



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Grants Process Workgroup November 29, 2022 – Meeting Minutes

I. MEETING DETAILS

Date and Time: November 29, 2022; 2:30-4:30 p.m. EDT

Location: Indiana Government Center – South, Conference Room A

Minutes Prepared by Nancy Wever, Staff to Workgroup

II. ATTENDEES

Members Present in Person: James Wilson, Rebecca Humphrey, Devon McDonald, Leslie Dunn, Angie Hensley, Kim Whitehurst, Dr. Chris Drapeau, Damon Cox

Members Present Electronically: Carmen Sims, Judge Lori Schein, Judge Lynn Murray, Ross Maxwell, Joann Keys

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nancy Wever

Guest(s) Present: Justice David

III. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair McDonald convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. EDT

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from 10/27 meeting)

Motion to Approve – Rebecca Humphrey

Second – Leslie Dunn

Minutes unanimously approved by roll call vote

V. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

a. Nancy to schedule a meeting of funding formula group when feedback received from legislators regarding establishing fund and appropriating minimal funds – incomplete

b. Nancy to schedule a meeting of data and performance measures group when information received from Data workgroup – incomplete

Chair McDonald advised that he discussed with both Rep. McNamara and Justice David. Rep. McNamara requested a number rather than the placeholder with \$1 appropriation. She supports offering planning grants if counties need time to assess needs and understands that this could result in a smaller amount being requested for year one (1) than for year two (2). Chair McDonald advised Rep. McNamara that we would be able to provide a dollar amount recommendation in the report.

Chair McDonald added that he has been in discussion with Brandon George from Mental Health America (MHA) regarding additional funding opportunities and programs. MHA supports a program (IRACS) that is a model for adults but may be transferrable to youth and they have specific curriculum for youth programs.

Chair McDonald reported that he met with Dr. Aalsma and Mary Kay Hudson, co-chairs of the Data Workgroup, regarding data that should be required from grantees (performance measures, demographics,

etc.). He will draft some of the requirements and have Nancy distribute to the group. Chair McDonald asked Dr. Drapeau to share metrics for the behavioral health grants.

VI. DIVERSION AND COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES GRANTS

a. Funding Formula

The group re-visited the draft funding formula, agreeing that it was a good place to start. The formula includes a “base” of \$37.5K + either \$5K, \$10K, or \$15K (amount based on county population to ensure we are meeting statutory requirement of consideration for rural/less populated counties) for each grant. The group discussed the small differential (\$5K) between the funding amounts and whether we should be basing the formula on county population (total) or should it be on referrals to the youth legal system, delinquency filings, or population of youth. Nancy Wever raised concern about messaging that base could/should be used to hire/contract with someone to run a program, unless it is clear that the person should not be system staff and that counties are encouraged to partner with existing organizations to fund programs. Discussion included viewpoints that we should define what we want to see counties implement and others expressed that the local sites should define what they need.

Chair McDonald suggested asking for \$8M in year one (1) and more in year two (2) for each grant so that rural/less populated counties could request additional funds if needed. James Wilson asked if money could be set aside for capacity-building. While counties could use funding for this, the statute designated these as formula grants, which means a set amount is available, regardless of capacity. Leslie Dunn suggested offering planning grants for year one (1) with a requirement of local collaboration to make a request for program funding in year two (2). She expressed concern about providing making large amount available, as this does not encourage regionalization which may be the most efficient use of funds due to economies of scale. Angie Hensley suggested that we should ask key questions in the application that would be indicative of the planning process (has system-mapping been done, who has been involved in collaboration for application, etc.). Leslie Dunn suggested that if a county wants to start a new program, they should be required to apply for a planning grant. This will allow the time needed to assess needs before feeling pressure to spend funds in what could be a wasteful way.

The group discussed logistics and administration of offering a year of planning in a two-year cycle. Chair McDonald advised concern of having the second year be too vague – a lot of “to be determined” in the application. Nancy Wever suggested we require that by a certain date, the year two application be updated to reflect the actual plan for programs. James Wilson reminded that hosting information sessions will be important in this process.

Nancy Wever moved that we use the funding formula proposed to ask for \$10M for each grant (\$20M total) and that we encourage/allow for counties to apply for a planning grant in the first year, requiring that if they do, they must submit an updated application for the second year by a certain date. Rebecca Humphrey seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

b. Data/Performance Measures

Chair McDonald will draft performance measures and send them to Nancy for distribution to the group.

c. Eligibility and Process

The group agreed that entities could be singular agencies or regional or other joint application. Chair McDonald provided an overview of CJI’s application review and approval process and advised that this would be similar. Ultimately, the CJI Board of Trustees will formally approve the applications. Nancy Wever and Leslie Dunn asked if this Workgroup or some other group of the Oversight Committee could review applications and make recommendations. Chair McDonald advised that this will be included in the report to the Oversight Committee.

VII. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANTS

Dr. Drapeau reviewed the updated memo provided by the Grants Coordination sub-committee. They added costs where they could. A new program (Adolescent Diversion Project) was added and the “Telehealth” and “Duplication and Review” sections were supplemented. One barrier is that there is not an evidence-base for telehealth services. Leslie Dunn asked if the term could be changed to “evidence-informed”. The sub-committee suggests that the grantees be required to present about outcomes and barriers to sustainability. The memo identifies agencies that should be represented in review of applications and recommendations for approval.

The group discussed the recommendation of grantees contracting directly with DMHA. This specifically applies to 988 and MRSS due to requirement that DMHA implement the state plan. Discussion ensued about funding being passed from ICJI to DMHA for all of the BH grants. This is easiest but requires discussion with DMHA leadership. Another option is to request statutory change to have funds allocated to DMHA instead of ICJI for these grants.

Julie Whitman asked about safeguards to ensure these funds will be used as intended for justice-involved youth. She suggested that some of the funding administered by ICJI be used for training about these funds. Chair McDonald advised that ICJI is required to create a technical assistance center for implementing behavioral health programs. Dr. Drapeau advised that DMHA could put requirements in place about use of the funds for justice-involved youth.

Chair McDonald advised that there needs to be additional work done to compute the potential total cost of these programs to make the funding request of the legislature. The recommendation has to be ready by December 9th. He will work with Dr. Drapeau and Brandon George to provide solid recommendation and will include in the report to the Oversight Committee that specific agencies will be involved in reviewing applications and providing recommendations.

VIII. REPORT

Judge Schein has begun the report based on the outline she was provided. She has not yet convened the group and will do so now that there is more information on the content. Chair McDonald will provide information about ICJI’s grants process to include and will provide funding information for the behavioral health grants after meeting with Dr. Drapeau.

A draft of the report will be provided to the group by December 9th with quick turnaround time for review and comments, as the final report needs to be submitted to the YJOC for their meeting on the 12th.

IX. YOUTH AND FAMILY ADVISORY GROUP

Julie Whitman provided information about the Youth and Family Advisory Group and its relationship to this workgroup. They have met three times and Chairs McDonald and Schein are scheduled to attend their meeting on Saturday. Leslie Dunn suggested that the Chairs ask how we can best engage with them and promote trust of the diversion and community-based alternatives programs and process. Chair McDonald will create some slides for the meeting.

X. DIVERSION PRACTICES WORKGROUP

Nancy Wever directs attention to the document provided by the Diversion Practices Workgroup and encourages the group to review. She notes that it is not finalized but has good information about best practices in diversion.

XI. NEXT STEPS

The group discussed the need to set future meeting dates. Decision made to await response from YJOC about report. The amount requested for BH grants can be determined via email.

Justice David confirmed that Senator Crider needs funding request by December 9th. He will advise that this is tentative and may be amended after the YJOC meets on December 14th.

XII. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Chair McDonald to draft Data and Performance Measures requirements and send to Nancy for distribution to workgroup.**
- b. **Chair McDonald to meet with Dr. Drapeau and Brandon George to determine funding needed for BH grants and will send to the group for comment.**
- c. **Funding requested for three grants – send to Justice David by December 9th for submission to Senator Crider.**
- d. **Judge Schein will convene report group (Nancy to schedule) and will send draft to workgroup by December 9th.**
- e. **The workgroup will review and provide comments on report by December 12th – report in Teams.**

XIII. ADJOURN

Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m. EDT.