



# Local JRAC Workgroup

## Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC)

Justice Christopher Goff, Chair

### Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2025

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council's Local JRAC Workgroup met on October 3, 2025, at 9:30 AM ET, at the Office of Judicial Administration, Tech Training Room (755) (251 N. Illinois St., Ste. 700, Indianapolis, IN 46204). Justice Christopher Goff chaired the meeting.

**Members in attendance:** Chris Biehn, David Bottorff, Elizabeth Darlage, Justice Christopher Goff – *Chair*, Doug Huntsinger, Angela Morris, and Hon. Mark Spitzer

**Supreme Court staff in attendance:** Angie Hensley, Michelle Goodman, Catheryne Pully, David Sexton, and Reilly Sommers.

**Guests:** Angie Estes

#### I. Welcome

Justice Goff opened the meeting and welcomed members.

#### II. June 20, 2025 meeting minutes

Doug Huntsinger motioned to approve the minutes as distributed. Judge Spitzer seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

#### III. Technical Assistance Update

Chris Biehn reported that he is meeting regularly with Denise Symdon from the Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP) to review the progress of counties engaged in technical assistance. Floyd County will be hosting a Local JRAC summit in November. Chris will address the summit as a keynote speaker and will deliver a presentation alongside Denise from CEPP. Justice Goff will also record a message for the attendees. Chris and Denise are working with Brendan O'Connor from the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) on building a catalog of data available to counties. Denise will be working with Hamilton County's Local JRAC in person on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### IV. 2025 Annual Report

Members were given a copy of the 2024 Local JRAC annual report and survey. Chris asked members to review and discuss what points they would like to include in the survey for the 2025 annual report. Chris noted that the 2024 survey asked about counties' discussions of the use of opioid settlement funds. Members agreed that it would be useful to dig deeper into the use of opioid settlement funds and strategies to address substance use and mental health problems in the 2025 survey.

Justice Goff suggested that members consider shifting the focus of the annual report process towards communicating resources available to local communities and partners now that State JRAC has a few years of information on local needs. Angela Morris

echoed the comment and noted that probation departments across the state are struggling to tap into new resources due to budget constraints. Members discussed the wide variation between counties in how opioid settlement funds are used and what entities have authority over the use of those funds. Members discussed adopting a quarterly report submission process for future annual reports. The quarterly process would be voluntary for Local JRACs, with those opting out submitting all required information annually as before. Members also discussed making an effort to consolidate questions from reports and surveys distributed by state-level partners to local communities as a way to help reduce the reporting burden for local partners. Angie Hensley suggested including questions about local operating costs and funding sources. Angie Estes noted that the Department of Correction (IDOC) is working to gather this kind of data as well. Doug Huntsinger reported that the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) and Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) are the pilot agencies for a new executive branch grant management system. Chris asked members to follow up with him via email if they had any other information they would like to see included in the report.

**V. Other Business**

There was no other business brought before the workgroup.

**VI. Adjourn**

**Next Meeting**

December 12, 2025, at 9:30 AM ET  
Office of Judicial Administration, Tech Training Room (755)  
251 N. Illinois St., Ste. 700  
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