

Region 17 RSC

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2018

The following attended the Fourth Quarter RSC meeting; Megan Stafford, Nancy Rennie, Audrey Dortch, Angie Phillips, Jim Snook, Gwen Girten, Lisa Smith, Leighah Wheeler, Casey Newton, Mendy Berry, Dale Stroud, Ashley Manship, Dewayne Outlaw, Tyler Bittner, Susan Lents, Jonda Bowers, Andrea Bennett, Rhonda Woolems-Corbett.

Regional Manager, Jim Snook, welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves. Megan Stafford, Youth Villages, brought cookies for all from Mad Batter in Jasper.

Jim inquired if members had a chance to read September meeting minutes. He motioned for minutes to be accepted. Lisa Smith approved and Mendy Berry seconded. Previous minutes approved with no changes.

Volunteers from DCS and the Service Providers participated in a Christmas game led by Jim.

Gwen Girten provided the Service Coordinator's report. Contracts expire June 30, 2019. Service contract proposals are due on January 11, 2019, at Noon. IDOA now has involvement in the contracts. Gwen is checking on date the scoring is due. She is sure the contracts need finished scoring and passed to RSC before first quarter meeting in March.

Regional Finance Manager, Debbie Daily, was unable to attend, however it was noted that Region 17 remains under the target expenditures in the budget for this point of the fiscal year. At the beginning of the year Debbie will provide training to FCM's and supervisors on pulling data from reports and utilizing this information in case staffings.

Jonda Bowers, Ireland Home-Based Services, gave Community Partners' report. IHBS is right on budget. She gave information as to referrals and service levels, see Handout #1. She asks anyone needing Community Partners Brochures to let her know. She provided information in regards to Fatherhood Engagement, see Handout #2.

Other business: Jim Snook referenced stats and data from the December Regional Manager's Meeting in Lawrenceburg. It was noted that we have enjoyed a net gain of 60 FCMS's and 158 FCM's. Jim mentioned the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2019. He provided data in regards to highlights of CWG report: additional employees, improvements in management, drop in caseloads and timely initiation gains. He is proudly of Region 17's rank within the 18 Regions in regards to engaging parents and timely initiations.

On Wednesday, Jim met with IARRCA to discuss plans implementation of the Families First Prevention Services Act, such as partnering with Community Shareholders, and improving communication.

Megan states communication is improved. She talked of collaborating together to help smooth transitions. 2019 holds a lot of unknowns, although, we are learning.

Agency Reports:

Dewayne Outlaw, Lifeline, announces that December Open House is rescheduled to January 31, 2019, see Handout #3.

Megan says Mad Batter Bakery and Jasper stores that collected toy donations definitely helped Youth Villages Christmas Party.

Angie Phillips, Raintree Consulting, is working on proposals.

Andrea Bennett states Amends classes for Women and Men in Bloomington are on Fridays.

Nancy Rennie, Perry LOD, states Shop With A Cop last Sunday helped some DCS children.

Lisa Smith, Crawford LOD, states SWAC last Saturday helped some DCS children.

Jim reports on the success of the Region 17 Foster/ Relative Parent Christmas Appreciation Dinner. Mendy provided various details of the evening. One little boy told Santa he wanted a mom and dad for Christmas! Jim thanked all offices which provided support.

Ashley Manship, Dubois DCS Supervisor, reported that the "Stand Up Foundation" is assisting with needs for foster unlicensed care in her county.

Leighah Wheeler, Crawford DCS Supervisor, reported that FCM Kevin Cox organized "Coats for Crawford" to provide children with warm winter coats. This is the second season for organizations and private citizens to donate new and gently used coats. Any family needing a child's coat may contact Betty at Crawford County CASA, 812-338-2695.

Jim entertained a motion to adjourn. Mendy Berry motioned and Nancy Rennie seconded.

This is Susan Lents' last RSC meeting as LOD of Martin County DCS. She will attend future RSC meetings in her new capacity as service provider.

The next RSC meeting will be Friday, March 15, 2019. Location TBA.