

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2017

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met at the Indiana Office of Court Services at 30 South Meridian Street in Indianapolis, Indiana on January 12, 2017. The Advisory Council met 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 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 Commission; David Powell, Executive Director of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Kevin Moore, Director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Julie Lanham, proxy for the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction; David Murtaugh, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Bill Watson, President of the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; Linda Brady, President of the Probation Officer's Professional Association of Indiana; and Jane Seigel, Executive Director of the Indiana Office of Court Services and Council Chair.
- 2. Guests present.** The following guests also attended the meeting: Deb Braun and Jim Basinger from the Indiana Department of Correction; Chris Cunningham and Lynn Wininger from the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; Dr. Jennifer Walthall and Gus Habig from the Family and Social Service Administration; Sara Cozad the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Steve McCaffrey from Mental Health America of Indiana; Rep. Greg Steuerwald and Trent Glass from the Indiana House of Representatives; Mary Willis from the Office of Judicial Administration; Lisa Thompson and Dave Williams from Trial Court Technology; and Matt Brooks from the Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers.
- 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 November 18, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.
- 5. DOC Population Report.** Jane Seigel reported that the January 2017 DOC population report was distributed by email prior to the meeting. The Advisory Council members discussed the confusing nature of the information on Level 6 offenders and requested a clarification from the DOC research division. The Advisory Council members also requested that the DOC report include more data on monthly admissions and discharges.

6. **Update from DOC.** Deb Braun reported that the grant applications for FY 18 community supervision funding are due by January 31, 2017. She distributed a timeline for distribution of grant money and stated that DOC will send recommendations to JRAC in April. Ms. Braun also stated that she notified current grant recipients in December about proposed changes to data points collected by DOC and the requirement for all grant recipients to submit weekly population snapshots.
7. **Update from DMHA on Recovery Works.** Jane Seigel introduced new FSSA Secretary Dr. Jennifer Walthall and thanked her for attending the JRAC meeting. Dr. Walthall stated that there are exciting things happening at FSSA and DMHA in 2017.

Kevin Moore reported that his testimony before the House Courts and Criminal Code Committee went well. He also reported that there is new federal money available for opioid addiction treatment.

Sara Cozad Angie distributed a handout and reported that the Recovery Works program has enrolled 8,295 individuals as of today's date and expended a total of \$5.54 million. The top 5 services by payment are consistently medication (which includes Vivitrol injections), group substance use counseling, skills training, housing and transportation. The top 5 services by client are case management, group substance use, drug screens, skills, and mental health counseling. Ms. Cozad also reported that there are now 53 active providers, and more are expected to come on board after the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency sent out a notice about Recovery Works to all licensed counselors. DMHA released an RFP to support 10 certified forensic peer support services specialists in drug courts. The positions will be similar to the VJO model used by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Ms. Cozad further reported that DMHA is working with Steve McCaffrey and Mental Health America Indiana to increase supportive housing and recovery residences. They will use NARR guidelines to establish certified recovery housing. Ms. Cozad also stated that the surveys have been sent out and she asked the Advisory Council members to remind their stakeholders to respond. Dr. Brad Ray from Indiana University is conducting the survey and evaluation for Recovery Works and just received the first batch of data from year 1 of the program.

The Advisory Council members discussed getting county specific data to Rep. Steuerwald as soon as possible and trying to coordinate data with DOC. The Advisory Council also discussed the issue of Recovery Works services not being available for juveniles waived to adult court/direct filed to adult court. Rep. Steuerwald stated that he would sponsor an amendment to fix this gap in treatment services. David Powell made a motion to propose a legislative amendment on Recovery Works eligibility for juveniles in adult court on direct

file/waiver. Dave Murtaugh seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Legislative Update.** Jane Seigel reported that several JRAC members testified before the House Courts and Criminal Code Committee meeting on January 11th. The members who testified were Jane Seigel, Larry Landis, Linda Brady, Bill Watson, and Kevin Moore. Ms. Seigel stated that committee chair Rep. Washburne invited them to present information on JRAC, EBDM, local collaboration, and addictions treatment. Rep. Steuerwald, a sitting member of the House Courts and Criminal Code Committee, stated that the testimony was well-received by the members of the committee and the work of JRAC is greatly appreciated. He also stated that bills supported by JRAC will greatly benefit from JRAC support and committee testimony. The Advisory Council members discussed a bill that would require the addition of juvenile justice members to community corrections advisory boards.
- 9. Data Update.** Lisa Thompson reported that Mary Willis reached out to courts that were not complying with the rule on completion of abstracts and all judges were reminded of the abstract rule in a recent weekly message from the Supreme Court. According to Ms. Thompson, there is now a 91% compliance rate for all felony convictions and 100% compliance for felons sentenced to DOC. She said the non-compliance affected DOC jail reimbursements to counties. Jane Seigel stated that the issue will continue to be an agenda item for future JRAC meetings.

Michelle Goodman reported that the Office of Court Services is working with the University of Cincinnati on validation of the IRAS and IYAS risk assessment tools. She plans to invite JRAC and EBDM members to a meeting with UC on the work being done.

Jane Seigel reported that the transactional control number (also known as TCN) can be reported on the abstract of judgment form, but it is not a required data field. She stated that the Office of Court Services has been discussing this and will propose that the TCN be mandatory on all abstracts. The number is important because it links charging information with disposition information.

Lisa Thompson also reported on the SRS case management system. She stated that the SRS has been a 2.5-year project that Trial Court Technology did for Marion County. The system is used by Marion County's probation department, community corrections agency, and problem solving courts. She also stated that the SRS has a dual interface with Odyssey and INCite.

- 10. Other Business.** Mary Kay Hudson reported that the Bureau of Justice Assistance published a grant opportunity for pretrial reform and data collection.

She stated that the time is right for Indiana to apply for grant assistance in light of the EBDM initiative. The Office of Court Services will be that applicant agency and will need letters of support from JRAC and EBDM. The due date for the grant application is February 7. Larry Landis made a motion for JRAC to support the IOCS grant application. The motion was seconded by Dave Murtaugh and approved unanimously by the Advisory Council members.

Linda Brady reported that many chief probation officers have contacted her with concern about decreasing probation user fee funds. She asked JRAC to consider the issue at a future meeting.

11. **Next meetings.** The next meeting of the Advisory Council is scheduled for February 24 at 10 a.m. at the Indiana Office of Court Services.

Respectfully submitted,

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