

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2023

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met on December 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.-3:00 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 (video until 10:00 a.m.)
- 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
- Steve Luce, proxy for president of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
- Judge Mark Spitzer, designee for president of Indiana Judges Association
- Troy Hatfield, president of Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana
- Daniel Glass, designee for State Budget Director
- Andrew Cullen, proxy for chair of Indiana Public Defender Commission
- Zoe Frantz, president and CEO of Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
- Howard Simms, designee for executive director of Division of Mental Health and Addiction
- Devon McDonald, executive director of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
- Chris Naylor, executive director of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
- Scott Hohl, president of Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties

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

- Doug Huntsinger, designee for Governor
- David Bottorff, executive director of Association of Indiana Counties
- Steve McCaffrey, president and CEO of Mental Health America of Indiana
- Rep. Wendy McNamara, chair of House Courts and Criminal Code Committee
- Sen. Aaron Freeman, chair of Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee
- Rep. Mitch Gore, ranking minority member of House Courts and Criminal Code Committee

- Sen. Rodney Pol, ranking minority member of Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee
3. **Guests.** The following attended the meeting as guests: Denise Symdon and Richard Stroker from the Center for Effective Public Policy; Vanessa Reyes, legislative assistant to Rep. McNamara (video), and Lindsey Villalpando from Montgomery County Probation.
 4. **Staff.** Jenny Bauer, April Dubree, Michelle Goodman, Chris Biehn, and David Sexton attended as staff from the Office of Judicial Administration.
 5. **Approval of minutes.** The Advisory Council approved the minutes from the November 28, 2023, meeting by roll call vote on motion and second by Steve Luce and Devon McDonald.
 6. **Review and Discussion of CSG Justice Counts resolution.** Justice Goff led Advisory Council members in a discussion of the draft resolution submitted by the Council of State Governments on the Justice Counts initiative. The members favor more data availability for counties and see the CSG initiative as compatible with the principles of evidence-based decision making. Andrew Cullen moved to table the resolution and assign it to the Local JRAC workgroup for review and re-drafting. Judge Mark Spitzer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
 7. **Workgroup Reports.**
 - a) **Annual Reports Workgroup.** The Advisory Council members reviewed the revised proposed amendments to the ICJI and DOC reporting statutes presented by Devon McDonald. The members discussed keeping the reporting requirements more general rather than specific and made edits to IC 5-2-6-24. The Advisory Council approved the draft amendments to IC 5-2-6-24, IC 11-12-2-1, IC 35-38-8-12, and IC 33-38-9.5 on motion and second by Devon McDonald and Liz Darlage. Mr. McDonald will forward the draft amendments to Sen. Freeman's legislative assistant.
 - b) **Racial Equity Workgroup.** Steve Luce reported that he received the contact information for the chief of the Portage Police Department and will contact him to obtain records.
 - c) **Local JRAC Workgroup.** Chris Biehn reported that the counties receiving technical assistance from the Center for Effective Public Policy are making good progress. He distributed the final draft of the 2022 Local JRC Annual

Report Summary and reported that members did not make comments after reviewing the report. The Advisory Council approved the report on motion and second by Judge Mark Spitzer and Scott Hohl.

- d) JRAC Reports Workgroup.** Michelle Goodman reported that one county has not submitted the Q2 report and all but eight counties have submitted the Q3 reports. She plans to post the Q1 report online soon.

8. Member reports.

a) Indiana Public Defender Commission. Andrew Cullen reported that WRTV-6 did a story on Indiana's lawyer shortage. He suggested that the legislature could propose ways to help. Daniel Glass noted that Washington State allows people to gain bar admission by clerking at law firms rather than attending law school.

b) Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers. Zoe Frantz thanked Mary Kay Hudson and the Office of Court Services for their help with the webinar on HEA 1006 scheduled for December 13.

c) Indiana Sheriffs' Association. Steve Luce reported that Lake County is interested in the new jail management system.

d) Office of Judicial Administration. Justice Goff reported that OJA Chief Administrative Officer Justin Forkner and Court of Appeals Judge Nancy Vaidik will co-chair a group on legal education and bar admission.

9. Evidence Based Decision Making discussion.

a) Team Charter. The Advisory Council members reviewed and finalized the team charter:

- Vision: "A sustainable system of justice that promotes a safer, healthier Indiana."
- Mission: add the EBDM principles and add a footnote to the framework on the NIC website
- Goal: fix the statutory citation and add hyperlink
- Objectives: remove the bold; combine #5 and #9 and move up
- Activities: remove
- Ground Rules and Norms: Mary Kay Hudson will clean up for the next meeting

b) Self-assessment. The members reviewed the self-assessment that is used with technical assistance sites.

c) System map. The members reviewed the system map and suggested the following:

- add emergency detention and mobile crisis teams to 1k and acknowledge efforts to avoid 1a
- add pretrial assessment decision
- add pretrial supervision
- add a new page for pretrial release and pretrial violation process
- add note on meaningful first hearing and initial hearing
- add problem-solving courts
- DOC review and update the prison map
- ISA review and update jail map (add exit/release)

10. Next Meeting Date. The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the South Tower of the Capital Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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