



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Data Work Group Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting Details

Date and Time of Meeting: July 28, 2022 at 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location of meeting: Fuse Conference Center, 201 N. Illinois St, Indianapolis, IN

Minutes prepared by: Lisa Thompson

II. Attendees

Members present in-person:

- Dr. Matt Aalsma, Indiana University School of Medicine, Chair
- Mary Kay Hudson, Indiana Office of Court Services, Co-Chair
- Christine Reynolds, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
- Christopher Yirenkyi (proxy for Sarah Schelle), Indiana Department of Correction
- Melanie Pitstick, Marion County Juvenile Probation
- Olga Volokhova, Indiana Youth Institute
- Judge Sarah Mullican, Vigo Circuit/Superior Court 3
- Nancy Wever, Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI
- Kristi Bruther, Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center
- Josie Fasoldt, Governor's Office of Equity, Inclusion and Opportunity
- Traci Lane, Madison County Juvenile Probation

Members present electronically: N/A

Members absent:

- Kaitlyn Christian, Management Performance Hub
- Sarah Schelle, Indiana Department of Correction
- Nikki Ford, Department of Child Services
- Judge Paul Felix, Hamilton Circuit Court

Staff present:

- Lisa Thompson, Indiana Office of Court Technology
- April Dubree, Indiana Office of Court Services

Other guests or speakers present:

- Julie Whitman, Commission on Improving the Status of Children
- Leslie Dunn, Indiana Office of Court Services

III. Overview of HEA 1359-2022 and the Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Mary Kay Hudson provided an overview of HEA 1359-2022 and the expectations of the Youth Justice Oversight Committee (YJOC). This bill directs the Children’s Commission to establish the Youth Justice Oversight Committee to review the juvenile justice system for findings and recommendations. The YJOC, chaired by Justice Steven David, held an initial meeting in June 2022 and established seven work groups, including the Data Work Group. The YJOC and work groups are subject to the “open door law”. Meeting notices and materials will be posted on the temporary [YJOC website](#), until the permanent website is available.

IV. Overview of the Data Work Group charge, deliverables, and timeline

Dr. Matt Aalsma provided an overview of the charge of the Data Work Group, as well as deliverables and timeline of activities, including the final plan is due to the legislature on July 1, 2023. This work group will meet monthly to allow for drafting of the data section to begin by the end of 2022, which will include

- Goals for collecting juvenile justice data,
- Create shared definitions of juvenile justice data,
- Set standard protocols and procedures for data collection and quality assurance, including the ability to track data across the juvenile justice continuum,
- Establish a minimum set of performance and data measures that counties shall collect and report annually, including equity measures,
- Establish how data should be reported and to whom,
- Establish a research agenda to evaluate the effectiveness of interventions, and
- Determine the costs of collecting and reporting data.

V. Member discussion on work group priorities and resources

Dr. Matt Aalsma facilitated a discussion with work group members regarding needs, priorities, and possible resources, including:

- Collect information or recommending a plan to collect information from service providers (i.e., diversion programs, DCS providers, other local

providers) regarding outcomes as well as diversity within practitioners as it relates to the youth served.

- Ensure data collection does not add an additional burden on entities and services providers.
- Determine an approach to establishing a research agenda to evaluate the effectiveness of interventions pursuant to HEA 1359.
- Create a consensus on definitions for terms used when collecting data.
- Collaborate with YJOC Grants Work Group on building performance measures.

VI. Member discussion and vote on Electronic Communications Policy

Mary Kay Hudson reviewed the proposed Electronic Communication Attendance Policy with the members. The proposed policy is based on the recently adopted remote participation policy adopted by YJOC. Kristi Bruther moved to approve the policy; Judge Mullican seconded. The policy was unanimously approved.

VII. Upcoming Meetings

A survey will be sent to members to select a future meeting rotation with meetings occurring once per month. Once a schedule has been finalized, meeting invitations will be sent to the work group.

The next Youth Justice Oversight Committee Meeting is August 10th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. There will be a webcast of this meeting, so Work Group Members are able to watch remotely if they'd like.