

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2022

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met on November 18, 2022, at 1:30-3:15 p.m. in 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
- Cory Wilson, proxy for State Budget Director (by video)
- Steve Luce, proxy for president of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
- 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 Mark Spitzer, designee for president of Indiana Judges Association
- Zoe Frantz, president and CEO of Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
- Evan Robbins, proxy for ranking minority member of Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee
- Chris Naylor, executive director of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
- Jon McDonald, proxy for 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:

- 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

- Bill Watson, president of Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties
3. **Guests.** The following attended the meeting as guests: Sen. Michael Crider, Amy Karozos (State Public Defender Office), Paul Tricou (Indiana Senate), and Dr. Kory Carey (Family and Social Services Administration).
 4. **Staff.** Jenny Bauer, April Dubree, Michelle Goodman, David Sexton, and Jamie Bergacs attended as staff from the Office of Judicial Administration.
 5. **Approval of minutes.** Zoe Frantz moved to approve the October 28, 2022, meeting minutes and Steve Luce seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
 6. **Workgroup Reports.**
 - a) **Racial Equity Workgroup.** Steve Luce reported the Workgroup has not met since the last JRAC meeting but continues to work with Dr. Lowder on the racial equity research project. Dr. Lowder distributed draft racial equity metrics to the workgroup and requested feedback by the end of the month. Dr. Lowder also plans to share the metrics with a few state agencies who have met with her team and the pilot counties. The Workgroup is working on a 2023 meeting schedule.
 - b) **Local JRAC Workgroup.** Justice Goff highlighted the workgroup's work with the Center for Effective Public Policy and reported the Workgroup met this week to review technical assistance requests. The Workgroup also had preliminary conversations about the 2023 annual reports and coming up with a strategic plan to assist local JRACs. Michelle Goodman reported that the Workgroup is also working with CEPP on an online workspace that can support technical assistance efforts. Miami County will pilot the workspace in early 2023, which will help JRAC assess additional steps to support local JRACs. Mary Kay Hudson added that she and Justice Goff presented on Local JRAC's and the role of chairs at the recent training hosted Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties. She also reported that the CEPP online workspace was developed as part of another project and would have a cost if used by Indiana.
 - c) **JRAC Report Workgroup.** Michelle Goodman reported that SEA 9 directed JRAC to develop home detention reporting procedures and make recommendations on standards for electronic monitoring. The new quarterly

reporting procedures on electronic monitoring will begin January 1, 2023, with the first report due in early April. Once the workgroup finalizes the formal reporting instructions, the Office of Court Services will distribute the instructions to supervision agencies along with a standard reporting form. Ms. Goodman stated the completed the report includes recommendations for electronic monitoring standards and must be submitted to the legislative council by December 1. Doug Huntsinger moved to approve the electronic monitoring report and Judge Spitzer seconded the motion. The Council approved the report on a roll call vote, with Jon McDonald abstaining.

7. Behavioral Health Commission Report. Jay Chaudhary reported that the Behavioral Health Commission report found that Indiana's behavioral health system needs structural and systemic changes. He stated Sen. Crider will sponsor the legislation recommended in the report. The Council discussed the need to fund mental health services in schools, certified community behavioral health clinics, and problem-solving courts. Sen. Crider requested a low bill number for the mental health bill so that it will receive priority during the 2023 session of the general assembly. He wants to see enough funding for the community behavioral health clinics to increase staff and services. Sen. Crider also stated he would like to reauthorize the Behavioral Health Commission for two more years.

8. Member reports.

- a) Public Defender Commission.** Derrick Mason reported the Commission is working to expand Title IV-E reimbursement. The reimbursement is available to all counties for a portion of the county's public defense expenses that have been spent on DCS cases.
- b) Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council.** Chris Naylor reported the IPAC winter conference is scheduled for early December and will include training for 20 new prosecutors. The conference will feature a session on Local JRACs.
- c) Indiana Judges Association.** Judge Spitzer reported that 70 newly elected judges will attend orientation in early December. The IJA Board will meet in early December and is preparing for the 2023 legislative session.
- d) Office of Judicial Administration.** Mary Kay Hudson reported the following: OJA has received rave reviews from the recent Mental Health Summit; the INjail system will go live later this year in the pilot counties; and the Youth Justice Oversight Committee's work overlaps with JRAC.
- e) Department of Correction.** Christine Blessinger reported that DOC held a townhall with community corrections directors at the recent IACCAC conference. She also reported DOC will submit populations reports to JRAC beginning in 2023.

- f) **Criminal Justice Institute.** Jon McDonald reported that CJJ is finishing the annual report on criminal code reform. The report is due by December 1.
- g) **Department of Mental Health and Addiction.** Dr. Kory Carey reported that the top three service for Recovery Works participants are recovery residence, intensive outpatient treatment, and individual skills training and development. The top three counties are Vanderburgh, Marion, and Allen. She also reported that five jails are piloting DMHA's Integrated Re-entry and Correctional Support program. The program uses peer recovery coaches in jails to work with incarcerated individuals with substance use disorder or mental health issues.
- h) **Association of Indiana Counties.** David Bottorff reported he will share the Public Defender Commission's information on Title IV-E reimbursements with county executives. He also reported that CVS and Walgreens recently settled a class action opioid lawsuit. The settlement money will go to state and local governments to expand treatment support programs for people with addiction, and prevention efforts.
- i) **Indiana Sheriffs' Association.** Steve Luce reported ISA will train 27 newly elected sheriffs. ISA's legislative priority for the 2023 session is mental health. ISA also requested grant funding for employee wellness.
- j) **Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers.** Zoe Frantz distributed a copy of the ICCMHC 2023 public policy platform. The platform includes building support for certified community behavioral health clinics, 988 expansion through mobile crisis teams, group homes for the severely mentally ill, and community mental health workforce.
- k) **State Budget Agency.** Corey Wilson reported SBA is watching proposed legislation and fiscal impacts for the 2023 session of the General Assembly.
- l) **Mental Health America of Indiana.** Steve McCaffrey reported that MHA will host its annual Mental Health and Addiction Symposium at the Marriott East on December 9. He expects close to 900 attendees at the symposium.

9. **Next Meeting Date.** The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the South Tower of the Capital Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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