

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2023

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met on May 19, 2023, at 1:00-2:30 p.m. in Capital Center in Indianapolis. Justice Christopher Goff chaired the meeting.

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

- Liz Darlage, proxy for the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction
- Mary Kay Hudson, designee for chief administrative officer of Office of Judicial Administration
- Cody Wilson, proxy for State Budget Director
- Steve Luce, proxy for president of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
- Troy Hatfield, president of Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana
- Judge Mark Spitzer, designee for president of Indiana Judges Association
- Zoe Frantz, president and CEO of Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers (remote)
- Jade Palin, 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
- Ashley Stevens, president of Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties

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

- Bernice Corley, executive director of Indiana Public Defender Council
- David Bottorff, executive director of Association of Indiana Counties
- Derrick Mason, designee for chair of Indiana Public Defender Commission
- Chris Naylor, executive director of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
- Rep. Wendy McNamara, chair of House Courts and Criminal Code Committee
- Sen. Aaron Freeman, chair of Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee
- 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
3. **Guests.** The following attended the meeting as guests: Dr. Stephanie Quiring from IUPUI School of Social Work and Angie Estes from the Indiana Department of Correction.
 4. **Staff.** Jenny Bauer, April Dubree, Michelle Goodman, and David Sexton attended as staff from the Office of Judicial Administration.
 5. **Approval of minutes.** Doug Huntsinger moved to approve the April 14, 2023, meeting minutes and Ashley Stevens seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by roll call vote.
 6. **Indiana Summit for Rural Justice and Public Health Professionals.** Justice Goff reported that the Supreme Court’s Office of Communication is working on a plan to promote the Indiana Summit for Rural Justice and Public Health Professionals in Wabash on October 13. The Summit is designed to bring together county leaders, the bench, the bar, healthcare professionals, and all justice partners. The communication plan includes a “save-the-date letter” inviting stakeholders to attend and announcing that registration will open in mid-August. Justice Goff stated that OCEO plans to send this information to judges and chief probation officers in June. He requested that Council members share this information with their constituent groups. In addition, if any justice partner wishes to be a sponsor of the event, please let IOCS know. Justice Goff asked if JRAC would approve being listed as an event sponsor. Doug Huntsinger moved to approve JRAC being included on the sponsor list and Mark Spitzer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.
 7. **Workgroup Reports.**
 - a) **Racial Equity Workgroup.** Steve Luce reported that the contract with Dr. Lowder for the research project has been finalized. Dr. Lowder and her team continue to work with the three project counties. The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for July 13.
 - b) **Local JRAC Workgroup.** Michelle Goodman reported the annual reports were due March 31 and IOCS has received all reports except one that will be submitted soon. Ms. Goodman stated the workgroup will compile a summary and identify information for publication to help local JRACs and interested stakeholders. Mary Kay Hudson reported that a subgroup met with the

Center for Effective Public Policy to view a demonstration of the technical assistance online workspace. The subgroup also finalized the solicitation process for counties to request one of three technical assistance opportunities—intensive technical assistance, online workspace with limited technical assistance, and limited on-demand technical assistance on a specific topic. Ms. Hudson also reported the workgroup approved the letter and application and seek Council approval. Doug Huntsinger moved to approve the proposed technical assistance announcement process and Mark Spitzer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote. Ms. Hudson further reported the letter and application will be sent to Local JRAC chairs in a few weeks and the Office of Court Services will host an information webinar in early June. The next workgroup meeting is June 23.

- c) JRAC Report Workgroup.** Michelle Goodman reported the Report Workgroup continues to work with IOCS and Court Technology regarding agency questions on the SEA 9 electronic monitoring report. As of May 15, thirty-two Local JRACs have submitted the Q1 report. According to Ms. Goodman, IOCS staff are reviewing the reports to identify issues and reaching out for clarifications or updates. The Q1 reports are due by May 31 and a reminder went out last week. Ms. Goodman also reported that the subcommittee developed template text to accompany the compiled data sent to State JRAC from Local JRACs. The template will serve as the basis for the published reports and provide context. The members discussed the potential uses of this information, and the on-going need to help improve policies and practices with this supervision practice. There was also discussion on the need to study this supervision strategy alongside other evidence-based practices, but the recent legislation did not include funding for this need. Doug Huntsinger moved to approve the template text and Mark Spitzer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

- 8. NAMI Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Technical Assistance.** Dr. Stephanie Quiring, faculty in the IUPUI School of Social Work, informed the Council that NAMI Indiana is offering no-cost training in the Sequential Intercept Model across the state. The technical assistance is designed to assist counties to plan and host a two-day Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) workshop and develop a 3–5-year plan. The technical assistance opportunity opened in early May. The Council discussed how the SIM technical assistance aligns with the work of Local JRACs. Justice Goff suggested posting the details of the technical assistance on the Local JRAC webpage.

9. EBDM Discussion and Planning. Justice Goff led a discussion on planning to revisit the 2019 Evidence Based Decision Making State Team Strategic Plan. The Council decided to have the Local JRAC Workgroup work with the Center for Effective Public Policy on EBDM planning and add EBDM as a standing agenda item.

10. Monthly Reports: DOC Population Report and IOCT Abstract of Judgment.

Justice Goff reminded Council members that there was interest at the last meeting in adding DOC population reports as a standing agenda item. He reported that DOC Commissioner Christina Reagle sent the May report to several Council members. He asked members to reach out to Chris Blessinger or Liz Darlage if they did not receive the report and would like to be added to the distribution list. Mary Kay Hudson also reported that the Office of Court Technology generates monthly reports on abstracts of judgments. She stated the Council can look for trends in the reports and ask Dr. Lowder for questions that could be answered from the data.

11. Member reports.

- a) Council of Community Mental Health Centers.** Zoe Frantz suggested that education on the new process for emergency mental health detention is needed for providers and judges. Jay Chaudhary suggested that JRAC write a plain language guide on the new process. Mary Kay Hudson reported that the Office of Court Services can modify the forms in judicial bench books. She asked Council members interested in working on the ad hoc group for the guide to contact Michelle Goodman.
- b) Governor's Office.** Doug Huntsinger reported that DMHA and the Indiana Recovery Network are working together on the inaugural Indiana Mental Health and Addiction Conference scheduled for June 27-28. The conference will highlight innovative programs and initiatives in prevention, treatment, and recovery happening in Indiana. Council members are invited to register to attend.
- c) Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana.** Troy Hatfield reported that POPAI is working with the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties on a joint conference scheduled for August 23. Chief probation officers and community corrections directors will be invited to attend for strategic planning.
- d) Department of Correction.** Liz Darlage reported that the community corrections grant applications are being scored and reviewed for funding recommendations. DOC will present the recommendations at the July meeting.

e) Indiana Judges Association. Judge Mark Spitzer reported that May is national drug court month. Grant County's drug court recently had 9 people graduate. The statistics for the Grant County drug court show that 8 in 10 people remain arrest free 3 years later, saving the county an estimated \$1M.

12. Next Meeting Date. The next Council meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the South Tower of the Capital Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of Court Services