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Juvenile Probation Standards Workgroup

November 10, 2022

Meeting Minutes

The Juvenile Probation Standards workgroup met on November 10, 2022, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 p.m. at the Indiana Office of Court Services, Room 873. Magistrate Carolyn Foley chaired the meeting.

1. Members present. The following members of the Committee were present in person:

- Nick Ackerman, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Jenny Bauer, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Magistrate Carolyn Foley, Allen Superior Court

Members present. The following members of the Committee were present via Zoom:

- Vicki Becker, Elkhart County Prosecutor
- Judge Mary DeBoer, Porter Circuit Court
- Heather Malone, Huntington County Probation
- Greg Peters, Allen County Probation

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

- Shannon Chambers, Johnson County Probation
- Judge Jill Wesch, Vermillion County Circuit Court
- Joel Wieneke, Indiana Public Defender Council

Guests Present: Julie Whitman, Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Staff: Angela Reid-Brown (via Zoom), Colleen Saylor

2. Welcome. Magistrate Foley welcomed everyone in person and virtual attendance.

3. Approve September Meeting Minutes: Workgroup members were provided a copy of the Minutes prior to today's meeting. Jenny Bauer made a motion to approve the minutes; Nick Ackerman seconded the motion. Workgroup members approved the October 20, 2022, meeting minutes unanimously.

4. Update on collaborations with other workgroups:

Nick shared that as part of the work for the Risk Assessment/Conditions of Probation sub committee they have had conversations with the co-chair of the YJOC Diversion Workgroup. The consensus was to keep language regarding diversion out of the probation standards document as the Diversion group is focused on this population and how to provide practical guidance for counties on the process under the new legislation. He reported that they believe there is also overlap and collaboration needed with the YJOC Screening and Assessment Workgroup. Conversations with members have been limited and the Risk Assessment/Conditions of Probation sub-committee is waiting until they have made more progress before reaching out more in depth. Magistrate Foley shared that Justice David had been understanding that this group may initially have more generalized recommendations and need to wait for feedback from the other groups before updating to include more detail. It was suggested that it might be helpful to share a draft of the recommendations of the Risk Assessment/Conditions of Probation sub-committee with the Screening and Assessment Workgroup. Jenny indicated she plans to attend their next meeting and can share some of the discussed recommendations with them at that time. It was also recommended that judges might benefit from some training on all the different risk assessment tools, their purpose and best practices for use at the juvenile judge's training in June. Angela Reid-Brown made a note of this as she is responsible for determining the sessions being presented. Julie Whitman shared that another area where this workgroup may intercept another is the Data Workgroup and a need to more clearly define procedures for collecting data. She also reminded the group that the Youth and Family Advisory Board is getting started and should be ready to hear presentations from groups and provide input in December.

5. Sub-Committee Reports. Magistrate Foley

- **Risk Assessment/Conditions of Probation.**

Nick shared that this group has not met since the last workgroup meeting but have been working on their draft via email and have made some progress. The original draft included language prohibiting a recommendation for placement after the failure of an informal adjustment if the original referral was not something that would be considered for placement. The group discussed the need to allow for some flexibility and that there is already legislation in place to prohibit detention if certain criteria are not met. There was also concern expressed that if the language indicates a petition cannot be filed if the IA is failed more counties may file all cases to ensure they don't lose that option.

- **Case Planning.**

Jenny reported that she met with Greg and Judge DeBoer last week and spent some time looking at how everything might be coming together. They switched back to a draft where the recommendations are part of the original standards with some provisions for juvenile standards rather than two separate as was previously contemplated. The group is looking at providing samples of evidence based practices as an appendix as well. They felt this would be especially helpful for the smaller counties who may struggle with where to start and have more limited resources. Another idea was to provide a list of assessments with which counties are using each of them and contact information allowing an opportunity for counties to collaborate with each other. The goal is to have a draft to circulate before the December meeting.

- **Out-of-Home Placement/DOC Commitment.**

Magistrate Foley reported the group was not able to meet but did exchange emails on the draft. She shared that Angela had provided some language to the draft for the QRTP requirements, which was added and they are working on a better way to format between adult and juvenile standards. Julie Whitman shared that there is a YJOC Workgroup focused on Re-Entry and how services may be provided if a county reasserts jurisdiction or not. The group hopes to get a draft sent out to the larger group in the next couple of weeks. Magistrate Foley is planning to present to the probation committee a summary of what the workgroup is doing and what they can expect to receive in hopes of getting some direction from them. The plan is to have the draft substantially completed to provide to the probation committee in April. They will be scheduling a June meeting to review and hopefully approve the recommendations.

6. Future Meetings:

Juvenile Probation Standards Work Group Meetings:

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| December 8, 2022 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |
| January 19, 2023 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |
| February 16, 2023 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |
| March 9, 2023 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |
| April 20, 2023 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |
| May 11, 2023 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |
| June 8, 2023 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |