



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health Work Group

Minutes (August 9, 2022)

I. MEETING DETAILS

August 9, 2022 from 1pm-3pm
IGCS Wabash Center, Room 4
Minutes By: Nick Parker, Staff

II. ATTENDEES

Members present in-person: 10

- Baumer, Keena – Indiana Medicaid (FSSA)
- Blackmon, Serrilla – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA)
- Dauss, Dr. Kristen – Indiana Department of Correction
- Drapeau, Dr. Chris – Division of Mental Health & Addition (FSSA)
- Frantz, Zoe – Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
- Harlan-York, Jessica – Division of Disability & Rehabilitative Services (FSSA)
- Hott, Courtney – Indiana Department of Education
- James, Waylon – Indiana Department of Child Services
- Mehta, Dr. Crystal – Indiana Department of Correction
- Pratt, Alicia – Tippecanoe County Public Defender

Members present electronically: 0

Members absent: 4

- Bartnick, Cheryl – Allen County Probation

- Becker, Amber – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA)
- Hulvershorn, Dr. Leslie – Indiana University School of Medicine, DMHA (FSSA)
- Welker, Judge Mary – Pulaski County Circuit Court

Staff present: 1

- Nick Parker, IOCS

Other guests or speakers present: 1

- Julie Whitman, IOCS

III. INTRODUCTIONS

- Members introduced themselves by sharing their agency, role, and how they felt they would best contribute to the work group

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Overview of SEA 1359 and Behavioral Health Work Group (Julie Whitman, IOCS)

- Started as juvenile justice reform task force – findings included lack of risk assessments used by counties, incarceration of low-risk youth, racial disparities in juvenile justice system, and no unified data
- The main goal of the work group is developing a statewide plan

V. STATUS OF ACTION PLAN

Recognition of Stakeholders

- Who is not here who should be? Group recognized residential services (IARCA); prosecutor; state associations on disability (like INARF)
- Interplay between workgroup and justice reinvestment advisory council (JRAC) – discussion on how JRAC plays a role but is primarily for adults and focuses on addiction and treatment

Starting Documents & Briefs

- Utilizing a federal brief as a guideline since it touches on a lot of the same topics as the work group and aligns with the Indiana system (will be uploaded to Teams)
- Bipartisan Safer Communities Act may have funding available this fall

Mapping the Indiana System

- Creating a behavioral health services map to identify the gaps in services – group should think about these services for discussion at the next work group meeting

Role of Department of Correction (DOC)

- DOC handles assessments at this time – example assessment will be on Teams when it is redacted and sent to staff for upload
- Issues with the current process include: child is incarcerated for an amount of time (ranging 14-30 days); variability county-wide; trauma of being incarcerated for the assessment; displacement by geography; intersection of disability and assessment; structure of the system and emphasis on financial/cost considerations
- Will look into what other states are doing (such as Ohio) for future meetings

Ground Rules & Logistics

- Group adopted Electronic Communications Policy, which is available on Teams
- Group agreed to discuss and implement “sub-groups” at the next meeting
- General agreement on meetings in the afternoon – group will be sent a Doodle poll to vote on meetings for October, November, and December 2022

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 from 2pm-4pm

Location TBD (Likely IGCS Conference Center)