



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Committee/Task Force:		Juvenile Justice and Cross-System Youth Task Force	
Date of Meeting:	July 10, 2020	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		
Coleen Connor	Tippecanoe County CASA	X	
Ann Davis	Indiana Association of Resources and Child Advocacy (IARCA)	X	
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	X	
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	X	
Michael Ross	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	X	
Angela Sutton	Indiana Department of Correction	X	
Don Travis	Co-Chair- Indiana Department of Child Services		
Nancy Wever	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		
Amber Becker	Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health and Addiction		
Mike Gray	Madison County Probation, ESC Sub-Committee Co-Chair		
Angie Hensley-Langrel	Indiana Office of Court Services		
Hon. Holly Harvey	Monroe County Circuit Court, CSEC Sub-Committee Co-Chair		
Tracy McDaniel	Consultant		
Madison Shoemaker	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute		
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, Kory George seconded. All voted in favor.	



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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): Magistrate Gaither</p> <p>Angela Reid-Brown provided the update. Judge Gaither chairs the Dual Status Implementation Committee. They are focusing on revamping the training curriculum and conducting data analysis.</p>	<p>Angela will work with Judge Galvin to arrange for a CSEC committee member to share the training presented today with the Dual Status Committee.</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>No report out.</p>	
<p>Objective 3:</p> <p>Increase alternatives to detention for youth, such as shelter care, assessment centers, intake centers, and alternative therapeutic settings</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Mike Gray and Matt Gooding</p> <p>Mike Gray provided the update. A survey was conducted in February for Family Case Managers (FCMs) and Probation Officers (POs) regarding Emergency Shelter Care (ESC) in an effort to identify gaps and barriers. The sub-committee is currently working on creating a map which will provide a visual on where gaps in ESC facilities exist across the State. A questionnaire for ESC facilities to complete is being finalized; the goal is to learn about admissions criteria and any unwritten rules/practices. Sub-committee members had planned on making in-person visits to ESC facilities but are unable to do so due to COVID-19 restrictions. Instead, there will be follow up once results from the questionnaire are available. This may include virtual visits to clarify any of the responses. The sub-committee continues exploring alternatives to ESC, and the expansion of foster care is an option which shows much promise. There is a need to identify and train foster parents to work with youth that have high needs; this includes youth with alleged delinquency offenses that have traditionally been harder to place. The sub-committee has engaged with IYSA to see what assistance they can provide, particularly in rural counties where ESC may not be available. There has been some discussion about revamping "Host Homes" through IYSA/Safe Place. 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</p>	<p>will also include the needs of the CSEC population. The next meeting is scheduled for July 31.</p> <p>Co-Chair(s): Tracy Fitz and Megan Horton</p> <p>Tracy Fitz provided the update. The first meeting was held June 26 and it was well attended. There are 13 members of the sub-committee with a good cross-section of individuals who impact the “front end” of the juvenile justice system: Prosecutors, Public Defenders, Probation, Law Enforcement, and schools. There is also a representative from the Peace Learning Center. Much of the meeting was spent on introductions and discussing goals. The sub-committee will focus on identifying decision points at which youth can be diverted as well as best practices and model programs for diversion. Attention will be given to ensuring race equity is at the center and that there is collaboration when developing policies. The next meeting is set for August 28 where goals will be finalized and tasks assigned. The sub-committee still needs a member who represents a faith and/or community-based organization as well as a Judicial Officer. Tracy confirmed that the Strategic Plan tracker will be used when developing goals and objectives.</p>	<p>Judge Galvin will provide feedback on Judicial Officer(s) to be considered for the committee.</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 provided the update. The sub-committee has not met since the last meeting but plans to do so in the next few weeks.</p>	
<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</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Coleen Connor and Rebecca Humphrey</p> <p>Coleen Connor provided the update. The sub-committee has cross-system representation from mental health, systems of care, JDAI, DCS, advocacy and service providers. A survey was developed that asked about evidence-based programming/practices, re-entry services or alternatives that have been impactful and made a difference in the counties. The survey was sent via link to all JDAI and SOC Coordinators; this represents 140 surveys sent that cover 86 counties. Results are slowly coming in, there will be a reminder email sent in late July to encourage participation. The sub-committee is scheduled to meet July 30 to discuss survey results and decide what additional data is needed.</p>	



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<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</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): Joel Wieneke and Angela Sutton</p> <p>Angela Sutton provided the update. The committee continues to meet and share documents as well as discuss effective practices in other states that may work well in Indiana. During the committee's 2nd meeting, Judge Trevino from Allen County discussed Allen County's Mentoring Program which allows youth a DYS facilities to be paired with a mentor. Students and mentors are able to connect via iPads loaned to DYS for this purpose. The committee is delving into the Annie E. Casey Foundation's resources around transforming juvenile probation as well as information about education transition from juvenile justice facilities. During the next meeting, the group will focus on developing goals and objectives. Finally, Angela asked committee members to consider areas where IDOC-DYS might be "missing the mark" with regard to reentry and other areas and provide feedback from their perspectives.</p> <p>Co-Chair(s): Judge Pratt and JanNae Hanger</p> <p>JauNae Hangar provided the update. Last year, a summit was held that focused on psychological maltreatment, both Judge Pratt and JauNae participated. Some of the principles from the summit are being used to inform the sub-committee's work. The sub-committee is working with the organizers of the summit to identify a definition of maltreatment, compare it with the definition from Indiana's statute(s) and then develop a plan for moving forward. They will also be meeting with national experts from the summit in mid-July. The next full committee meeting will be held in August where they will finalize the goals and objectives. They are also working to engage someone from the private sector in the committee's work.</p>	
5. New Business/Presentations		
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Presentation- Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)	<p>Judge Dowling and Tracy McDaniel conducted the CSEC presentation that they use when providing training across the State. The full PowerPoint presentation is available on the Juvenile Justice and Cross- System Youth Teams site.</p>	<p>Nancy noted in the chat that JDAI sites are “trying to specifically identify how trafficking impacts use of secure detention for victims” and have been provided with guidance on consistent language to be used if their Detention Screening Tool (DST) is overridden due to CSEC concerns. There was a follow-up question about whether the correct language is being used regarding CSEC overrides; Judge Dowling noted that the language is correct but only about 10 sites have been trained and consideration should be given to expanding the training.</p>
Commission Update	<p>Concerns were noted about how to keep youth with identified risk of trafficking in one place. The following facilities take youth that have been trafficked: True Harbor, Bashor Children’s Home, Youth Opportunity Center.</p> <p>Angela Sutton discussed the “Spotlight” tool DOC has recently begun using. It is not a screening tool but allows investigators to run phone numbers of potential victims through a database. DOC is not currently using any kind of trafficking screening tool; they would love to have training on the screening tool so that appropriate services can be put in place.</p>	<p>Angela will reach out to Judge Dowling and Tracy to coordinate training.</p>
Commission Update	<p>Julie Whitman provided the update. She complimented the work taking place in the sub-committees. The April and June meetings were held online. The COVID response of the agencies represented was the focus of these two meetings and recordings can be found on the Children’s Commission website. Overall, it seems that agencies have done well adjusting to online meetings with the families they serve; barriers such as transportation have been eliminated, so some agencies are considering what options they might keep in place. At the June meeting, the Equity and Cultural Competence committee provided a tool to help with conducting a racial impact analysis. A series of seven questions was provided for organizations to consider when looking at whether their policies/practices might have a negative impact on youth/families of color.</p>	<p>As Task Force sub-committees begin developing findings/recommendations, be sure to coordinate with Judge Galvin and Don Travis to get on the agenda for the full Commission meeting.</p>
Commission Update	<p>The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 19, format TBD.</p>	
Commission Update	<p>Special projects- the Family and Youth Engagement Summit was originally scheduled for fall 2020, but the two-day event will be pushed to spring 2021. However, a smaller-scale youth-led event is tentatively being planned for October 23. More details to come.</p>	
Commission Update	<p>Rep. McNamara requested a special task force to look at juvenile justice reform; this will be a separate group comprised of members from the Data Committee and Juvenile Justice & Cross-System</p>	



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Announcements		<p>Youth Task Force. This group is preparing to convene and is in a good position to secure funding needed for support. The Council for State Governments (CSG) will facilitate the group and lead the project that will occur in two phases. The first phase will involve learning about the state of Indiana's juvenile data and the juvenile justice efforts currently taking place. The second phase will involve a deeper dive into the data systems.</p> <p>Julie conducted a demo of the Juvenile Justice and Cross-Systems Youth Teams site where members can share information, have conversations, etc.</p> <p>JauNae Hanger shared that the Children's Policy and Law Initiative of Indiana will be holding the Trauma, Healing and Prevention Virtual Lunch Series starting in August. It will allow attendees to explore trauma and its impacts on youth through various lenses, with an emphasis on racial groups and LGBTQ+ children.</p> <p>Julie recommended that the sub-committees create folders where information, documents, and research shared in meetings can be saved and accessed by others. Agendas, minutes and other documents from Task Force meetings can be shared on the Teams site as well.</p> <p>Ashley will share the flier with Task Force members. Members were encouraged to also share the flier with their networks and the other Commission committees.</p>			
6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)					
Action		Responsibility		Due Date	
Update tracking document with sub-committee goals and timelines.		Sub-committee chairs		Ongoing	
Submit member rosters and submit written updates for each Task Force meeting.		Sub-committee chairs		Ongoing	
7. Adjournment					
Action				Time	
Meeting adjourned.				10:51 am	
8. Next Meeting					
Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)		September 4, 2020		Time: 9:00-11:00am	
				Location: TENTATIVE- likely virtual	
Topics/Objective(s):					