

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2019

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met at 251 N. Illinois Street in the Indiana Supreme Court Conference Room on November 25, 2019. The Advisory Council met 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

- 1. Members present.** The following members of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council were present: Jon Ferguson, proxy for the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction; Bernice Corley, Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council; Chris Naylor, Executive Director of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Devon McDonald, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Adam McQueen, President of the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana; Ralph Watson, President of the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; Jay Chaudhary, Director of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction; Steve Luce, proxy for the President of the Indiana Sheriff's Association; and Mary Kay Hudson, proxy for the Chief Administrative Officer of the Indiana Supreme Court and Advisory Council Chair.
- 2. Guests present.** The following guest attended the meeting: Sarah Schelle from the Indiana Department of Correction.
- 3. Staff assistance.** Jenny Bauer and Michelle Goodman provided staff assistance to the Advisory Council.
- 4. Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the September 27, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.
- 5. Bail Reform and Pretrial Issues Report.** Mary Kay Hudson reported on development of the report, which included consultation with the Evidence Based Decision Making Pretrial Workgroup. She explained that the Workgroup took the lead on the report because of the overlap in membership with JRAC. Ms. Hudson explained that the approved report will be submitted to the General Assembly, the governor, and Chief Justice Rush as required by statute. She thanked Dan Miller from IPAC, Bernice Corley, and Jenny Bauer for working with her on the draft last week and

explained that the document is broken into five areas of findings and recommendations.

The members discussed recommendation #1 on "State and Local Collaboration". The members added language making it clear that Indiana has taken "first steps" toward reform efforts. The members also discussed the unease of executive branch members voting on funding recommendations. Bernice Corley made a motion to approve the amended #1 findings and recommendations and Ralph Watson seconded the motion. The members approved the motion unanimously.

The members then discussed findings and recommendations #2 on "Data and Evaluation". The members amended language to delete "effectively", add "monitor trends with fidelity", change "Sheriff's Department" to "Sheriff's Office", and move a statement from the recommendations to findings. Jay Chaudhary made a motion to approve the amended findings and recommendations in #2 and Adam McQueen seconded the motion. The members approved the motion unanimously.

The members then discussed findings and recommendations #3 on "Community and Jail-based Behavioral Health Interventions". The members added "substance use disorder" to both bullet points. Bernice Corley made a motion to approve findings and recommendations #3 and Chris Naylor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with Jon Ferguson from the Department of Correction and Devon McDonald from the Criminal Justice Institute abstaining from the vote.

The members then discussed findings and recommendations #4 on "Training and Technical Assistance". Bernice Corley made a motion to approve findings and recommendations #4 and Chris Naylor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with Jon Ferguson from DOC abstaining from the vote.

The members then discussed finding and recommendation #5 on "Legal and Evidence Based Pretrial Practices." The members added the work "local" to the first bullet point. Bernice Corley made a motion to approve findings and recommendations #4 and Jay Chaudhary seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with Jon Ferguson from DOC abstaining from the vote. Ms. Hudson reported that because the

report due date falls on a Sunday, IOCS will submit the report on December 2nd. She will send copies of the report to the JRAC members and asked members to inform her of media inquiries.

- 6. Update on JRAC legislative proposal.** Michelle Goodman reported that she added member comments to the draft. She stated that Rep. Steuerwald requested the addition of the Indiana Public Defender Commission to the JRAC membership. She also reported that the EBDM State Policy Team requested the addition of "recovery services". The members agreed to continue discussion of the legislative proposal at the December meeting.
- 7. Jail Overcrowding Task Force Report.** Mary Kay Hudson reported that the Jail Overcrowding Task Force is meeting at 1 p.m. to approve its report. The report due date is December 1 and will be posted to the Task Force website.
- 8. Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council is December 19 at 1:30 p.m. at the Office of Judicial Administration.

Respectfully submitted,

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