Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Data Work Group Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting Details

Date and Time of Meeting: September 20, 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
- Christine Reynolds, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
- 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
- Traci Lane, Madison County Juvenile Probation
- Kaitlyn Christian, Management Performance Hub

Members present electronically via Zoom:
- Judge Paul Felix, Hamilton Circuit Court
- Nikki Ford, Department of Child Services

Members absent:
- Mary Kay Hudson, Indiana Office of Court Services, Co-Chair
- Josie Fasoldt, Governor's Office of Equity, Inclusion and Opportunity
- Sarah Schelle, Indiana Department of Correction

Staff present:
- Lisa Thompson, Indiana Office of Court Technology
- April Dubree, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Leslie Dunn, Indiana Office of Court Services

III. **Approval of Minutes from July 28, 2022 Meeting**
Committee members were provided a copy of the Minutes prior to today's meeting. Judge Mullican made a motion to approve the Minutes; Traci Lane seconded the motion. Committee members approved the July 28, 2022 meeting Minutes unanimously. Judge Felix and Nikki Ford were not yet present via Zoom for voting.

IV. **Presentation on Data Evaluation vs. Research**
Dr. Aalsma shared a PowerPoint presentation called "Data Considerations for Research and Evaluation for Justice-Involved Youth." The presentation addressed drivers of recidivism and methodological issues related to data. It also highlighted some existing research projects related to juvenile justice data. The presentation will be sent to members following the meeting. Further considerations are needed regarding retrospective data vs. prospective data, as well as identifying clear questions with a limited scope.

V. **Review of Data Work Group Time and Task Plan**
The committee reviewed the "Data Working Group Overview, Deliverables, and Timeline" document and discussed ideas for future work. Two sub-workgroups were established to review existing definitions and policies/protocols around data collection and quality assurance:
(1) Definitions: Matt Aalsma, Nancy Wever, Judge Felix, and Kristi Bruther
(2) Policies/Protocols: Matt Aalsma, Nancy Wever, Kaitlyn Christian

Lisa Thompson will circulate a Doodle poll to all members to find a time for both groups to meet before the next Data Work Group meeting. Each group will provide a report of their findings at the October meeting.

Dr. Aalsma clarified for the group that he sees Goals 2-5 as "retrospective" data initiatives where the workgroup can rely on existing work, but improve the data quality and build upon what we already have. In contrast, Goals 6-7 are seen as "prospective" and allow the workgroup to establish what should be seen in the future.

Existing initiative resources to look at include Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Reporting, Supreme Court's Probation Quarterly Reports, Log of Juveniles Held through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), Odyssey, Quest, and Supervised Release System (SRS).

Dr. Aalsma and Mary Kay Hudson will meet to work on a broad goals statement and objectives to propose to the Work Group at the October meeting.

VI. **Upcoming Meetings**
The next Data Work Group meeting is **October 18th from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Fuse Center East, Indianapolis.**

The next Youth Justice Oversight Committee Meeting is **October 12th – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** – Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room C, Indianapolis. There will be a live webcast of this meeting available on the Youth Justice Oversight Committee website.