Michelle Smith seconded; all in favor.*
- III. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Community Partners / Chrystal Hardin
 1. Quarterly Report, Referral Report, Budget & Flex fund reports emailed to council members.
 2. Success story: A referral from DCS regarding baby born drug positive; father facing jail time and only source of household income. Assisted mom in obtaining help through several community agencies (rental assistance, food stamps, child care) as well as employment and access to meetings to maintain sobriety. Referral closed successfully.
 3. Fiscal: Little over budget; cognizant of expenses, etc.
 4. Referrals: 115 referrals received since September, 2023
 - 34 levels currently being served to assist 34 families
 - county breakdown provided
 5. Flex funds were used to assist with household expenses and household items
 - B. Regional Finance Manager - Belinda Foreman
 1. Financial Report sent to RSC members.
 - a. SFY 2024 Target budget as of 12/31/23: 50% - actual is 54.77%; up 8% from last year
 - b. Providers: reminder to attach reports utilizing naming convention
 - c. Billing questions: dcspaymentresearchunit@dcs.in.gov
 - d. As of January 21, Kidtraks payment turnaround average is 43 days
 - C. Regional Services Report – Jon MacMurdo
 1. Strategic Biennial workgroup will meet following RSC to discuss goals for next biennial plan.
 2. Currently reviewing family pres reports; may be contacted for clarification, etc.
 3. Family time supervised visits; continuing to ensure appropriate level of supervision is referred (Bachelor vs Paraprofessional)
 4. There is a gap in child hearsay services (evaluation); contact Jon if anyone has any ideas on identifying other agencies.

Suggestion: Lobbying to expand who can provide this service? Currently, it's very restrictive.
 5. Also discussed statewide shortage of therapists – especially in rural areas.
 - D. Biennial Plan Goal: Provider Presentation:

1. CHOICES / Beth Hazen

- Shared PowerPoint
 - Evidence based practices
 - Strategizing ways to assist in help with wraparound services to kids
 - Can provide Implicit Bias & Microaggression training
- Currently provide school-based program in Dearborn County; attendee noted that Marissa (school based program) was amazing!
- See below for information pamphlet along with contact information



Choices General
Brochure_IN_CMYK.pc

The image shows a teal-colored brochure titled "Referral Contacts". It lists contact information for three services: Child Welfare Services, Foster Care Referrals, and Choices Emergency Response Team. It also includes a link to the CMHI or CMHW portal and the Choices logo.

Child Welfare Services	Foster Care Referrals	Choices Emergency Response Team
Referral Specialist	317.205.8301	Stephanie Hartman
Kenisha Smith	Kristy Eubanks	317-205-8302
317.279.5581	FosterCare@ChoicesCCS.org	CERT@ChoicesCCS.org
FamilyPresReferrals@choicesccs.org		

CMHI or CMHW
<https://incmhwportal.fs.sa.in.gov/new-referral/>

Call 211



IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Suggestions for Provider Presentation for April 17, 2024

1. Reschedule: Justin Volk / Just-In-Time for Change
 - a. Amy Phillips and Gunnar Stiles expressed interest in presenting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: April 17, 2024 / Microsoft TEAMS / 2:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at: 2:46 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Denise Burton; Gary Keith seconded the motion; all in favor.

