

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2022

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met on September 23, 2022, at 9:00-10:15 a.m. in Conference Room 4 & 5 of Indiana Government Center South 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
- Bill Watson, president of Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties
- Susan Bentley, proxy for president of Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana
- David Bottorff, executive director of Association of Indiana Counties
- Derrick Mason, designee for chair of Indiana Public Defender Commission
- Judge Vicki Carmichael, designee for president of Indiana Judges Association
- Zoe Frantz, president and CEO of Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
- Sen. Rodney Pol, ranking minority member of Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee (by telephone)
- Chris Naylor, executive director of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
- 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
- Steve McCaffrey, president and CEO of Mental Health America of Indiana

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

- Steve Luce, proxy for president of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
- 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: Liz Darlage (Department of Correction), Madeline Carter (Center for Effective Public Policy by video), Amber Fystro (Indiana House of Representatives), Amy Karozos (State Public Defender Office), and Kara Biro (Family and Social Services Administration).

4. Staff. Jenny Bauer, April Dubree, David Sexton, and Jamie Bergacs attended as staff from the Office of Judicial Administration.

5. Approval of minutes. Bernice Corley moved to approve the July 29, 2022, meeting minutes and Derrick Mason seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

6. Workgroup Reports.

a) Racial Equity. Bernice Corley reported the Workgroup did not meet as scheduled on September 13 due to lack of quorum. The meeting is postponed to October.

b) Local JRAC. Justice Goff reported the workgroup met September 16 to discuss the initial draft of the behavioral health focus group report. Mary Kay Hudson reported the draft report was prepared by the Center for Effective Public Policy and includes information from the focus groups meetings conducted with Bartholomew, Hendricks, and Porter Counties. She stated the report provides local perspective, some of which will be important for future legislation. Ms. Hudson also reported the workgroup will fill in gaps on the recommendations and finalize the report by October 20. She invited members to contact her if they wish to see the report. The final report will be presented and voted on during the October JRAC meeting.

Liz Darlage reported Communications Subcommittee continues to meet to discuss information exchange between State and Local JRAC's. The Subcommittee will provide a report at the next Local JRAC Workgroup meeting.

7. JRAC Report Workgroup. Justice Goff reported that the JRAC Reports Workgroup has met three times already to discuss HEA 1075's requirement to study membership on community corrections boards. The consensus of the

Workgroup is to reduce membership to one representative from the key stakeholder groups, add stakeholders as appropriate, and list juvenile stakeholders in a single section that only applies if the board operates juvenile programs or quests state funding for juvenile services. The HEA 1075 report is due by November 1 and will be presented to JRAC during the October meeting for review and approval. A subcommittee is working on the SEA 9 requirement to develop home detention reporting procedures and make recommendations on standards for electronic monitoring. The SEA 9 report is due by December 1 and will be presented to JRAC during the November meeting for review and approval.

8. Behavioral Health Initiatives.

- a) Behavioral Health Summit.** Justice Goff reported that the behavioral health summit scheduled for October 21 in Indianapolis is quickly approaching and in the final stages of planning. He noted all 92 counties have submitted team nominations, totaling around 1,000 attendees. JRAC members and legislators have also been invited and should contact April Dubree to register. Mary Kay Hudson thanked the Public Defender Council, Department of Education, Association of Indiana Counties, and Mental Health America Indiana for sponsoring the summit.
- b) Potential Legislation.** Justice Goff reported stakeholders have been meeting over the last several months to discuss potential legislation and issues surrounding access to mental health and behavioral health services. Rep. Steuerwald worked with the Legislative Services Agency to draft language that will go through the legislative process in the 2023 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

9. Member reports.

- a) Office of Judicial Administration.** Mary Kay Hudson reported several JRAC entities testified at the Interim Study Committee on Corrections and Criminal Code on September 20. Ms. Hudson, Michael Moore, and Courtney Curtis discussed pretrial detention and risk assessment. Ms. Hudson also reported IOCS is providing staff support to the juvenile initiatives created by HEA 1359. Ms. Hudson noted that she co-chairs the data workgroup under the new Juvenile Oversight Committee. Angie Hensley reported that last year IOCS moved several grant opportunities to calendar year awards to coincide with IDOC's Community Corrections grant timeline. For the 2023 applications IOCS partnered with IDOC CC to allow applicants to submit one application for Pretrial and Veterans Courts if applying to both agencies for funding rather than submitting separate applications to each agency. IOCS will award \$1.3M

for family recovery courts (\$1M provided by governor's office), \$2.6M for pretrial services, and \$1.4M for veterans' treatment courts. The problem-solving court grants will open in December as these grants are moved to a calendar year application. Ms. Hensley also reported that the Justice Partners Addiction Response federal grants were extended for an additional year as well as the opportunity for all 74 previous applicants to apply for a new grant for the 2023 FFY. All funds must be expended by the end of September 2023 or will have to be returned. Counties may have an opportunity to receive an additional year of funding for the 2024 FFY.

- b) Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers.** Zoe Frantz reported the Indiana Council of Community Mental Health fall conference is scheduled for October 27-28 in Bloomington. She also reported that the Council is participating in the Youth Justice Oversight Committee's Behavioral Health Workgroup.
- c) Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council.** Chris Naylor reported IPAC is looking forward to having more mental health resources available, especially in light of the increased numbers of overdose deaths reported in the state.
- d) Indiana Judges Association.** Judge Carmichael reported IJA is looking forward to the 2023 session of the Indiana General Assembly.
- e) Association of Indiana Counties.** David Bottorff reported AIC held its annual conference in South Bend September 19-22. He thanked Justice Goff and Doug Huntsinger for presenting a featured workshop on creating services for mental health and addiction. He also reported AIC is encouraging counties to participate in "operation green light" November 7-13 to promote benefits available to veterans.
- f) Governor.** Doug Huntsinger reported he was in Scott County on September 22 for the launch of the peer recovery pilot program in the county jail. Scott County THRIVE, a local community recovery group, is helping with the pilot. Mr. Huntsinger is encouraged to see this work in a small county.
- g) Indiana Sheriffs' Association.** Justice Goff made the ISA report on behalf of Steve Luce: 35 Counties have a business contract with the ISA to receive reimbursement services for MAT/ EJB treatment; ISA is focusing on the New Sheriff's School set for Dec. 5-9, 2022—there will be over 50 new sheriffs next year; ISA continues to work with criminal justice stakeholders on addressing mental health in our jails—the 2019 Jail Over Crowding Report is a good blueprint.
- h) State Budget Agency.** Grant Geiss reported agency budgets were due on September 1 and SBA is reviewing for technical corrections. SBA is watching proposed legislation and fiscal impacts for the 2023 session of the General Assembly.

- i) Indiana Public Defender Commission.** Derrick Mason reported the 40% reimbursement goes beyond salaries. Reimbursable expenses include mental health and substance abuse evaluations requested by public defenders.
- j) Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties.** Bill Watson reported the IACCAC fall training institute is November 15-18 in Indianapolis. Mary Kay Hudson and Justice Goff will present two sessions at the training institute: new State/Local JRAC collaboration model and recap of the October Behavioral Health Summit. Mr. Watson also reported that IACCAC is discussing SEA 9 and considerations to reduce the use of electronic monitoring.
- k) Department of Correction.** Chris Blessinger introduced Liz Darlage as the new director of community corrections. She reported that DOC's juvenile detention standards were finally approved and will go on the Indiana Registry October 12. Ms. Blessinger also reported that contracts for community corrections grants will go out for signature in the next few weeks.
- l) Mental Health America of Indiana.** Steve McCaffrey reported the MHAI will be hosting the annual Mental Health and Addiction Symposium in conjunction with the Heroes for Recovery Luncheon at the Marriott East on December 9. The event will also be streamed virtually. Jay Chaudhary of DMHA is the keynote speaker.
- m) Division of Mental Health and Addiction.** Jay Chaudhary reported the Behavioral Health Commission report is scheduled for release next week. He introduced Kara Biro, FSSA's Director of Behavioral Health Crisis Care. She reported the 988 crisis hotline is live with three call centers taking calls in the state, two more call centers in the works, and FSSA will create a 988 dashboard for transparency. Mr. Chaudhary reported DMHA is planning next steps for responding to calls through 988 and providing safe places for help.

10. Next Meeting Date. The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the South Tower of the Capital Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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