



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Committee/Task Force:	Juvenile Justice and Cross-System Youth Task Force		
Date of Meeting:	May 7, 2021	Time:	9:00-11:00 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Ashley J. Barnett	Location:	Virtual- held via Zoom
1. Meeting Objective(s)			
Updates from sub-committees and Children's Commission.			
2. Standing Members			
Name	Organization	In Attendance (X indicates present)	
Steve Balko	Indiana Department of Education	X	
Jeff Bercovitz	Indiana Office of Court Services	X	
Sirrilla Blackmon	Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health & Addiction	X	
Coleen Connor	Tiptecanoe County CASA	X	
Ann Davis	Indiana Association of Resources and Child Advocacy (IARCA)	X	
Terrie Decker	Indiana Department of Correction		
Hon. Kimberly Dowling	Delaware Circuit Court #2	X	
Tracy Fitz	Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council	X	
Hon. Stephen Galvin	Co-Chair- Monroe County Circuit Court #7	X	
Kory George	Wayne County Probation		
James (Mike) Goodwin	Indiana Department of Child Services, Sullivan County	X	
JauNae Hanger	Children's Policy and Law Initiative	X	
Jill Johnson	Marion County Public Defender Agency	X	
Hon. Charles Pratt	Allen Superior Court, Family Relations Division		
Angela Reid-Brown	Indiana Office of Court Services		
Michael Ross	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	X	
Don Travis	Indiana Department of Child Services	X	
Nancy Wever	Co-Chair- Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI	X	
Julie Whitman	Commission on Improving the Status of Children	X	
3. Staff/Guests			
Name	Organization		
Ashley Barnett	Staff- Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI		
Angi Burrows	Indiana Department of Correction		
Bob Bragg	Hamilton County Probation		
Joel Wieneke	Indiana Public Defender Council		
4. Updates/Old Business			
Topic	Main Points	(R)ecommendations/(D)ecisions	
Approval of minutes from previous meeting	No corrections noted.	Jill Johnson moved to approve the minutes, Julie Whitman seconded. Minutes approved.	



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Review of CISC Strategic Goal 4 and Objectives	<p>Strategic Goal 4: Improve safety and outcomes of youth who come in contact with the juvenile justice system, as measured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of counties regularly holding Dual Status Assessment Team Meetings - Number of JDAI counties - Number of delinquency and status cases filed - Number of youths waived to adult court - Number of youths with justice system history re-entering the adult system - Ratio of disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system at various points 		
Action Items from Last Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ESC sub-committee presentation to CISC 2. Prevention/Diversion sub-committee- survey distribution 3. Juvenile Violence sub-committee presentation to CISC 4. Re-entry sub-committee- survey distribution, JDAI re-integration survey follow up 5. Adolescent Brain Development sub-committee- connect to co-chairs 6. Meeting for Sub-Committee Chairs 7. Strategic Plan Tracking document 8. Update Sub-Committee Rosters 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete. The sub-committee presented 5 recommendations to the CISC in April, they were approved. 2. Complete, the survey has been distributed. 3. Complete. The sub-committee presented the violence definition to the CISC as well as provided updates about the data request. 4. Complete, the survey has been distributed. Nancy will send the JDAI re-integration survey information. 5. Completed. Judge Pratt has retired so JauNaue has asked Sandy Runkle to co-chair and she agreed. 6. Nancy and Judge Galvin to confirm a date, send to sub-committee Chairs. 7. Nancy will enter updates into the document. 8. Updates for some Sub-Committees have been provided, Ashley will review again. 	



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<p>Objective 1:</p> <p>Strengthen collaboration between juvenile probation, mental health, the Department of Child Services, prosecutors, and public defenders at the county level, across the state, especially with regard to dual status children</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Jurist in Residence/ Senior Judge Heather Mollo</p> <p>Judge Mollo was unable to join today's meeting, Julie Whitman provided an update as she attended the last meeting and facilitated the strategic planning process a while back. They pulled together a training committee and updated the Dual Status Manual that has been disseminated through the Wednesday Message for courts; the next step is to work on training plans and curricula, and then provide technical assistance once counties have implemented dual status. Nancy said they are considering doing a survey to find out where counties are with dual status implementation. There is consideration to making certain fields in the PI and PDR required as it relates to dual status. Julie discussed a legislative change meant to clear up whether Judicial Officers are required to refer youth to dual status teams. Judge Pratt drafted language indicating that the Court MAY make this referral, Rep. McNamara was able to get the change approved.</p>	<p>Julie asked when the sub-committee would be prepared to present screening materials to the Commission; Judge Dowling will follow up after upcoming meetings and tentatively prepare for a presentation in the fall.</p>
<p>Objective 2:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for identification, referral, and appropriate services for victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Judge Dowling and Judge Harvey</p> <p>Judge Dowling provided the update. The sub-committee is in the process of updating the probation screening tool that has been piloted in 11 counties. They also conducted a survey, an ad hoc group will be meeting to review the results. The bulk of today's CSEC meeting will be spent going through the updated screener, Judge Dowling anticipates it will be approved. The next step will be to update the manual that goes along with the screener. Once complete, the screener, manual and training video (to be developed) will be put on INCite for users to access. The sub-committee will also discussing relevant legislative issues endorsed by the Commission but not passed in the recent legislative session.</p>	<p>Julie asked when the sub-committee would be prepared to present screening materials to the Commission; Judge Dowling will follow up after upcoming meetings and tentatively prepare for a presentation in the fall.</p>
<p>Objective 3:</p> <p>Increase alternatives to detention for youth, such as shelter care, assessment centers, intake centers, and alternative therapeutic settings (ESC)</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Mike Gray and Matt Gooding</p> <p>Neither co-chair was available for today's meeting, they provided a written update. Nancy said the presentation to the CISC went well and the recommendations were approved; she spoke to Mike Gray the day before who indicated that they need guidance on the sub-committee's next steps. Nancy suggested pulling the group back together to review objectives to see if they have been met. However, she wasn't sure who had responsibility for implementation of the recommendations. Julie acknowledged this is a struggle for the Commission as a whole, in that the sub-committees do a great job of making recommendations</p>	



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<p>Objective 4:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for preventing and diverting youth from entering the juvenile justice system (Prevention and Diversion)</p>	<p>but there's no structure for implementation. This is an area of focus for the next year.</p> <p>Co-Chair(s): Tracy Fitz and Megan Horton</p> <p>Tracy Fitz provided the update. The sub-committee released the survey with an April 16 return date. Megan Horton is working on compiling survey results into a consumable format and they will be reviewed during the next meeting on May 28. The DCS portion went out last week with the goal of getting information about prevention dollars, will also be reviewed at the next meeting. Next steps include discussing whether any necessary programs are missing as well as scaling up programs that providers feel work the best. Chase Lyday with the Avon PD has been added to the sub-committee, he is intersted in making sure school police have more diversion options available to them rather than just arresting youth. Julie noted that there is some convergence with this sub-committee and the CSG task force which is also looking at diversion. CSG plans to look at this in the next phase of the assessment, so Julie asked if someone from CSG could attend the next sub-committee meeting just to listen and see where things are. Tracy suggested they attend the meeting after the upcoming once since they will be focused on compiling survey data in May.</p>	<p>Julie will provide the co-chairs with the contact information for the person at CSG to invite to a future meeting.</p>
<p>Objective 5:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for preventing serious and violent delinquent behavior</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Steve Balko and Bob Bragg</p> <p>Steve Balko and Bob Bragg provided the update. They presented the juvenile violence definition to the CISC last month and it went well. The sub-committee met earlier this week. Christine Reynolds from ICJI provided some data that had been requested, they were able to review and determine how best to disaggregate it. Some data quality issues were identified, and it will be updated and prepared for review at the next meeting scheduled for June 1. They also plan to review the three-year plan for the Marion County Violence Coalition to get some ideas. There have also been updates to the roster, they will send it to Ashley. Judge Galvin shared that in Monroe County they have begun looking at their data around youth that have been waived to adult court or direct filed. While very preliminary, it seems that those youth are released to the community very soon after the waiver/direct file decision is made. He wondered if this really is in the best interest of public safety given the types of offenses youth are alleged to have committed, and if the sub-committee planned to/was willing to look at data around pre-trial release and recidivism while youth are released in a few counties. Nancy said that the pre-trial data sub-committee at IOCS is starting to look at some of the same</p>	<p>Co-chairs will send Ashley an updated sub-committee roster.</p>



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<p>Objective 6:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising programs to engage justice-involved youth and parents in effective treatment, services, and community connections (Youth and Family Engagement)</p>	<p>data and could be a resource for this sub-committee. Julie said she would bring this up with CSG as this could be included in the 2nd phase of the assessment.</p> <p>Co-Chair(s): Coleen Connor and Rebecca Humphrey</p> <p>Coleen Conner provided the update. They were not able to meet as planned in April but continued moving forward with review of the survey data. While they only received about 34 responses, they were able (and continue) to reach out to participants individually for details on when and how youth and families are engaged in treatment services. The next meeting is May 28, they are moving toward creating a resource for providers to help with improving parent engagement.</p>	<p>The sub-committee will move their presentation to the CISC to August as the June meeting agenda is already packed.</p>
<p>Objective 7:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices to support youth transitioning back to their families and communities from corrections, secure detention, and residential programs (Re-Entry)</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Joel Wieneke and Terrie Decker</p> <p>Joel Wieneke provided the update. So far the survey that went out received 127 responses. The list went out to a very broad list, including IARCA members and juvenile detention facility administrators. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11 where they will begin review of the data and plan for next steps.</p>	
<p>Objective 8:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices and policies that integrate the science of child and adolescent development into the justice system's response to children and youth</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Judge Pratt and JauNae Hanger</p> <p>JauNae Hanger provided the update. Judge Pratt has retired and Sandy Runkle with Prevent Child Abuse Indiana will step in as co-chair of the sub-committee. Much of the work from the psychological maltreatment summit held a few years ago continues to inform the sub-committee. Last fall they provided input on the operational definition of maltreatment to the national organization. There is a psychological maltreatment train-the-trainer planned for next week and a number of sub-committee members will either be presenting or trained. JauNae believes the CSG report provides a roadmap for the sub-committee as the framework is from a developmentally appropriate lens as part of their core values. The report was shared with sub-committee members and they had discussion about it during the last meeting. They will continue discussing at the next meeting which is scheduled for June 14. The sub-committee is also interested in reviewing national literature and data around establishing a minimum age for youth in the justice system, as well as getting a sense for the standard used by counties in Indiana.</p>	<p>Nancy suggested that this is another sub-committee to connect CSG with to avoid duplication of efforts.</p> <p>Ashley will make sure the Task Force roster is updated with Sandy Runkle's information, add her to email list and send meeting invitations.</p>



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Family First Prevention Services Act Update- Don Travis	<p>Don Travis provided an overview of the FFPSA and the anticipated changes that will take place beginning September 29, 2021. The full discussion can be accessed at: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/IJFVDMu1oRxoJL8BjUMIks8Wqwh7scUA25Sp9WSWFUnhfxmOxUQzypaP56cR-Vr.glngz5_zfilpwuvU Passcode: .zx0.i+3</p> <p>Another FFPSA training is scheduled for September 15 from 9am-noon EST; additional information can be found on DCS' website at: https://www.in.gov/dcs/familyfirstact.htm</p>	
Task Force Annual Report	<p>The annual report is coming due, Nancy and Judge Galvin will be working on this. The report covers the fiscal year and a draft will be shared with the Task Force once complete. The annual report feeds into the objectives of the CISC.</p>	
Executive Director Update- Julie Whitman	<p>Based on a bill passed during the past session, the Commission will be adding 2 young adult members. They must be between 18-29 years old and have at some time from age 10 and up been a vulnerable youth as defined by the Commission. The draft application is being reviewed by the Executive Committee and should be available for release early next week. All Task Force members will receive the application to forward to their networks. Julie shared a data dashboard that was sent to co-chairs, it shows data points that were initially listed in the strategic plan. The data has been recently updated by IYI. The next Commission meeting is June 16 and will be held virtually; starting in August the meetings will be in-person. They will all still be webcast.</p>	
Other	<p>The Children's Law and Policy Initiative will hold another Positive School Discipline Institute cohort starting in September; so far, 54 schools have been trained. They will also hold a Youth Trauma and Policing Roundtable in August, there will be recommendations that come from this. JauNae will provide additional information to send to Task Force members.</p>	



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5. New Business/Presentations			
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6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)			
Action		Responsibility	Due Date
Objective 1:			
Objective 2:			
Objective 3:			
Objective 4:			
Objective 5: Send an updated sub-committee roster		Steve Balko, Bob Bragg	May 21
Objective 6:			
Objective 7:			
Objective 8: Make sure sub-committee roster is updated with Sandy Runkle's contact information, add her to email list and send 2021 meeting invitations		Ashley Barnett	May 21
Send JDAI survey re: county practices around reinstating jurisdiction to Re-Entry sub-committee		Nancy Wever	May 14
Send poll to schedule meeting for Task Force co-chairs		Judge Galvin, Nancy Wever	Prior to next meeting
Enter updates in Strategic Plan Tracking Document		Nancy Wever	Prior to next meeting
Review sub-committee rosters		Ashley Barnett	Prior to next meeting
Update tracking document with sub-committee goals and timelines		Sub-committee chairs	Ongoing
Submit sub-committee notes and meeting dates to Ashley Barnett		Sub-committee chairs	Ongoing
7. Adjournment			
Action			Time
Judge Galvin adjourned the meeting.			10:50 am
8. Next Meeting			
Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	July 9, 2021	Time:	9:00-11:00am
		Location:	Virtual
Topics/Objective(s):			