

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2015

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met at the Indiana Judicial Center in the 8th Floor Conference Center at 30 South Meridian Street in Indianapolis, Indiana on December 1, 2015. The Advisory Council met 2:00-4:00 p.m.

- 1. Members present.** The following members of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council were present: Larry Landis, Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council; David Powell, Executive Director of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Kevin Moore, Director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Julie Lanham, designee and proxy of the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction; Devon McDonald, designee and proxy of the Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Dave Heath, President of the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; Linda Brady, President of the Probation Officer's Professional Association of Indiana; Bill Wilson, designee and proxy for the President of the Indiana Sheriffs Association; and Jane Seigel, Executive Director of the Indiana Judicial Center and Council Chair.
- 2. Guests present.** The following guests also attended the meeting: Deb Braun, Kristin Banschbach, Liz Darlage, and Kirsten Haney from the Indiana Department of Correction; Chris Cunningham and Bill Watson from the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; Christine Kerl and Adam McQueen from the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana; Hilary Alderete from the Indiana State Budget Agency; Sara Cozad and Terry Cook from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Matt Brooks from the Indiana Association of Community Mental Health Centers; and Alison Karns from the Office of Governor Mike Pence.
- 3. Staff assistance.** Jennifer Bauer, Mary Kay Hudson, and Michelle Goodman provided staff assistance to the Advisory Council.
- 4. Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the October 20, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.
- 5. DOC population report.** Jane Seigel reported that Aaron Garner from the Department of Correction distributed the November population report by email to the Advisory Council members. Ms. Seigel stated that Mr. Garner will be able to answer any questions related to the November report at the next meeting.

- 6. Report from DMHA on Recovery Works launch.** Kevin Moore reported that DMHA launched Recovery Works at the beginning of November and is processing the treatment vouchers by hand until the vendor system is ready. He stated that the Recovery Works applications and vouchers have been slowly picking up momentum since November 1st. He noted that DMHA is working with Allen County to get treatment providers online for that area of the state. Sara Cozad distributed a report on the progress of Recovery Works and reported that there are 29 approved treatment agencies and 20 pending applications. She also stated that criminal justice partners have referred 129 individuals for treatment services such as housing assistance, substance abuse counseling, and alcohol and drug screens. Ms. Cozad also distributed a map showing the counties covered by a Recovery Works agency and counties without any providers. She stated that areas of opportunity are around Allen County and around Tippecanoe County.
- 7. Report from DOC on 2016 application process.** Deb Braun reported that the majority of contracts have been executed for the FY 16 grant awards. She said that DOC would usually release 25% of the grant award up front for counties and then make 12 monthly payments for the remainder of the award, but will release these award funds immediately. She distributed copies of the draft grant application, cover sheet and budget for FY 17 and explained that the application has been reduced to 23 pages and the budget includes narrative. Ms. Braun also stated that DOC will incorporate suggestions from Judicial Center staff. She explained that there was one hiccup with the first round of grant applications because Howard County did not submit their application properly. DOC discovered the application after the awards had been made, graded the application and funded it separately. Ms. Braun asked Advisory Council members to submit comments and suggestions on the application documents by Thursday. Jane Seigel asked the Advisory Council members to discuss accounting for the grant awards, especially with respect to project income made off of grant funded positions or programs. The Advisory Council members had a lengthy discussion on the issue and decided to reach out to the State Board of Accounts for guidance. Ms. Seigel also asked the Advisory Council members to discuss the weight of the collaboration plans in the FY 17 application process. The Advisory Council discussed offering technical assistance to counties who need help with the collaboration plan and the idea of contingencies on funding for sub-par plans. The Advisory Council members agreed that the collaboration plans should be a high priority and given great weight in the application review process.
- 8. Legislative Report.** Larry Landis reported that the Legislative Committee met for the first time today. The group went through HEA 1006 and identified 4 areas to recommend for revision in the 2016 session of the General Assembly. Mr. Landis outlined the recommended revisions as follows: p. 2, change the wording to have the DOC commissioner coordinate with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction rather than listing specific priorities; p. 5, add all other local criminal

justice agencies to the collaboration plan; p. 6, add “in jail” for treatment options; and p. 11, rewrite “felons in all stages of criminal justice system”. David Powell made a motion to adopt the recommendations of the Legislative Committee. The Advisory Council discussed the recommendations and Sara Cozad pointed out that the language on p. 12 has caused confusion because DMHA does not license treatment providers. She suggested that the language be changed to reflect that the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency issues licenses to mental health treatment providers. Mr. Powell amended his motion to include Ms. Cozad’s recommendation for p. 12 and Linda Brady seconded the motion. The Advisory Council members approved the motion unanimously. Mr. Landis stated that he will get the recommendation revisions to a legislator by December 4th.

9. **Next meeting.** Jane Seigel announced that the Advisory Council will meet on January 15, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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