

## Regional Service Council Meeting 1-26-22

Twan Stokes thanked everyone for joining.

Meeting called to order by RM Stokes at 1:33pm

DCS Updates:

Lake county 2<sup>nd</sup> highest Covid cases in state and so has our team. Our rates are going down some, at one time we were up to 27 staff positive. Ms. Pierce did a study which showed that most positive cases were contacted out of office. At one point an entire supervisory staff was out with Covid but came together and we got it done. We are asking staff to please mask up.

Review and approval of April's meeting minutes (motion by Ashley Gutierrez, second by Rehana Adat-Lopez passed unanimously)

Report from Community Partners:

\*333 families

\*Upcoming events

- Bully Prevention Conference – April 6, 2022 (registration open)
- Easter Event – April 15, 2022
- Candlelight Vigil – April 28, 2022
- 30<sup>th</sup> Carnival – April 30, 2022
- Spring Provider Fair – May 10, 2022

\*Consistent need for concrete services due to COVID-19 pandemic

-NIPSCO

-Rent/Security deposit

-Beds/utilities/housing

-Appliances

- Hotel Stays

Fiscal report

Lake County is on target, residential cost has dropped

Biannual Plan

- Prevention
- Father Engagement
- Permanency

Signatures are needed by Friday, January 28, 2022

Motion to approve biannual plan – Kevin Elkins (passed unanimously)

Vice Chair

A vice chair is needed on the council team. The chairperson will be nominated by the council and a vote will be held at next meeting on 4-27-22.

Foster parent also needed to sit on council, please submit suggestions.

Meeting dates for 2022:

April 27, 2022

July 27, 2022

October 26, 2022

Adjournment (motion by Ashley Gutierrez second by Lois Logan-Beard - passed unanimously)