



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Grants Workgroup

February 26, 2026, 9:00-10:30 p.m. EDT

251 N. Illinois Street, Room 511, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Minutes

I. ATTENDEES

Members present: Doug Huntsinger, Shelby Price, Amber Holland

Members present via Zoom: Aleanya Moore

Members absent: David Westenberger, Tami Silverman

Guests: Dalayna Anderson, Ellen Sheets

Staff: Nancy Wever

II. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

Doug Huntsinger convened the meeting at 9:03. He advised that Judge Schein has resigned her position as co-chair due to workload constraints. Judge Kenworthy will appoint a replacement.

On motion by Shelby Price and second by Amber Holland, the minutes from the meeting on January 30, 2026 were unanimously approved.

III. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – CURRENT STATUS

Dalayna Anderson shared information about the applications for the solicitation that closed February 16th.

Across the three categories, 46 applications for \$12.6 million were submitted:

- Behavioral Health – 20 applications for a total of \$8.7 million
- Diversion – 14 applications for a total of \$2.1 million
- Community-Based Alternatives – 12 applications for a total of \$1.7 million

Doug advised that several applicants are Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) indicating interest in how to access these funds.

In some counties, more than one applicant applied for funds so total requested exceeds the total available. This demonstrates a lack of collaborative service planning which is required. How can this be made more clear or can the WG provide technical assistance to help counties and agencies better understand this? The intent is for a collaborative group to support the applications – who is this in the places where multiple agencies are applying for the same funds? This is a demonstration

of overlap within these grants and a layer of complexity is being able to also have a handle on agencies that apply for multiple grants (Title II, JDAI, JCC, etc.).

The group reviewed the list of agencies that started applications, but did not submit them. Doug is interested in learning more about this to identify barriers.

The group discussed requirements for the grant funds to be the payor of last resort. This should be for all grants, but some agencies resist utilizing Medicaid first. An additional consideration is the small, community-based organizations that were intended to be recipients who do not have the capacity to become Medicaid providers. The funds need to support both ends of the spectrum, based on what is best for the local communities.

IV. FUNDING FORMULA

Doug advised that if there is a recommendation to revise the Funding Formula, it needs to be made soon to be approved by the ICJI Board of Trustees and the YJOC. He suggested a proposal that would allow the Application Review Committee to recommend waiver of the Funding Formula. Shelby recommended that criteria be developed to ensure fairness in this process if adopted. This would allow re-allocation of funds from counties that have not applied for any or full funds available. Doug stated that the Formula will eventually have to be terminated to allocate all funding.

The WG will develop guidance for recommending an override of the Funding Formula. Shelby, Aleanya, Delayna, and Ellen will draft the guidance.

V. STATS GRANT

The Research Division has applied for a STATS grant using the youth grant funds as a project. The Statistical Analysis Center is headquartered at ICJI. The Center is a requirement from the Department of Justice (DOJ) and can receive grants from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS).

VI. 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

The WG agreed to maintain a hybrid meeting format. Nancy will send an email to determine if a Tuesday afternoon meeting schedule works for the WG members.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.