



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Committee/Task Force:	Juvenile Justice and Cross-System Youth Task Force		
Date of Meeting: (MM/DD/YYYY)	June 14, 2019	Time:	9:00-11:00am
Minutes Prepared By:	Ashley J. Barnett	Location:	Indiana Government Center South 302 W. Washington Street, Conf. Room 12 Indianapolis, IN 46204
1. Meeting Objective(s)			
2. Standing Members			
Name	Organization	In Attendance (X indicates present)	
Jeff Bercovitz	Indiana Office of Court Services		
Sirrilla Blackmon	Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health & Addiction		
Chris Blessinger	Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services	X	
Coleen Connor	Tippecanoe County CASA	X	
Cathy Danyluk	Indiana Department of Education		
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		
Kory George	Wayne County Probation	X	
James (Mike) Goodwin	Indiana Department of Child Services, Sullivan County	X	
JauNae Hanger	Children's Policy and Law Initiative	X	
Mary Kay Hudson	Indiana Office of Court Services, Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council		
Daniel Schroeder	Marion County Public Defender Agency		
Nancy Wever	Indiana Office of Court Services, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative	X (via phone)	
Hon. Charles Pratt	Co-Chair - Allen Superior Court, Family Relations Division	X	
Don Travis	Co-Chair – Indiana Department of Child Services	X	
3. Staff/Guests			
Name	Organization		
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)		
Max Brown	Intern, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute		
Caitlin Helmus	Intern, Indiana Department of Child Services		
Lauren Conley	Intern, Indiana Department of Child Services		
Ellie Kaverman	Intern, Children's Law and Policy Initiative		



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4. Updates/Old Business			
Topic	Main Points	(R)ecommendations/(D)ecisions	
Approval of minutes from previous meeting	There is a quorum present for today's meeting. No additions or corrections noted for the minutes.	Coleen Connor moved to approve the minutes, Elizabeth Darby seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.	



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<p>Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Sub-Committee</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 the update for this agenda item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further study the provision of I.C. 31-34-10-7 (and I.C. 31-34-10-6) that requires victims of human trafficking to admit or deny the allegations in a CHINS petition. <p>The sub-committee has met to continue studying this provision. A final report is to be completed and submitted to the legislature by November; a draft report will be submitted for approval to this sub-committee by October before final submission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further study the potential legal and practice gaps in the ability to recover Indiana child trafficking victims found in other states and return child trafficking victims from other states who are found in Indiana. <p>Judge Dowling was not present to give an update on this provision.</p>	
<p>Juvenile Violence Sub-Committee 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>Don Travis and Chris Blessinger still need to meet on this. They plan to look at the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) definition of juvenile violence. They have identified individuals from whom information will be requested from. Elizabeth Darby identified Byron Johnson from Marion County Youth Violence Prevention Coalition as someone they could connect with to obtain information that could be helpful for this sub-committee. Elizabeth also reported that South Bend Schools received Safe Haven grant funds for a program called Take 10 with the target of addressing juvenile violent crime.</p>	
<p>Juvenile Emergency Shelter Care Sub-Committee</p> <p>2.1: Advocate for increased availability of and access to emergency shelter care and alternative therapeutic placements.</p>	<p>Harmony Gist had previously been identified as a co-chair this sub-committee but she has moved to a different division within DCS so is unable to serve. Mike Gray, Madison County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, will serve as the other co-chair. Once another co-chair is identified, the first meeting will be scheduled.</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>There was no update provided from Commission Executive Director Julie Whitman. The Governor’s Office has not yet provided a Letter of Support for Indiana’s potential work with PEW. Don noted that a meeting was held recently with PEW and it went very well. Elizabeth Darby noted that at the federal level, funds have shifted to support programs aimed at violence, gangs and victims.</p> <p>In the event that the Task Force does not engage with PEW, there should be discussion about what steps should be taken over the next year.</p>		



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Trauma Update	<p>This sub-committee has not met in while. The Think Trauma curriculum is available but there are only two trainers currently available. Curriculum administrators are working to identify barriers and challenges to piloting the training to the intended audience. JauNae Hanger suggested reaching out to the Trauma Sub-Committee of the Commission for assistance. Nancy Wever indicated that the Indiana Juvenile Detention Association is considering partnering with neighboring states to hold a juvenile detention conference and this could be a potential venue to provide this training in some capacity.</p> <p>Judge Pratt discussed the trauma audit conducted in Allen County by the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges and will share the report provided. He will be participating on a panel during next week's Judges' Conference to discuss how to infuse trauma principles into court processes.</p> <p>JauNae discussed the Positive School Discipline Institute's Master Training Program which is being implemented in Indiana. She will send details about the upcoming information session to Ashley to forward to Task Force members.</p>		
Annual Report	<p>Task Force members reviewed the draft of the Annual Report. The only feedback provided was to remove the word "template" from the top of the document. Elizabeth Darby moved to approve the report with the amendment noted; Chris Blessinger seconded. The report was accepted and will be updated and submitted to the Commission.</p>		
5. New Business/Presentations			
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New Task Force Members	Cathy Danyluk from the Indiana Department of Education has resigned from the Task Force.	Steve Balko has been appointed to represent IDOE on the Task Force.	



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6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)			
Action	Responsibility	Due Date	
7. Adjournment			
Action			Time
Elizabeth Darby moved to adjourn the meeting, Chris Blessinger seconded.			11:00 am
8. Next Meeting			
Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	August 2, 2019	Time:	9:00-11:00am
		Location:	Indiana Office of Court Services, room 873
Topics/Objective(s):	Discussion of the charges of the Task Force in preparation for the upcoming Strategic Plan.		