



MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Jennings County Courthouse

24 North Pike Street

Vernon, Indiana 47282

Attendees: Attendees: Amanda Lawson (Zoom), Andy Judd, Britt Burgmeier (Zoom), Cathy Vawter, Chasity Gerkin, David Cheatham, Don Duis, Dustin Vice, Gleeda Hadley, Carin Hurt, Jeremy Bays, Murielle Bright (Zoom), Nicholas Kirtman, Riley Murphy, Sara Kleber-Lowry (Zoom), Sherri Jewett, Janae Garner-Kelley, Brooke Short.

Guest presenter: Whitney Koelling, ARa

I. Welcome and introductions

II. Old Business

- a. Review and approval of April 23, 2025 minutes.
- b. ARC and Pretrial Updates – Hope to have first participant in ARC in a week! Pretrial process questions have been answered from the State.
- c. AllRise Conference and team report: Dustin Vice and Cathy Vawter highlighted where it was helpful to be around like-minded individuals and excellent information shared, including best practices. Full debrief will be scheduled so everyone can benefit from information learned for June 18 from 11:30-1pm which will also include JRAC meeting.
- iv. Training highlighted the need for community development for more sober opportunities such as support groups and positive connection.



Jeremy Bays reports that he is developing a space for meetings and also sober fun. Jeremy is willing to lead a JRAC workgroup that focuses on these needed items. Gleeda Hadley, Dustin Vice and Cathy Vawter volunteered to serve on the committee.

III. New Business

- a. ARa update from Whitney Koelling, regarding Firefly Prevention Center. We are in talks with Firefly for \$15,000 grant to provide parent/child support program after school. Firely will return with response around July – August 2025 timeline.
- b. OOR Owner Occupied Rehabilitation is a Resident-Focused Home Repair Program. Goals to increase access to safer and healthier homes, provide relief to families impacted by SUD and promote community and neighborhood safety. Types of repairs are: roofing, ADA accessibility, HVAC, water heater. This would assist 30-35 homeowners along the course of 18 months. 5 voting members of JRAC approved: Chris Doran (proxy Murielle Bright), Andy Judd, David Cheatham, Carin Hurt, Britt Burgmeier.
- c. Proposal for Opioid Settlement Funds from Gleeda Hadley. Funding for her position were previously obtained from 2023 Opioid Settlement Funds to fund position part-time and the other part-time funds were obtained from the LCC funds. Gleeda also shares that it was recently found that the Drug and Alcohol Task Force has lost non-profit status as of 2017. The goal is for the task force to become a non-profit again so that they can be their own fiscal agent. There is not



current funding for position in another area. The ask is for about \$89,500.00 which includes 30% which translates to 19,000.00 of fringe/benefits. This number will reduce if board task force approves funding, they would be estimated to provide 13,000.00 to the salary. JRAC to re-address on June 18th meeting.

- d. Next meeting June 18th at 11:30-1pm; the June 25th meeting has been cancelled.

IV. Adjourn at 1:18pm.