



## Office of Court Services

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### Juvenile Probation Standards Workgroup

January 19, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

The Juvenile Probation Standards workgroup met on January 19, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 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
- Shannon Chambers, Johnson County Probation
- Magistrate Carolyn Foley, Allen Superior Court
- Heather Malone, Huntington County Probation

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

- Vicki Becker, Elkhart County Prosecutor
- Judge Mary DeBoer, Porter Circuit Court
- Greg Peters, Allen County Probation
- Joel Wieneke, Indiana Public Defender Council

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

- Jill Wesch, Fountain County Chief Deputy Prosecutor

**Guests Present:** Shelby Price, IOCS, Sadia Maqsood, IOCS

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

**2. Welcome.** Magistrate Foley welcomed everyone in attendance.

**3. Approve December Meeting Minutes:** Workgroup members were provided a copy of the Minutes prior to today's meeting. Corrections were made to the date and one reference item. Jenny Bauer made a motion to approve the minutes; Nick Ackerman seconded the motion., the minutes from the December 8, 2022 meeting were approved.

#### 4. Sub-Committee Reports.

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

Jenny shared that she and Nick met to go over the draft and make some edits. The newest version was provided to members and Jenny went over what edits had been made. Members discussed and did make additional edits, adding back in the language under 5.2 that youth formal probation supervision conditions should promote a clear pathway to early release and successful completion of probation term.

Jenny advised that the language under 5.2 a. i. and ii. were drafted based on research she had done with other states. Members agreed to include “and any supplemental assessment(s). in those items to ensure that it was inclusive of the many different assessments used currently and those to come. Changes were also made to iv. to include “needs”. Jenny shared that she had reviewed the research available at the Annie E. Cassie foundation as well as the CSG report and 1359 legislation to ensure the draft was addressing all items required with evidence based, research supported recommendations. There was discussion about adding another item to address guidelines for consistent use of assessments and Jenny agreed to work on that. Members agreed it would be beneficial to have individuals from this workgroup meet with individuals on the Screening and Assessment workgroup to discuss items that overlap and volunteers agreed to set this up.

- **Case Planning.**

The case planning group advised they had no changes to their previous draft and felt it was ready to combine with the full standards at this time.

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

Magistrate Foley shared that while the out-of-home placement/DOC commitment group did not meet she has continued to work on whether to separate out the PI and PDR information in that section and determined that it was more confusing and duplicative to separate it out. Shannon brought up a question raised in the Screening and Assessment group regarding whether HEA 1359 made changes that would eliminate the ability for jurisdictions to use the PI in lieu of the PDR in some cases. Members reviewed the legislation and determined it appears the waiver language is still intact but agreed to have Jenny talk to Michelle Goodman to make sure nothing was being missed.

5. **How to pull it all together:** Magistrate Foley shared that presentations were made to both the Probation Committee and the Judicial Conference Board of Directors since the last workgroup meeting. She advised that the presentation to the Probation Committee was more in depth and they are clear on the basic content of proposed changes. She shared that the Probation Committee has been also working on some modification to the standards that are unrelated to the focus of this workgroup. Magistrate Foley recommended that a first draft of this workgroup’s recommended changes be completed in time to be submitted prior to the Probation Committee’s March 10, 2023 meeting. It was also recommended that a presentation be made at the upcoming juvenile judges orientation. Angela Reid-Brown shared that it is on the agenda and was hoping that Magistrate Foley could present.

**6. Presentation to Youth and Family Advisory Committee:** Magistrate Foley, Judge DeBoer, Nick, and Jenny agreed to work on the presentation and identifying specific areas to focus on for input from the Youth and Family Advisory Committee where their input would be most beneficial to include. Shannon shared the format for the meetings would be for the workgroup members to share the recommendations for identified sections and ask for feedback. They have been advised of the need for a quick turnaround on their response given the timeline for the next workgroup meeting being 3/9/23 and the need to have a draft to present to the Probation Committee on 3/10/23.

**7. Other Discussion:** Members discussed some concerns regarding unintended consequences of the legislation such as youth with higher needs who require more support being pulled into the system rather than diverted due to lack of resources and/or the limited time frame for IA's. The current mental health infrastructure does not have the capacity to provide services in a timely manner making it unlikely they could complete an IA in the time allotted. This may cause an increase in the number of cases filed in order to get services in place and provided. Members also discussed impact of the diversion fees being removed and concern that some jurisdictions might file more cases to recoup those lost fees.

**8. Timeline:**

- 2/8/2023 Youth Justice Oversight Committee meeting
- 2/16/23 February Juvenile Probation Standards Workgroup meeting
- 3/4/23 Present to the Youth and Family Advisory Committee
- 3/9/23 March Juvenile Probation Standards Workgroup meeting
- 3/10/23 Probation Committee
- 4/12/2023 Youth Justice Oversight Committee meeting
- 4/18/23 Judicial Conference Board of Directors
- 4/20/23 April Juvenile Probation Standards Workgroup meeting
- 5/11/23 May Juvenile Probation Standards Workgroup meeting
- 6/8/23 June Juvenile Probation Standards Workgroup meeting
- 6/14/2023 Youth Justice Oversight Committee meeting
- 6/18/23 Judicial Conference Board of Directors for approval

**9. Future Meetings:**

Juvenile Probation Standards Work Group Meetings:

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