



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Committee/Task Force:	Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural Competence Committee		
Date of Meeting: (MM/DD/YYYY)	11.9.2021	Time:	1:00pm- 3:00pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Brittany Simmons	Location:	Zoom
1. Meeting Objective(s)			
2. Standing Members			
Name	Organization	In Attendance (x indicates present)	
Kimberly Acoff	Indiana Youth Group		
Kenneth Allen	Indiana Youth Services Association		
Rhonda Bayless	Centers of Wellness for Urban Women		
Yalonda Brown	Indiana Youth Institute	X	
Erin Busk	Indiana Department of Education		
Brenda Graves-Croom	FSSA: Division of Mental Health and Addiction	X	
Valerie Davidson	Meridian Diversity Consulting, LLC		
Jill English	Child Advocates	X	
Carol Franklin	Phoenix Family and Community Services		
Dr. Gina Forrest	Office of Judicial Administration		
Gurinder Hohl	Immigrant Welcome Center		
Timike Jones	Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence	X	
Manpreet Kaur	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute		
Esther Lewis	Holistic Evolution, Inc.	X	
George Middleton	The George Middleton Group		
Tim Nation	Peace Learning Center		
Chris Paulsen	Indiana Youth Group		
Shirley Payne	Indiana State Department of Health		
Adam Pitt	Indiana Department of Education		
Calvin Roberson	Indiana University School of Medicine	X	
Mark Russell	Indianapolis Urban League	X	
Guadalupe Pimentel Solano	Central Indiana Community Foundation		
Meghan Smith	Indiana Family and Social Services Administration		
Jessica Strong	Hamilton Center		
Tashi Teuschler	Indiana Office of Court Services	X	
Jessica Tomasino	Indiana Family and Social Services Administration		
Latrece Thompson	Indiana Department of Child Services	X	
Adrian Warren	Radio One Indianapolis		
Julie Whitman	Commission on Improving the Status of Children	X	

3. Staff/Guests		
Name	Organization	
Stephanie Solomon	Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence	
4. Updates/Old Business		
Topic	Main Points	Recommendations/Decisions
N/A		
5. New Business/Presentations		
Topic	Main Points	Recommendations/Decisions
Welcome and Introductions	Group did introductions and welcomed guest	
Review of September 2021 Meeting Minutes	No discussion	
New Co-Chair of Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jill's appointment as co-chair is up in December New co-chair appointment will be announced after December Commission meeting 	
Guide Examples	<p>Checked in on the additional Guide examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CJI Title II- still working through example using the Title II solicitation released by ICJI; have scheduled additional meetings to continue work DMHA/Mental Health- reviewed a policy for Intensive Outpatient Program for those experiencing substance abuse disorder; working in a video to share their work DCS- Latrece will check in with the chair of their internal policy workgroup on the status of their work 	
Sub-Committee Report Outs and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common Language- nothing new to report; however, there was discussion about two outstanding documents that have not yet been presented to the Commission for adoption; group will revisit the documents Framework- no updates at this time; Esther did share that she has presented twice on the equity tool and information was received well by both groups; agencies indicated they would be using the tool to evaluate policies Curriculum- nothing new to report; continuing their work on the trainer development plan Group discussed the status of the sub-committees and if there was still a need for them vs creating ad hoc working groups as needed; also discussed was the possibility of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group determined the ideas would be discussed with the new co-chair to help determine next steps with considerations from this group

	members from this group sitting on other task forces and committees to help provide the equity lens and share information amongst the groups	
Deliverables for October 2021 CISC meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No deliverable for December 	
Updates from Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The upcoming CISC meeting is scheduled for December 15, 10am-12pm meeting, with a volunteer reception following from 12pm-1pm; members of this group are invited and encouraged to attend; Juvenile Justice will be a major theme for December's meeting as CSG policy options will be presented Next year, the Commission will be working on evaluation; funding has been secured to hire an evaluator to determine the impact of the Commission; Julie currently has an intern who is working to document what has been passed by the Commission and information about implementation It seems likely that the public health emergency will be lifted at the end of this month, which would require our group to go back to in-person meetings with majority of members, though a virtual option can be provided; group was asked for suggestions on meeting locations; Indiana Office of Court Services space could be an option, but there are no free parking options 	
2022 Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group discussed moving our meeting frequency to quarterly until we have more direction/focus for our group, which would allow more time for the smaller groups to get work done between meetings; a January meeting was set and more discussion will follow once the new co-chair has been named 	

6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)

Action	Responsibility	Due Date
January 2022 Meeting Invite	Committee staff person	ASAP
Common language documents to be revisited	Common language sub-committee	
Email Timike with physical space options for January's meeting	Committee members	January 4, 2022

7. Adjournment

Action	Time
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Adjourn					2:30pm
8. Next Meeting					
Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	January 11, 2022	Time:	1:00pm- 3:00pm	Location:	TBD
Topics/Objective(s):	Review of November 2021 meeting minutes, Additional Guide Examples, Sub-Committee Reports; Commission Updates; Deliverables for February CISC meeting, 2022 meeting dates including logistics, committees vs ad hoc groups, 2022 priorities				