

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2022

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met on July 29, 2022, at 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the South Tower of the Capital Center in Indianapolis. Justice Christopher Goff chaired the meeting.

1. Members present. The following members of the Council were present:

- Bernice Corley, executive director of Indiana Public Defender Council
- Christine Blessinger, proxy for the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction
- Mary Kay Hudson, designee for chief administrative officer of Office of Judicial Administration
- Grant Geiss, designee for State Budget Director (by video)
- 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 chair of Indiana Public Defender Commission
- Judge Mark Spitzer, designee for president of Indiana Judges Association
- Zoe Frantz, president and CEO of Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers (by video)
- Sen. Rodney Pol, ranking minority member of Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee
- Steve Luce, proxy for president of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
- Devon McDonald, executive director of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
- Doug Huntsinger, designee for governor
- Jay Chaudhary, executive director of Division of Mental Health and Addiction (by video)
- Steve McCaffrey, president and CEO of Mental Health America of Indiana

2. Members absent. The following members did not attend the meeting:

- Chris Naylor, executive director of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
- Rep. Wendy McNamara, chair of House Courts and Criminal Code Committee
- Sen. Mike Young, chair of Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee

- Rep. Ragen Hatcher, ranking minority member of House Courts and Criminal Code Committee
- 3. Guests.** The following attended the meeting as guests: Donna Edgar (Indiana Office of Court Technology), Angie Estes and Lauren Moore (Department of Correction), Cindy McCoy (Center for Effective Public Policy by video), Susan Bentley (Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana), Corrin Harvey (Legislative Services Agency), Steve Wolff (The Corydon Group), Isaiah Mizell (Indiana General Assembly), Kayla Skinner (Indiana House of Representatives).
 - 4. Staff.** Jenny Bauer, April Dubree, Michelle Goodman, and Jamie Bergacs attended as staff from the Office of Judicial Administration.
 - 5. Approval of minutes.** Doug Huntsinger moved to approve the June 3, 2022, meeting minutes and David Bottorff seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
 - 6. Demonstration of Indiana Jail Management System.** Donna Edgar, project manager with the Office of Court Technology, provided a demonstration of the new Indiana Jail Management System. She explained that the Office of Court Technology has been collaborating with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and local sheriff departments for several months to develop and pilot Indiana's statewide jail management system, now called INjail. Phase One of the project will go live by the end of the year in the pilot counties, including data conversion. Ms. Edgar highlighted that the INjail system will interface with other agencies for data-sharing, interface with the INCite offender management system, and have a public access component. Mary Kay Hudson reported that the INjail system does not have a funding model beyond Phase One. Justice Goff requested that JRAC members discuss funding at the September meeting.
 - 7. Workgroup Reports.**
 - a) Racial Equity.** Steve Luce reported the Workgroup continues to move forward with the racial equity research project with Dr. Lowder. The four counties selected for this project include Marion, Porter, and Vigo as well as a regional partnership between Dearborn and Ohio Counties. Additional counties expressed interest for participating in the project and may be invited to join the project later due to currently being in the pilot phase. Dr. Lowder and her team have made initial contact with the counties to discuss the project, data availability, and local policies and practices. The Workgroup is

also collaborating with the Court Case Processes Workgroup from the Commission on Equity and Access in the Court System. These groups will partner through the end of 2022 to share resources and information. Ms. Corley discussed the workgroup would like to explore the opportunity for BMV data collection to include race and ethnicity. This discussion item will be added to the agenda for the September meeting. The Workgroup is scheduled to meet next on September 13th.

b) Local JRAC. Justice Goff reported the workgroup has been working on technical assistance for local JRAC's for the last year and is currently working with the National Center for State Courts on the Mental Health Summit scheduled for October 21. The Center for Effective Public Policy is conducting focus groups with Bartholomew, Hendricks, and Porter Counties to identify gaps in access to behavioral health services. Mary Kay Hudson reported the workgroup cancelled its July 20 meeting and a written report was provided to members. She also reported that the workgroup created a communications subcommittee to discuss communications practices. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet next on September 2. The workgroup is scheduled to meet next on August 17.

8. JRAC Report Workgroup. Justice Goff reported that the JRAC Reports Workgroup has been formed and will meet for the first time on August 11th. Michelle Goodman reported the purpose of this workgroup is to review the topics assigned by HEA 1075 (membership of community corrections advisory boards) and SEA 9 (electronic monitoring). The HEA 1075 report is due by November 1 and the SEA 9 report is due by December 1. Ms. Goodman also asked JRAC members to send questions on electronic monitoring reporting requirements to the Workgroup for a coordinated response.

9. Behavioral Health Initiatives. Justice Goff reported that behavioral health initiatives continue to be a priority in Indiana and the nation, highlighting last week's nationwide launch of the crisis number 988. Justice Goff also reported that planning continues for the behavioral health summit scheduled for October 21 in Indianapolis. He noted the summit will provide a great opportunity to share resources, bring together experts from across the state and nation, assist counties with planning, and discuss gaps in care as well as policy. Currently, 76 counties have submitted team nominations, totaling around 638 attendees. The remaining counties received a reminder requesting their team registration as soon as possible. In addition, Justice Goff reported Rep. Steuerwald is interested in

sponsoring behavioral health legislation for the 2023 session of the Indiana General Assembly. Rep. Steuerwald requested JRAC feedback on a draft bill.

10. Electronic Participation Policy Review. Justice Goff requested the JRAC members to review proposed edits to the electronic communication and meeting participation policy adopted in 2021. Michelle Goodman explained that the proposed new paragraph would make the policy applicable to JRAC workgroups. Judge Mark Spitzer moved to adopt the proposed amendment to the electronic communication and meeting participation policy and Doug Huntsinger seconded the motion. Jenny Bauer conducted a roll call vote on the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

11. Funding update.

- a) Office of Court Services grants.** Mary Kay Hudson reported on the following Office of Court Services grant programs:
- i.** Veterans Court grants. IOCS received 23 veterans court grant applications totaling approximately \$1.9 million. The annual veterans court appropriation is \$1 million, leaving a shortfall of available funds.
 - ii.** Family Recovery Courts. IOCS received 22 family recovery court grant applications totaling approximately \$1.7 million. The annual family recovery court allocation from the Office of the Governor is \$1 million, leaving a shortfall of available funds.
 - iii.** Pretrial. IOCS received 31 applications totaling \$3.8 million. The annual appropriation is \$1.95 million, leaving a shortfall of available funds.
- b) Department of Correction community corrections grants.** Angie Estes reported DOC awarded \$74.5 million to 242 community supervision programs. Ms. Estes distributed handouts showing funding awards by supervision entity and county. She highlighted that 6 new programs received funding. Counties must submit budget revisions to DOC by August 19.

12. Member reports.

- a) Mental Health America Indiana.** Steve McCaffrey reported DMHA awarded funding for peer recovery coaches in county jails. The recovery coach program will be piloted in the first year and go statewide by 2025.
- b) Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties.** Bill Watson reported IACCAC is working on SEA 9, dealing with staff shortages, and addressing the recent Court of Appeals opinion in Russell v. State.
- c) Association of Indiana Counties.** David Bottorff reported that the AIC conducted a call with the county appointees to the local JRACS. On the call they referenced the informational videos about JRAC and from the call they

- learned Madison County has an excellent video to explain their county JRAC. Mr. Bottorff reported that the amount of money for local units from the opioid settlement are available on the AG's website. He also thanked Justice Goff for attending the NACo Annual Conference.
- d) Indiana Public Defender Commission.** Andrew Cullen reported information about federal reimbursement for CHINS and Termination cases is available on the IPDC website.
 - e) Indiana Sheriffs' Association.** Steve Luce reported several county jails are participating in peer recovery coaching. He also reported that ISA hosted a Harm Reduction Training July 26-27, 2022 at the ISA Training Center in Avon. The attendees were a mix of IDOC, DMHA, and Sheriff employees. The training covered "Demystifying the Opioid User and Their Effect on Law Enforcement". ISA partnered with Elevyst of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the training was covered through a DMHA grant. ISA will host its annual conference August 8-11, 2022, in French Lick.
 - f) Governor's Office.** Doug Huntsinger reported the governor's office will focus state opioid settlement money on workforce development, prevention, and local matching funds. The State Budget Committee will approve use of the funds in October.
 - g) Division of Mental Health and Addiction.** Jay Chaudhary reported DMHA is answering calls through the recently launched 988 crisis hotline. DMHA is planning next steps for responding to calls through 988 and providing safe places for help.
 - h) Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.** Devon McDonald reported CJI is kicking off this school year with the Stop Arm Violation Enforcement campaign. Additional law enforcement patrols are funded through grants from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. He also reported that CJI has data sharing agreements with 70 sheriffs for the new data transformation system.
 - i) Indiana Department of Correction.** Christine Blessinger reported DOC recently hosted a kick-off webinar for the BJA grant to implement the University of Cincinnati's Correctional Program Checklist. DOC will partner with UC to implement the checklist to evaluate community supervision agency adherence to evidence-based practices.
 - j) Indiana Public Defender Council.** Bernice Corley reported IPDC is contacting public defenders appointed to Local JRAC's.
 - k) Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana.** Troy Hatfield reported that the POPAI annual training is scheduled for September 7-9 in French Lick.

- l) Indiana Judges Association.** Judge Spitzer reported IJA will conduct its business meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Judicial Conference in South Bend on September 8. He also reported that IJA is reviewing legislation for the 2023 session of the Indiana General Assembly, noting that preventive detention is of particular interest.
- m) Senate Courts and Criminal Code Committee.** Senator Pol reported he met with Rep. Steuerwald recently to discuss proposed legislation for the 2023 session of the Indiana General Assembly.
- n) Office of Judicial Administration.** Mary Kay Hudson reported IOCS will provide staff support to the juvenile initiatives created by HEA 1359. Ms. Hudson noted that she will co-chair the data workgroup under the new Juvenile Oversight Committee.
- o) Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers.** Zoe Frantz reported ICCMHC is collaborating with DMHA on crisis response standards for the new 988 crisis hotline system.

13. Next Meeting Date. The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the South Tower of the Capital Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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