



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Minutes from August 10, 2022 Meeting

The Youth Justice Oversight Committee (YJOC) met on August 10, 2022, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room C. Justice Steve David chaired the meeting.

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

- Dr. Matthew Aalsma, Indiana University
- Stephen Balko, Indiana Department of Education
- Serrilla Blackmon, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health and Addiction
- Judge Vicki L. Carmichael, Clark Circuit Court 4
- Shannon Chambers, Johnson County Probation and Probation Officers Advisory Board
- Terrie Decker, Indiana Department of Correction
- Judge Darrin Dolehanty, Wayne Superior Court 3
- Tracy Fitz, Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
- Magistrate Carolyn Foley, Allen Superior Court
- Judge Faith A. Graham, Tippecanoe Superior Court 3
- Mary Kay Hudson, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Devon McDonald, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
- Nichole Phillips, Bartholomew County Probation, and the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana
- Terry Stigdon, Indiana Department of Child Services
- Nancy Wever, Indiana Office of Court Services, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
- Joel Wieneke, Indiana Public Defender Council
- James C. Wilson, Circle Up Indy

2. Members attending on Zoom: Judge Marshelle Dawkins Broadwell, Marion Superior Court 16

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

- Kia Wright, Voices Corporation

4. Staff. Leslie Dunn, Nick Parker, Shenna Robinson, Mindy Pickett, Colleen Saylor and April Dubree attended in-person as staff from the Office of Judicial Administration. Julie Whitman and Blane Cook attended as staff of the Commission on Improving the Status of Children (CISC).

5. Welcome and Introductions. Chief Justice Loretta Rush welcomed the members and thanked them for coming together and for serving and noted that the committee has her support. Justice David, Chair of the YJOC welcomed everyone and reminded members that we want to capitalize on the work already being done in Indiana.

6. **Approval of Minutes from June 29, 2022 Meeting.** Committee members were provided a copy of the Minutes prior to today’s meeting. Magistrate Foley made a motion to approve the Minutes; Judge Graham seconded the motion. Committee members approved the June 29, 2022 meeting minutes unanimously.
7. **Mission and Vision Statement.** At the first meeting, a proposed Mission and Vision Statement was presented to the committee. After discussion, a subcommittee was formed to review and revise this document. Subcommittee members included Terry Stigdon, Serrilla Blackmon, James Wilson, Kia Wright and Steve Balko. Staff members Julie Whitman and Leslie Dunn also attended. The revised Mission and Vision Statement was presented to the YJOC. Nancy Wever made a motion to revise the language under the fourth bullet point to change it to say, “Black, Brown and other opportunity youth.” (Instead of the current language stating, “Black and Brown youth and others who are disadvantaged.”) No one objected to this change. Devon McDonald made a motion to adopt the Mission and Vision Statement with the noted change. Tracy Fitz seconded the motion. **The committee voted unanimously to adopt the Mission and Vision Statement.**
8. **Work Group Updates.** Justice David asked the workgroups to consider what they need going forward. He will convene all the workgroup chairs in September to discuss the intersection of the work of the various workgroups and to avoid duplication. Regular meetings with workgroup chairs will occur periodically to update each other on progress. Meeting minutes from workgroups are also available to all workgroup chairs through Teams. Members of sub-groups will not have access to Teams, only workgroup members. Also, YJOC members and the public can attend any workgroup meeting. Justice David asked the workgroup chairs to finalize membership of the workgroups by the end of August.
 - a. **Data Workgroup, Dr. Matt Aalsma:** The Data Workgroup met on July 28, 2022. They plan to meet monthly. They discussed that local and state needs surrounding data collection and quality may differ. They will need to interface with other workgroups regularly as many of the priorities and areas of focus intersect. The workgroup adopted the electronic communications policy to allow for remote participation in meetings. They may have to have stages of their plan and priorities; some plans will take longer to implement.
 - b. **Behavioral Health Workgroup, Serrilla Blackmon:** The group met on August 9, 2022. They discussed some of the assessments already available and plan to review additional examples. They plan to map behavioral health services and gaps and formulate recommendations to address areas of need. They provided and are reviewing a state behavioral health brief that was published in March of 2020 as a foundation. They are building a library of resources in Teams. There may be federal funding available through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act; it includes funding for telehealth. The workgroup adopted the electronic communications policy to allow for remote participation in meetings. Their next meeting is September 13, 2022.
 - c. **Grants Workgroup, Devon McDonald:** The group met on July 29, 2022. There is concern about the tight timeline. They discussed the current ICJI grant processes and what data might be helpful to collect. Workgroup members are looking at what data and metrics already exist. A two-year grant term was discussed. They will use MOUs as a part of the process. They hope to have the draft grants report on or before December 9, 2022. YJOC member James Wilson noted that efforts should be made to ensure non-traditional programs that have a firm grasp on community needs, and that are grassroots based, will have access to grant funds. They need to coordinate with other workgroups to complete their work, especially the Diversion workgroup. The workgroup adopted the

electronic communications policy to allow for remote participation in meetings. Future meetings are set, next meeting is August 24 at 1:00.

- d. **Diversion Workgroup, Tracy Fitz:** Their first meeting is set for August 18, 2022 and they have 14 members. They plan to do site visits to see what is happening on the ground level and what works across the state.
 - e. **Transitional Services, Terrie Decker:** Their first meeting is August 17 and they have 15 members.
 - f. **Screening and Assessments, Shannon Chambers:** Their first meeting is August 12, 2022. They did personal invitations and most have accepted.
 - g. **Juvenile Probation Standards, Magistrate Foley:** Their first meeting is August 19, 2022. They have finalized membership. Their timeline has to consider the fact that they have to have the Judicial Conference approve their report.
9. **Family and Youth Engagement.** Justice David shared that the chairs had previously discussed in orientation setting up a separate work group of members with lived experience or incorporating those individuals into each workgroup. Workgroup chairs agreed upon a stand-alone workgroup. Serrilla Blackmon presented a proposal from Voices Corporation to facilitate the youth and family advisory group. Serrilla explained that Voices has extensive experience working in communities and providing feedback based on real experiences. The proposal is to recruit youth and families in certain areas across the state, including rural areas. They will complete an application process and there will be orientation and training for the selected participants. The detailed proposal includes a budget. The participants will hear from each workgroup and will provide feedback and input and a final, written report summarizing their work. DOC and DMHA have agreed to provide \$50,000 in funding for this project. They will provide the funding to OJA through an MOU and OJA will manage the contract with Voices. This will be an Advisory group and Julie Whitman will be the staff to the group. Voices' proposed timeline does not sync up with the YJOC timelines, but Serrilla said Voices will make adjustments. Voices will provide a more detailed timeline with tasks to be completed. Voices would be evaluating or providing input on the impact on the youth and families and the goals of the programs. This advisory group will meet online, which will reduce costs and encourage participation from all over the state. Judge Vicki Carmichael moved to approve the proposal from Voices and James Wilson seconded the motion. **The proposal was passed unanimously.**
10. **Technical Assistance Available, Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF):** This presentation was for informational purposes and is an example of opportunities for assistance that are available to the YJOC. Lisa Macaluso and Gail D. Mumford shared information on the historical collaboration between AECF and Indiana and provided a brief overview of the technical assistance and resources they can provide. Lisa discussed four areas of alignment with AECF: diversion, data, screening and assessments, and probation transformation. They also use family engaged case management. They emphasized the importance of ensuring data is collected and used to help measure results and develop solutions. Justice David thanked them for the presentation and stated that we need time to digest this information and discuss.
11. **Check Out and Closing:** Joel Wieneke is interested in the relationship of our work to youth waived into adult court and asked that we keep this group in mind. Judge Dolehanty noted that hearing all the input from outside of the court system is very helpful. Devon McDonald would like to add a way for everyone to be able to easily see when the various workgroups are meeting. Justice David noted that this is our opportunity to collaborate and work together to carry more.

Next Meeting: October 12, 2022 at the Indiana Government Center, Conference Room C