



## Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

<b>Committee/Task Force:</b>	<b>Juvenile Justice and Cross-System Youth Task Force</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)	April 5, 2019	<b>Time:</b>	9:00-11:00am
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Ashley J. Barnett	<b>Location:</b>	Indiana Office of Court Services 251 N. Illinois Street, Room 873 Indianapolis, IN 46204
<b>1. Meeting Objective(s)</b>			
<b>2. Standing Members</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>In Attendance (X indicates present)</b>	
Jeff Bercovitz	Indiana Office of Court Services	X	
Sirrilla Blackmon	Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health & Addiction		
Chris Blessinger	Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services		
Coleen Connor	Tippecanoe County CASA	X	
Cathy Danyluk	Indiana Department of Education	X	
Elizabeth Darby	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	X	
Ann Davis	Indiana Association of Resources and Child Advocacy (IARCA)	X	
Hon. Kimberly Dowling	Delaware Circuit Court #2	X	
Kory George	Wayne County Probation		
James (Mike) Goodwin	Indiana Department of Child Services, Sullivan County		
JauNae Hanger	Children's Policy and Law Initiative		
Mary Kay Hudson	Indiana Office of Court Services, Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council		
Daniel Schroeder	Marion County Public Defender Agency	X	
Nancy Wever	Indiana Office of Court Services, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative	X	
Hon. Charles Pratt	Co-Chair - Allen Superior Court, Family Relations Division		
Don Travis	Co-Chair – Indiana Department of Child Services	X	
<b>3. Staff/Guests</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>		
Ashley Barnett	Staff, Indiana Office of Court Services, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative		
Amber Becker	Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health & Addiction (proxy for Sirrilla Blackmon)		
Krystal Gibson	Intern, Indiana Office of Court Services		
Julie Whitman	Executive Director, Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana		



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<b>4. Updates/Old Business</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Main Points</b>	<b>(R)ecommendations/(D)ecisions</b>	
Approval of minutes from previous meetings		<p>October 5 meeting- no additions or changes noted. Judge Dowling moved to approve minutes, Jeff Bercovitz seconded. All voted in favor.</p> <p>December 7 meeting- no additions or changes noted. Judge Dowling moved to approve minutes, Nancy Wever seconded. All voted in favor.</p> <p>February 1 meeting- since this meeting was cancelled, there were no minutes to approve.</p>	



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<p>Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Subcommittee</p> <p>2.1: Advocate for increased availability of and access to emergency shelter care and alternative therapeutic placements</p> <p>2.7: Support the ongoing efforts of the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) workgroup in addressing the identification of exploited juveniles and the coordination of services related to juvenile victims of human trafficking</p>	<p>Don Travis provided an update on the report from the CSEC Subcommittee, which included recommendations and new charges.</p> <p>JJ &amp; CS Youth Task Force:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A broader study on the allocation of resources to ensure access to emergency shelter care in all areas of the state should be completed by the JJ &amp; CS Youth Task Force</li> <li>- This study should take care to include discussion around what the communities' needs are related to emergency shelter care</li> </ul> <p>Judge Kim Dowling provided the following update on the CSEC sub-committee:</p> <p>The pilot screening is being expanded into Boone, Hamilton, Monroe and Lake Counties. The sub-committee is also expanding trainings on the Screener and Quick Indicator tools for law</p>	<p>An ad-hoc sub-committee will be designated to take on this study and will include members from outside of the Task Force. Representatives from the following should make up the ad-hoc subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JDAI State Team</li> <li>- Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee</li> <li>- CSEC Sub-Committee</li> <li>- Law Enforcement (Ray Caples from Elkhart County or Kurt Wolf from Tippecanoe County suggested)</li> <li>- IARCA</li> <li>- Probation (Grant or Madison County suggested)</li> <li>- DSC Residential Licensing</li> <li>- Jade Palin, ICJI Director of Victims Services</li> <li>- DCS Education Liaison</li> <li>- At least 1 county that has submitted an application for ESC licensing</li> <li>- Indiana Department of Education</li> <li>- Faith community (agency from Steuben County in the process of becoming a Safe Place was recommended)</li> <li>- Indiana Youth Services Association</li> <li>- Indiana Juvenile Detention Association</li> <li>- FSSA/DMHA, or someone representing a Community Mental Health Agency</li> <li>- Public Defender Council</li> <li>- Prosecuting Attorneys Council</li> </ul> <p>Task Force members are asked to provide names of individuals who can be approached to serve on the ad hoc sub-committee. The names should be submitted to Don Travis. Don and Judge Pratt will finalize the list, reach out to the individuals and appoint a chair. The chair will be a member of the Task Force.</p>
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	<p>enforcement (including SROs) and health care providers.</p> <p>Legislative Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further study the provision of I.C. 31-34-10-7 (and I.C. 31-34-10-6) that requires child victims of human trafficking to admit or deny allegations in a CHINS petition.</li> </ul> <p>Language was added that was identical to CHINS 6; this is required from a due process standpoint. Youth will now have access to a Public Defender which is important because youth are being asked to admit or deny the allegations. Judge Dowling is working to get data on youth waived to adult court for trafficking to assist with further study on this issue. Julie expressed the importance of coming up with recommendations related to this issue as it has been raised during the last 2 legislative sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further study the potential legal and practice gaps in the ability to recover Indiana child trafficking victims found in other states and to return child trafficking victims from other states who are found in Indiana.</li> </ul>	<p>Work has not yet begun on this issue. Jeff Bercovitz suggested having someone from DCS and IOCS Interstate Compact divisions be part of the discussion.</p>	
<p>Juvenile Violence Subcommittee Update</p> <p>2.3: Support efforts to decrease youth violence, including assessing the root causes of youth involved in violent crimes and/or crimes involving weapons</p>	<p>Several members of the Task Force sit on this subcommittee. Don Travis and Chris Blessinger have been putting the report together but would like additional input from law enforcement before it is finalized. Elizabeth Darby discussed the Comprehensive School-Based Approach to Youth Violence and School Victimization Study- a joint proposal from DHS, ICJI, and DOE being submitted to OJJDP. This proposal may be a resource for the Juvenile Violence Subcommittee.</p>		



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<p>Pew Charitable Trust</p> <p>2.2: Support the enhancements of services across the spectrum (in-home and residential)</p> <p>2.4: Study and make recommendations on services to address the complex needs of runaway children and missing children</p> <p>2.5: Study and evaluate whether “status offenders” should be removed from the delinquency code and moved to the CHINS code (in collaboration with the Child Safety and Services Task Force)</p> <p>2.6: Support funding for innovative youth programming through expansion and increased funding of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council</p>	<p>Representatives from PEW were in Indiana this past January to interview several people, including legislators. PEW has not yet selected which state they will work with; they want to ensure that whatever state is selected will be open to implementing recommendations. Nancy Wever suggested that PEW speak with Justice David since JDAI was identified as Indiana’s juvenile justice system improvement platform in 2009; Julie Whitman noted that she has already passed his information along to them.</p> <p>There is support for Indiana’s work with PEW from the Indiana House and Senate, as well as the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. A response has not yet been received from the Governor’s Office. When asked about the status of PEW’s work with other states, Julie was unsure and not aware of which other states PEW is considering working with.</p>		
Strategic Plan for 2020	<p>Julie Whitman is working with Casey Family Programs to secure a \$10,000. These funds will be sub-granted to the Indiana Youth Institute to assist with strategic planning for the Commission. The process will include surveys and interviews with Commission and Task Force members. There will be 2 consultants from IYI assigned to the project, and they will be supervised by Julie Whitman. Julie asked that Task Force members think about what should be added/removed from the strategic plan. The plan will be submitted to the Commission in October 2019 so it can be ready to roll out January 2020 (to cover the next 3 years).</p>		



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<b>5. New Business/Presentations</b>			
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New Task Force Members	<p>Cathy Danyluk from the Indiana Department of Education has been added as a Task Force member.</p> <p>Ann Davis will be replacing Chris Daley from IARCA as a Task Force member.</p> <p>Don Travis is working with Sirrilla Blackmon to decide whether to add Amber Becker as FSSA's representative on the Task Force.</p>		
<b>6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)</b>			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	
Send calendar invites for remaining 2019 meetings	Ashley Barnett	April 19, 2019	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Time</b>		
Dan Schroeder moved to adjourn the meeting, Judge Dowling seconded.	11:00 am		
<b>8. Next Meeting</b>			
<b>Date:</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)	June 7, 2019	<b>Time:</b>	9:00-11:00am
		<b>Location:</b>	Indiana Office of Court Services, room 873
<b>Topics/Objective(s):</b>	Discussion of the charges of the Task Force in preparation for the upcoming Strategic Plan.		