

# Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes

### February 4, 2022

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met by video conference on February 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.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
  - David Bottorff, executive director of Association of Indiana Counties
  - Andrew Cullen, proxy for the chair of Indiana Public Defender Commission
  - Doug Huntsinger, designee for governor
  - Judge Mark Spitzer, designee 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
  - Rep. Ragen Hatcher, ranking minority member of House Courts and Criminal Code 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
  - Briony Towler, designee for State Budget Director
  - Sheriff Jeff Campos, president of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
- 3. Guests.** Dr. Chris Drapeau from Family and Social Services Administration, Madeline Carter from the Center for Effective Public Policy, and Amy Karozos from the State Public Defender Office 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 January 14, 2022, meeting minutes and Jay Chaudhary seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- 6. Workgroup Reports.**
  - a) Racial Equity.** Michael Moore reported the Racial Equity Workgroup continues to prepare for the racial equity research project with Dr. Lowder. The project solicitation letter was sent on January 21<sup>st</sup> to Bartholomew, Grant, Hamilton, Hendricks, Marion, Monroe, Porter, and Vigo Counties. The deadline for these counties to express interest is February 18<sup>th</sup>. The workgroup hopes to identify three or four counties to move forward with the project. Mr. Moore also reported the workgroup will meet every other month in 2022. The next meeting scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) Local JRAC.** Angie Hensley reported the Local JRAC Workgroup met on January 19<sup>th</sup> and will meet next on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The workgroup sent information on a technical assistance opportunity to Local JRACs. Counties can request four different types of technical assistance on the annual reports. Cass County submitted the first request for assistance. Ms. Hensley also reported the Local JRAC webpage now includes an action plan template, directory, update form, link to the National Institute of Corrections EBDM Starter Kit, and links to current grant opportunities.
- 7. Legislative updates.** Mary Kay Hudson reported on Sen. Walker's SB 9 regarding electronic monitoring. The bill includes a requirement for local agencies to report electronic monitoring statistics to the local JRAC quarterly.

Locals JRACs would be required to submit the reports to state JRAC and the legislative council, and State JRAC would be required to publish the reports. Ms. Hudson stated these reporting requirements may duplicate current reporting requirements on home detention. Troy Hatfield and Bill Watson stated SB 9 will have a fiscal impact on counties. They plan to address this issue in the House. Dr. Dauss reported DOC sees a fiscal impact for parole and is watching the bill.

Judge Spitzer reported the Indiana Judges Association is concerned about efforts to legislate statewide on local pretrial issues. The bail bills hinder judicial discretion in making bail decisions and do not let pretrial reform efforts play out.

Sen. Pol reported he intends to file an amendment to HB 1004 that would eliminate the credit time "P" designation for home detention and treat pretrial credit time the same as other credit time. He also stated he is concerned about SB 143 on reasonable force and hopes the House will amend the bill.

Rep. Hatcher reported the House Democrat caucus is concerned about HB 1300 and SB 6 on bail issues. She asked members to send proposed amendments. The council members discussed the unintended consequences of proving "close relative status" to pay bail for a person in jail and the burden on clerks and sheriffs.

## **8. Member reports.**

- a) Department of Correction**—Dr. Dauss reported DOC updated its mission and vision statement to mirror evidence-based decision-making principles and refer to "persons" rather than "offenders" or "parolees". She distributed a copy of the revised document. Dr. Dauss also reported the Supervised Release System (SRS) is deployed in all community corrections departments. She thanked Court Technology for its work in SRS development and deployment. DOC population reports will now come from SRS data rather than self-reports, so she anticipates the numbers may look different. Dr. Dauss further reported Covid infections are trending down in facilities.
- b) Office of Judicial Administration**—Mary Kay Hudson reported the Grant County and Monroe County data reports were provided to members for review. She stated SRS will allow for some centralized pretrial data reporting in the future. She also reported Court Technology will be available to report on the new jail management system and provide a demonstration at an upcoming meeting.
- c) Governor's Office**—Doug Huntsinger reported FSSA released a grant opportunity last week for community collaboration. The grant is funded

through the governor's Next Level Recovery Initiative and covers personnel and system mapping/gap analysis. Mr. Huntsinger also reported the grant applications are due by February 11<sup>th</sup>.

- d) Association of Indiana Counties**—David Bottorff reported AIC has been talking to local political subdivisions about opting back into Indiana's opioid settlement money. HB 1193 changes the deadline to opt in and passed out of the House. Mr. Bottorff stated this issue may be of interest to Local JRACs.
- e) Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council**—Chris Naylor stated JRAC should start planning for funding needs for the 2023 legislative session.

**9. Next Meeting Date.** The next Council meeting is scheduled on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the South Tower of the Capital Center (in person if community health conditions allow).

**10. Adjournment.** The Council adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Bauer  
Office of Court Services