

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2019

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met at the Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 14, 2019. The Advisory Council met 1:30 p.m.-2:40 p.m.

- 1. Members present.** The following members of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council were present: Julie Lanham, proxy for the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction; Bernice Corley, Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council; Dave Powell, Executive Director of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Devon McDonald, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Troy Hatfield, proxy for the President of the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana; Ralph Watson, President of the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; and Justin Forkner, Chief Administrative Officer of the Indiana Supreme Court and Advisory Council Chair.
- 2. Guests present.** The following guests also attended the meeting: Liz Darlage, Angie Estes, Jon Ferguson, Sarah Schelle, and Sara Vinardi from the Indiana Department of Correction; Catrinka Prestly and Sarah Sipher from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; CJ Miller from the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana; Chris Naylor from the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Seth Hinshaw from the Indiana Senate; Stephen Creason from the Office of the Attorney General; and Dave Williams from Trial Court Technology.
- 3. Staff assistance.** Mary Kay Hudson, Jennifer Bauer, Michelle Goodman, and Samantha Goodson provided staff assistance to the Advisory Council.
- 4. Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the March 15, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.
- 5. Legislative Update.** Michelle Goodman reported on several bills of interest to JRAC: HEA 1001 adds the state budget director as a new JRAC member effective July 1; HEA 1078 adds violent felons and offenders with 2 unrelated felony convictions to the list of Level 6 offenders that can be committed to DOC—a JRAC subgroup worked with Rep. Steuerwald on

the bill's language; and HEA 1065 creates regional holding facilities, but no funding for the facilities. The budget request from JRAC was not approved. Ms. Goodman also reported that the Office of Court Services and Trial Court Technology are working on changes to the abstract of judgment and will send a memo to courts regarding additional documentation for Level 6 offenders.

6. JRAC Member Reports.

- a. Department of Correction.** Jon Ferguson reported that the Level 6 reimbursement fund was funded at \$30M. He stated that DOC will replace the current reimbursement system with a formula-based model where each county receives an historical allocation for base funding. The new model will work similar to DOC's county misdemeanor fund. Each county will get one lump sum payment and will no longer send invoices to DOC. Mr. Ferguson also reported that DOC worked with the Indiana Association of Counties and the Indiana Sheriffs Association on the new reimbursement model. DOC will reevaluate the reimbursement model at the next biennium.
- b. Division of Mental Health and Addiction.** DMHA submitted a written report on Recovery Works. The DMHA representatives stated that questions on Recovery Works can be sent to Catrinka Prestly and Sarah Sipher.
- c. Indiana Public Defender Council.** Bernice Corley did not make a report.
- d. Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council.** Dave Powell reported that he is stepping down as director of IPAC in October and Chris Naylor will be the new director.
- e. Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana.** Troy Hatfield reported that the POPAI fall conference is September 4-6 in French Lick.
- f. Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.** Devon McDonald did not make a report.

g. Indiana Association of Community Correction Act Counties.

Ralph Watson reported that IACCAC has discussed the need for increased community corrections base funding. He stated that there has not been an increase in a number of years and all costs for agencies are increasing.

h. Office of Judicial Administration/Indiana Office of Court Services.

Mary Kay reported that HEA 1065 creates a jail overcrowding task force. The task force is chaired by Chief Justice Rush, has statutory members, and is staffed by the Office of Court Services. Ms. Hudson reported that she and Chief Justice Rush met with the bill's authors to discuss the intent behind the bill. The authors are interested in a real study of the factors contributing to jail overcrowding and want recommendations on how to address the problem. Ms. Hudson stated that the authors understand that the study may take longer than the December 1st reporting deadline. The task force is authorized to conduct up to 5 regional meetings and no dates or locations have been set. Chief Justice Rush plans to convene the task force before starting the regional meetings. Ms. Hudson reported that real-time jail data is necessary for the study. The Office of Court Services and the Sheriffs Association are meeting with Apriss to determine the availability and cost of the data. Ms. Hudson also reported that HEA 1065 directs JRAC to study bail and pretrial issues and submit a report by December 1st. Ms. Hudson stated that the question for JRAC is how to approach the report. Justin Forkner requested a working group to work with the EBDM State Team and the EBDM Pretrial Committee. The following volunteered for the workgroup: POPAI, DOC, IPAC, IPDC, and IACCAC. Ms. Hudson will schedule a meeting for the workgroup.

- 7. EBDM Update.** Mary Kay Hudson reported that the EBDM State Policy Team drafted a strategic plan with the help of the technical assistance provider. The strategic plan will be reviewed by the State Team on June 17th. The strategic plan covers 3 objectives—governance, process, and education. According to Ms. Hudson, the governance section recommends incorporating EBDM into the Indiana Code and into the JRAC charge. Ms. Hudson requested that JRAC consent to continued discussions about the plan with the EBDM State Team. The JRAC members discussed the idea of workgroups to handle the new legislative

assignments. Troy Hatfield made a motion to endorse the EBDM strategic plan and Julie Lanham seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 8. Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council is scheduled for September 27 at 1:30 p.m. at a location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

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