



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Data Work Group Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting Details

Date and Time of Meeting: November 15, 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
- Mary Kay Hudson, Indiana Office of Court Services, Co-Chair
- Christine Reynolds, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
- Melanie Pitstick, Marion County Juvenile Probation
- Judge Paul Felix, Hamilton Circuit Court
- Nancy Wever, Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI
- Kristi Bruther, Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center
- Kaitlyn Christian, Management Performance Hub
- Traci Lane, Madison County Juvenile Probation
- Josie Fasoldt, Governor's Office of Equity, Inclusion and Opportunity
- Nikki Ford, Department of Child Services

Members present electronically via Zoom:

- Sarah Schelle, Indiana Department of Correction
- Judge Sarah Mullican, Vigo Circuit/Superior Court 3

Members absent:

- Olga Volokhova, Indiana Youth Institute

Staff present:

- Lisa Thompson, Indiana Office of Court Technology
- April Dubree, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Julie Whitman, Commission on Improving the Status of Children

III. Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2022 Meeting

Committee members were provided a copy of the October 18, 2022 Minutes prior to today's meeting. Melanie Pitstick made a motion to approve the Minutes; Traci Lane seconded the motion. Committee members unanimously approved the October 18, 2022 meeting Minutes.

IV. Update on Collaboration with Grants and Other Work Groups

Dr. Aalsma provided an update on the collaboration with the other Work Groups around data needs. The Grants Work Group, specifically, has a more immediate priority due to its draft plan and proposal being due by December 9th.

V. Research Agenda/Framework

Dr. Aalsma introduced a draft Juvenile Justice Research Agenda to the group. Research Objectives that will help guide the work were discussed in detail, which prompted conversation regarding additional recommendations and ideas.

Areas to consider for further evaluation include: (1) Institutional (systemic) behaviors that impact equity issues; (2) Policies, statutes and processes that impact decision points and data at the local level; (3) Evaluation of differing populations across counties; (4) Data linkage with other systems to help measure outcomes, including education, employment, and other social factors; (5) Measurement of a youth's well-being after interaction with the juvenile justice system; (6) Retrospective analysis of a youth to determine their path before entering the juvenile justice system; and (7) Tracking of prosocial changes through the IYAS Dispositional Tool.

VI. Review of Data Definitions

Mary Kay Hudson presented a Juvenile Data Definitions document that addressed a few terms for the group to discuss. She also asked the group to consider whether defining a term means we plan to collect data around that term. Additionally, since only 38 of the 92 counties are participating in the JDAI initiative, consideration should be made as to whether a separate section for JDAI Definitions is needed within the larger "Data Definitions" document.

A brief conversation was held regarding the term "Detention Screening Tool". It was agreed that the term and the tool itself is unique to JDAI counties, and

clarification needs to be made within the definition itself. Judge Felix volunteered to rework the Detention Screening Tool definition.

Nancy Wever volunteered to take the “Intake” definition to the JDAI Data Work Group for revision.

VII. Upcoming Meetings

The next Data Work Group meeting is **December 20th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Fuse Center East, Indianapolis.** All meetings hereafter will last for two hours. 2023 meeting dates will also be scheduled via Outlook soon.

The next Youth Justice Oversight Committee Meeting is **December 14th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.** at Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room B, Indianapolis. There will be a live webcast of this meeting available on the Youth Justice Oversight Committee website: www.in.gov/youthjustice.