

# Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes

### January 14, 2022

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met by video conference on January 14, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Justice Christopher Goff chaired the meeting, which was live streamed on the JRAC website ([www.in.gov/justice](http://www.in.gov/justice)) for simultaneous viewing by members of the public.

- 1. Members present.** The following members of the Council were present:
- Michael Moore, proxy for the executive director of Indiana Public Defender Council
  - Chris Naylor, executive director of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
  - Dr. Kristen Dauss, proxy for the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction
  - Mary Kay Hudson, designee for the chief administrative officer of Office of Judicial Administration
  - Devon McDonald, executive director of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
  - Jay Chaudhary, executive director of Division of Mental Health and Addiction
  - Bill Watson, president of Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties
  - Troy Hatfield, president of Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana
  - Briony Towler, designee for State Budget Director
  - David Bottorff, executive director of Association of Indiana Counties
  - Derrick Mason, designee for the chair of Indiana Public Defender Commission
  - Doug Huntsinger, designee for governor
  - Sheriff Jeff Campos, president of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
  - Judge Darrin Dolehanty, proxy for the president of Indiana Judges Association
  - Zoe Frantz, president and CEO of Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
  - Steve McCaffrey, president and CEO of Mental Health America of Indiana
  - Sen. Rodney Pol, ranking minority member of Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee

- 2. Members absent.** The following members did not attend the meeting:
  - Sen. Mike Young, chair of Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee
  - Rep. Wendy McNamara, chair of House Courts and Criminal Code Committee
  - Rep. Ragen Hatcher, ranking minority member of House Courts and Criminal Code Committee
- 3. Guests.** Rep. Greg Steuerwald from the Indiana House of Representatives, Dr. Chris Drapeau from Family and Social Services Administration, and Dustin Renner from the Association of Indiana Counties attended the meeting as guests.
- 4. Staff.** Jenny Bauer, April Dubree, Angie Hensley, and Michelle Goodman attended as staff from the Office of Judicial Administration. Michelle Shorter attended as staff from Justice Goff's chambers.
- 5. Approval of minutes.** Doug Huntsinger moved to approve the November 30, 2021, meeting minutes and Devon McDonald seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- 6. Workgroup Reports.**
  - a) Racial Equity.** Steve Luce reported the Racial Equity Workgroup is moving forward on the racial disparities research project with Dr. Evan Lowder. The Workgroup will invite eight counties to participate.
  - b) Local JRAC.** Angie Hensley reported 200 local stakeholders attended the second Local JRAC webinar on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Local JRAC Workgroup is planning a third webinar and posted material online for the 2022 annual reports. Local JRAC reports are due by March 31.
- 7. Legislative discussion.** Rep. Steuerwald informed the Council that he would like to significantly enhance behavioral health services for justice involved persons. He would like JRAC's support and assistance in developing proposals for the 2023 legislative session that will provide needed services for persons in the justice system, or diversion when appropriate. Mary Kay Hudson highlighted the Local JRAC Work Group's efforts to assess local practices and provide opportunities for technical assistance. Doug Huntsinger reported the Division of Mental Health and Addiction is working to expand access to treatment for persons found incompetent to stand trial. He stated Indiana's new 988 system will relieve pressure on the criminal justice system by developing a three-pillar crisis response system – someone to call (988), someone to respond, and somewhere

to go. The Council members discussed the issue and voiced their support to Rep. Steuerwald. Mary Kay Hudson moved that State JRAC solicit 2-4 counties to participate in facilitated technical assistance to assess behavioral health system needs of justice-involved individuals and inform legislative recommendations. Doug Huntsinger seconded the motion. Justice Goff called for a roll-call vote and the motion carried 14-0 (two members abstained).

The Council members also discussed current bills of interest. Steve Luce reported SB 326 mentions the Office of Judicial Administration, Derrick Mason reported SB 308 adopts the study committee recommendations on misdemeanor reimbursement and counsel at first appearance, and Bill Watson reported SB 409 and HB 1075 affect community corrections advisory boards.

## **8. Member reports.**

**a) Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council**—Chris Naylor asked if a process for pretrial data collection is in place for counties with certified programs. Troy Hatfield reported the Pretrial Committee is updating data elements and performance measures. Mr. Naylor also asked if Indiana’s risk assessment tool measures violence. Mary Kay Hudson reported IRAS does not measure for violence and the Office of Judicial Administration is unaware of a validated assessment tool that reliably predicts violence. She stated OJA will work with the University of Cincinnati on research in this area as part of the IRAS validation study.

**b) Department of Correction**—Dr. Dauss reported DOC is revamping recovery programs. She stated prison facilities are currently using PCR tests for Covid, causing a 3-5 day delay in test results. In addition, Dr. Dauss reported she will make a presentation to the Commission to Prevent Drug Abuse at the February meeting.

**9. Next Meeting Date.** The next Council meeting is scheduled on February 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the South Tower of the Capital Center (in person if community health conditions allow).

**10. Adjournment.** The Council adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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