



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Diversion Work Group Meeting Minutes

I. MEETING DETAILS

Date and Time of Meeting: September 23, 2022, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Location of meeting: Indiana Government Center-South
Harrison Hall, Conference Room 18
302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis
Minutes prepared by: Diane Mains, Indiana Office of Court Services

II. ATTENDEES

Members present in-person: Tracy Fitz, Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council, Chair; Megan Horton, Indiana Office of Court Services, Co-Chair; Mag. Sally Berish, Boone Circuit Court; Trisha Hanes, Wabash County Juvenile Probation Department; Kay Knorr, Marion County Probation Department; Rachel McCaffrey, Indiana Department of Correction; and Shannon O'Toole, Marion County public defender; (sign-in sheet attached)

Members present electronically: Ellis Dumas, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana; Katy Elmer, Vanderburgh School Corporation; George Mavranicolas, DeKalb County Community Corrections; and Sherri Moore, Indiana Family to Family

Members absent: Chase Lyday, Indiana School Resource Officers' Association; Danielle Murphy, Martin County Community Corrections; Will Scott, Cass County Juvenile Probation Department; and Sarah Welcome, Wayne County public defender

Staff present: Diane Mains, Indiana Office of Court Services

Guest present: Leslie Dunn, Indiana Office of Court Services

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the August 18, 2022 meeting minutes. Magistrate Berish motioned to adopt the minutes as written, and Ms. McCaffrey seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were adopted 11-0.

IV. Grants Subgroup Meeting Report

Ms. Horton reported that the Grants Subgroup met on September 21 to discuss items to consider when developing the grants. The items identified were:

- Up-front or reimbursement grant dollars
- The entities eligible for grant funding
- Regional or county-based recipients

Ms. Fitz and Ms. Horton met with representatives of the Grants Process Work Group to determine how the two work groups can best work together. The intent is to make diversion easily accessible to everyone, affordable, etc.

The Subgroup needs to get a firm picture of current diversion practices in Indiana and the costs associated with these programs. The Subgroup members will make some calls and report the findings at the next meeting. The Subgroup intends to have recommendations to the Grants Work Group in November.

Subgroup members: Mr. Dumas, Magistrate Berish, Ms. McCaffrey, Ms. O'Toole, Ms. Moore and Ms. Horton. This subgroup will review the diversion survey already done to determine which programs to contact for further information, develop a list of standard questions to ask each diversion program that is contacted, and review the Court Improvement Grant to determine what aspects can be used for the diversion grants.

The Grants Subgroup will next meet on September 29th from noon – 1:00 pm via Zoom.

V. Establishment of the Best Practices and Data Subgroups

Each subgroup was asked to come up with at least 3 actionable items to address or deliverables to share at the next Diversion Work Group meeting. There is a lot of diversion material out there already, this group does not need to start from scratch, but to review this material and decide what is best for Indiana. Materials from Virginia, Maryland, Colorado and Kentucky were discussed and will be distributed to the work group members.

The Best Practices Subgroup membership includes Mr. Mavranicolas, Ms. Knorr, Ms. McCaffrey, Ms. O'Toole, and Ms. Moore. The subgroup will meet on October 19th to discuss existing diversion materials, determine what Indiana diversion should look like, and decide on what Indiana youth diversion is.

The Data Subgroup membership includes Ms. Fitz, Ms. Hanes and Ms. McCaffrey. The subgroup will work on definitions, a list of system changes needed to capture diversion data in SRS and other systems in which such data is available, and develop data points for continuous quality improvement as a grant requirement.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next Diversion Work Group Meeting

Friday, November 18, 2022, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Indiana Government Center-South, Harrison Hall, Conference Room 18
302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana

Subgroup Meetings

Grants Subgroup - September 29, 2022 via Zoom, Noon – 1:00 pm

Best Practices Subgroup – October 19, 2022 via Zoom, Noon – 1:00 pm

Future Diversion Work Group meeting are scheduled from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm on the following dates:

- January 27, 2023
- March 17, 2023
- May 19, 2023