



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Grants Process Workgroup Meeting Minutes

I. MEETING DETAILS

Date and Time: August 24, 2022; 1:00-3:00 p.m. EDT

Location: Indiana Government Center – South, Conference Room 17

Minutes Prepared by Nancy Wever, Staff to Workgroup

II. ATTENDEES

Members Present in Person: Devon McDonald, Danielle Zagone, Carmen Sims, Angie Hensley, Leslie Dunn, Kim Whitehurst, Judge Lori Schein

Members Present Electronically: James Wilson, Damon Cox, Judge Lynn Murray (non-voting member), Ross Maxwell, Rebecca Humphrey

Members Absent: Judge Koester

Staff Present: Nancy Wever, Blane Cook, Julie Whitman

Guest Present: Shelby Price, ICJI

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from 7/29 meeting)

Motion to Approve – Angie Hensley

Second – Judge Schein

Minutes unanimously approved by roll call vote

IV. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS (from 7/29 meeting)

a. How much is being spent on programs? Discussion:

- i. James Wilson is preparing some information to share.
- ii. Devon McDonald and Danielle Zagone met with co-chairs of the Diversion Workgroup who will be sharing some information from their work.
- iii. Information provided by DCS was reviewed – approximately \$19M spent in SFY 2021 on community-based programs for youth in JD/JS system:
 1. Differences in spending among counties noted
 2. Does this account for federal reimbursement?
 3. New grant funds should not duplicate services already provided/funded by DCS
 4. Ensure new grant funds are opportunity to fund what is needed, not create programs and counties forced to use what is available
 5. Will new grant funds take away from DCS funding? Devon McDonald says should not.
 6. Reminder – to access DCS funded services, youth have to have an open case. New grant funds are to support diversion so it's difficult to draw conclusions based on what is currently funded by DCS.
 7. Can we ask in the solicitation about current services and funding sources? Devon McDonald says yes.
 8. The report deadline is January 1 but the solicitation does not need to be done by the same date.
 9. Is the goal to provide funding for services without having system involvement? Yes – one of the goals.

b. Data: Filings, Informal Adjustments, Diversion

- i. Devon McDonald shared DOE data on school-based arrests: age could be considered part of the target population.
- ii. Devon McDonald shared IOCS data on referrals and DOC data on admissions.
- iii. Devon McDonald will request additional quarter of data from DCS.
- iv. Devon McDonald will request data from DMHA.
 - 1. DMHA services generally require Medicaid eligibility.
 - 2. County experience is long waitlists for services.
- v. IYI may be additional data source.

V. POTENTIAL SUB-COMMITTEES

a. Survey

- i. Angie Hensley to lead – Carmen, James, Judge Schein
- ii. Groups to survey – judicial officers, POs, IACCAC, Prosecutors
- iii. Nancy Wever to send PPT presented at CISC
- iv. Potential to have questions included in larger survey from all workgroups
- v. Need to coordinate with Diversion Workgroup

b. Data/Performance Measures, Eligibility and Process

- i. Devon McDonald to lead – Ross Maxwell, James Wilson, Nancy Wever, Angie Hensley, and Kim Whitehurst

c. Report Writing

- i. Danielle Zagone to lead – Devon McDonald, Angie Hensley, Leslie Dunn, Rebecca Humphrey

d. Funding Formula

- i. Devon McDonald to lead – Angie Hensley, Rebecca Humphrey, Leslie Dunn, Danielle Zagone
- ii. Discussion:
 - 1. Potential for regional/multi-county partnerships and impact on total funding for each county as well as categories (travel, etc.)
 - 2. Can providers/non-profits apply or does the applicant have to be a county/governmental agency? Discussion about the need to ensure youth legal system is connected if non-governmental agency is applicant; this can happen through requiring collaborative process and judicial signatory. Expectation of collaboration in JDAI/DOC grant application process.
 - 3. Can funds be front-loaded (at least partially)? Devon will investigate. There is precedent for this – JDAI/JCC grants provide 25% up front and monthly disbursements thereafter. Reimbursement process is cumbersome, particularly with requiring counties or agencies to front the funds. Some may not be able to do so.
 - 4. Can funds be allocated on calendar year? Challenge – ICJI can't obligate funds beyond the end of the fiscal year. Advantage – easier for counties – most operate on calendar year; prefer two-year cycle with annual budget.
 - 5. Danielle Zagone with share JDAI/JCC grant funding formula and Leslie Dunn will share the CASA statutory formula.

VI. CREATE TIMELINE/ACTION PLAN

- a. Convene Sub-Committees
- b. Survey results returned by 11/1
- c. Funding Formula determined by 11/1
- d. Performance Measures, Eligibility and Process determined by 11/1
- e. Report draft to workgroup by 11/28
- f. Report draft finalized by 12/9 for submission to Oversight Committee

VII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- a. Acknowledge there is a lot of work already being done
- b. Devon McDonald advised that he made budget requests of \$10M for Diversion and \$5M for Behavioral Health grants and anticipates needing to add six or seven staff to administer the grants. These amounts were “pulled out of the air”, as Devon felt the need to make some request to meet budget deadline.
- c. The Behavioral Health grants will be competitive.
- d. James Wilson shared that sustainability is key. His organization developed the Rising Evolution initiative that creates a sustainable ecosystem. James will share additional information in subsequent meeting.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Sub-Committee leads convene groups before next workgroup meeting and begin work.
- b. Devon McDonald will investigate funding options (front-loading instead of reimbursement based).
- c. Danielle Zagone and Leslie Dunn will share existing funding formulas.

IX. REMINDERS

- a. Members must attend 50% of annual meetings in person.
- b. Remaining Meetings for 2022:
 - i. September 26, 2:30-4:30 p.m. EDT – IGCS – Conference Room A
 - ii. October 27, 2:30-4:30 p.m. EDT – IGCS – Conference Room 17
 - iii. November 29, 2:30-4:30 p.m. EDT – IGCS – Conference Room A

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