

RSC Minutes  
June 15, 2018

Introductions were completed and RM Snook welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Those present: James Snook, Debbie Dailey, Gwen Girtten, Dewayne Outlaw, Christina Wicks, Amy Tempel, Heather Trobaugh, Stephanie Helton, Nancy Rennie, Katie Vanvleet, Tammy Lampert, Jonda Bowers, Megan Stafford, Dale Stroud, Sybil Rodeck, Jessica Richardson, Susan Lents, Tyler Bittner, Ashley Manship, Samantha Sellers, Lisa Smith, and Heather Trobaugh

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous RSC meeting was made by Jessica Richardson and a second by Nancy Rennie. Minutes were approved.

Regional Services Coordinator: Gwen Girtten reported that there will be a RFP report with changes in the coming months. RFP's will be open this month; please make sure to review the guide. Megan Stafford with Youth Villages and Gwen are planning for a provider, which will be June 22nd from 10-3 at the Redemption Church in Jasper.

Finance Manager Report: Debbie Dailey passed out a summary of the financial status report. We do have our allocation of 16.185 million for the next year, which was based on what the projected year end expenditures would be. There was discussion regarding some counties being over budget and how that was impacted by increased case loads, specifically in Daviess, Perry, and Orange. Reminder that counties need to continue to monitor and ensure that they are getting the outcomes for families that are needed with the resources that are being used.

Community Partners: Jonda reported that as of April 1, 2018, a total of 41 referrals had been received since June 1, 2018. A home based caseworker (HBCW) was assigned to 36 cases, a home based therapist (HBT) was assigned to 5 cases. During the last quarter, 100% of engaged clients closed successfully with one or more goals completed.

There are 39 levels currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety to assist 38 families.

Region 17 received a total of 21 referrals during the month of April. Of these referrals, 1 case came from Crawford County, 4 from Daviess County, 7 from Dubois County, 0 from Martin County, 1 from Orange County, 4 from Perry County, and 4 from Spencer County.

Region 17 received a total of 20 referrals during the month of May. Of these referrals, 2 cases came from Crawford County, 2 from Daviess County, 6 from Dubois County, 0 from Martin County, 3 from Orange County, 3 from Perry County, and 4 from Spencer County.

Community Partners is currently on target with their budget. The following success story was shared with the team:

This family was referred to the Community Partners program by the Department of Child Services. The referring reasons were for reports of emotional abuse in the home and the need for therapy for the mother and children. When IHBS arrived to the home mother explained that she did not feel respected by her children or her husband. IHBS guided the mother on enrolling the children into therapy services through the Samaritan Center. Mother was able to get the children enrolled and also enrolled herself and her husband into marriage counseling. IHBS has continued to meet with the family to improve communication in the home and to improve family dynamics. IHBS has assisted both parents on improving their response when difficult behaviors occur and helping the parents establish boundaries in the home. IHBS also worked with mom on improving her self-esteem and self confidence in her parenting abilities. There has been an improvement in overall family dynamics and the family is continuing to utilize therapy services through the Good Samaritan Center.

This family was referred for services for assistance with finding housing, counseling, budgeting, and employment and linked to general resources. When IHBS met with the family mother shared that she and her husband were going through a divorce after being married for nine years. Mother was very proactive throughout services which assisted in accomplishing her goals fairly quickly. IHBS was able to assist mother with obtaining employment which then enabled her to find housing. IHBS introduced the mother to local resources to assist with household items and finances. Mother has four children, one of which is Autistic. Mother has enrolled this child into a school program in Evansville; therefore she transports the child to and from Evansville every day. IHBS assisted the mother with re-working her budget to allow for enough gas money and to seek out family supports to help her at times when help was needed. Mother also disclosed that emotional abuse took place during her marriage and at times she does not feel safe. IHBS assisted the mother with establishing a safety plan if an incident were to occur and walked through the necessary steps needed to take place.

IHBS reported that Community Partners Reports are posted on the website; they will be posted a week prior to the RSC meeting under Region 17. The password is ihbscp17

Fatherhood Engagement: There are currently 28 open referrals, which is somewhat low. Spencer County reported that they average 15-19 referrals.

Other Business:

Jessica Richardson thanked everyone for attending their event in April to help make it successful. She also reported that the new Spencer County DCS office has been completed.

Perry and Spencer Counties have opened their new CAC's; everyone thanked Tammy Lampert for all of her hard work to get this completed.

Tammy Lampert with SWICACC reported that they continue to grow with the completion of the recent CAC's in Spencer and Perry Counties. She has also found a location in Orange County, which she will be working to to completed. She is still pursuing the Jasper Library Building for Dubois County.

She provided information on a training to be provided 9/11 with Cory Jewel Jenson presenting. This will be for professionals during the day and open to the community during the evening. There will also be a 5k fundraiser 9/22.

Perry County and Spencer County reported that several children have been able to achieve permanency through adoptions recently.

Dewayne Outlaw with Lifeline reported that they have been focusing on client safety and all of their staff are now certified in car seat installation and CPR.

Katie VanVleet with Raintree reported that they will have 2 more HBCK positions in Jasper.

Samantha Sellers with CFS discussed her strategic plan to double her staff and be present in all counties of her regions. She will be reaching out to LOD's over the course of the next few weeks.

Jim Snook summarized several positive changes occurring throughout the region, including being able to hire staff and fill positions. Director Stigdon was in Region 17 a couple of weeks ago to meet with staff.

He reminded everyone on the CWG report will be released 6/18; there will be a press release with Director Stigdon and Gov. Holcomb to announce the findings and recommendations.

Jim thanked Gwen and Megan for the work that they have done to schedule the provider fair.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Smith and Dale Stroud seconded the motion to adjourn.

Next meeting: September 21, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.  
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