



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health Work Group Minutes (September 30, 2025)

The Youth Justice Oversight Committee (YJOC) Behavioral Health Workgroup met on September 30, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Indiana Government Center South Conference Center, Conference Room F. Mag. Anah Gouty and Sarah Sailors co-chaired the meeting.

I. ATTENDEES

Members present:

- Gouty, Mag. Anah – Lawrence County Circuit Court (Co-Chair)
- Sailors, Sarah – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA) (Co-Chair)
- Becker, Amber – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA)
- Cintron, Mag. Heidi – Elkhart County Superior Court 6
- Duchac, Dr. Neil – Indiana Department of Correction
- Hollabaugh, Austin – Indiana Department of Child Services
- Maqsood, Sadia – Indiana Office of Court Services

Members absent:

- Fisher, Rachael – Riley Children's Hospital
- Frantz, Zoe – Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
- Frazer, Rebekah – Indiana Department of Education
- Kelly, Brittany – Office of Behavioral Health, Indiana Supreme Court

Staff present:

- Pickett, Mindy – Staff attorney, Indiana Office of Court Services

Guests or speakers present:

- Fairchild, Mark – Director, Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

- Suozzi, Sierra – Intern, Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the August 12, 2025, meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

III. GROUP DISCUSSION

- Finalize and Approve Work Group Resource Documents
 - The work group has been working on two documents Juvenile Mental Health: Assessment and Evaluation Tools and Recommended Juvenile Diagnostic Assessment and Intake Report Contents.
 - The work group reviewed feedback from workgroup members and made minor revisions to the documents.
 - The work group voted to approve the documents and send them to the full YJOC for approval to be posted on the workgroup's webpage as resources.
- Telehealth one-pager
 - Amber Becker created a draft one pager on telehealth resources for judicial officers.
 - The work group reviewed the draft and agreed that the audience for the document should be judicial officers, and the focus should be on diagnostic assessments in accordance with Ind. Code 31-37-19-11.7.
 - Telehealth services could potentially be covered by Medicaid or DCS contracted services. The DCS probation services consultant may be able to provide more guidance.
 - The work group discussed that the operational and clinical needs of the child should be considered when deciding whether telehealth services are a viable option.
 - Mindy will clean up the revised draft before the next meeting and the goal is to finalize the one-pager at our meeting in November.
- Overview of Behavioral Health Grants Awarded & Next Steps
 - Prior to the meeting a spreadsheet was circulated that outlined the grants that have been awarded. Due to time constraints the work group was unable to review and discuss the list.
 - Amber Becker reported that the grants process workgroup is revising some of its processes and suggested that our work group hold off on any support at this time.
 - The co-chairs suggested reaching out to the grants process work group co-chairs to start the dialogue of how the behavioral health work group can be supportive and help spread the messaging.

- Work group members agreed that it would be helpful to have a resource guide that includes the programs that have received funding. This would also help to identify gaps and barriers.

IV. NEXT STEPS

- Telehealth: Finalize the one-pager resource at our next meeting.
- Support the YJOC Behavioral Health Grants: Reach out to the grants process work group to see how our work group can be helpful.

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 20, 2025 – 10:00am-noon	Microsoft Teams
January 15, 2026 – 10:00am-noon	Microsoft Teams
March 12, 2026 – 10:00am-noon	IGCS, Cardinal Hall, Conference Room F
May 14, 2026 – 10:00am-noon	Microsoft Teams
July 16, 2026 – 10:00am-noon	IGCS, Cardinal Hall, Conference Room F
September 17, 2026- 10:00am-noon	Microsoft Teams
November 19, 2026 – 10:00am-noon	IGCS, Cardinal Hall, Conference Room F