



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Screening and Assessment Work Group

November 2, 2022

Minutes

The Screening and Assessment Workgroup of the Youth Justice Oversight Committee (YJOC) met on November 2, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Indiana Government Center. Judge Trevino chaired the meeting.

1. Members present in-person. The following members of the workgroup were present in-person:

- Shannon Chambers, Johnson County Probation, Chair
- Judge Andrea Trevino, Allen Superior Court, Co-Chair
- Jennifer Sturges, Decatur County Public Defender's Office
- Brittany Simmons, Indiana Office of Court Services/JDAI
- Kevin Elkins, Lake County Probation
- Nichole Phillips, Bartholomew County Probation
- Rob McComb, Allen County Probation
- Rachel Patterson, Clark County Probation
- Senator Jean Breaux, Senate District 34
- Kory George, Wayne County Probation
- Miriah Anderson, Tippecanoe County Probation

2. Member present electronically. The following members of the workgroup were present electronically:

- Alison Cox, Porter County Detention Center
- Jordan Morris, St. Joseph County Probation
- Marc Kniola, Indiana Department of Correction
- Lindsey Grossnickle, Whitley County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

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

- Judge Kim Dowling, Delaware Circuit Court 2
- Judge Jill D. Wesch, Vermillion Circuit Court
- Don Travis, Department of Child Services

4. Staff. Michelle Goodman and Leslie Dunn attended as staff from the Office of Judicial Administration.

5. Guests. Justice Steven David, Youth Justice Oversight Committee Chair, and Julie Whitman, staff of the Commission on Improving the Status of Children (CISC).

6. **Welcome and introductions.** Judge Trevino, Co- Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed the workgroup members.
7. **Approval of October 2022 minutes.** The workgroup reviewed the minutes from the October 14, 2022, meeting. Kory George moved to approve the minutes as presented and Rob McComb seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
8. **Presentation on national trends.** Judge Trevino presented information on [national trends](#) from the National Center for Juvenile Justice, a research division of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges on Juvenile Justice Services. She reviewed the information from this page and reported where Indiana falls within key areas outlined in these materials. Indiana falls into the Balance and Restorative Justice category based on the purpose clause in Indiana Code. In discussing risk assessment trends, Judge Trevino highlighted that the national trend is continuing to move to statewide tools, noting that Indiana has been engaged in statewide assessments since adoption of the IYAS tools. In addition, this information shows the assessments being used across the country and other states are also using IYAS tools. Michelle Goodman was then asked to provide additional information on the initial Risk Assessment Task Force work. She reported that the Task Force, with the help of National Institute of Corrections consultants, reviewed several different assessment tools for both adult and juvenile justice systems. Many of the tools listed on this web page were considered. In addition to focusing on tool content and scope, the Task Force also considered the long term investment and costs associated with adopting new assessment tools since many tools are proprietary in nature. The IYAS tools were ultimately selected, which are public domain tools. While the initial investments were covered by grant funds awarded to the Office of Judicial Administration, much of the on-going costs are still covered by the Office of Judicial Administration. The workgroup requested that the link to the national materials be included in the meeting minutes.
9. **Discussion on gathering stakeholder feedback.** Judge Trevino began the discussion on stakeholder feedback questions by asking the workgroup to focus on how we move forward with HEA 1359 and what questions are necessary to achieve this goal. The workgroup then reviewed the proposed questions provided from the sub-committee at the last meeting. The workgroup revised the questions provided. In addition to discussion the questions, the workgroup discussed differences in processes at the local level. Workgroup members were asked to email Judge Trevino with a list of stakeholders each member was willing to contact to gather this feedback for review at the next meeting. The questions will be revised based on the discussion and reviewed again at the next meeting before beginning outreach efforts.
10. **Future workgroup meetings.** The workgroup scheduled the following meeting dates for 2022 and 2023:
 - Wednesday, November 30 from 10:00 a.m. – noon
 - Wednesday, December 7 from 10:00 a.m. – noon (if needed)
 - Friday, January 20 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Friday, February 10 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Friday, March 10 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Friday, April 21 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Friday, May 12 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Friday, June 2 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.