



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Transitional Services Workgroup

Minutes February 15, Meeting #6

The Transitional Services Workgroup of the Youth Justice Oversight Committee (YJOC) met on February 15th, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Indiana Office of Court Services at 251 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, IN 46205. Terrie Decker and Magistrate Robert Vann chaired the meeting.

1. Members Present: The following members of the Committee were present:

- Chair Terrie Decker, Indiana Department of Corrections
- Co-Chair Magistrate Robert Vann, Lake County Superior Court, Juvenile Division
- Jill Johnson, Marion County Public Defender's Office
- Victoria Jennings, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority
- Chris Dixson, Indiana Department of Corrections
- Chris Stilwell, Indiana Department of
- Bart Doan, Indiana Department of Workforce Development
- Amber Becker, Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction
- Kevin Elkins, Lake County Probation
- Deb Johnson, Lasting Change
- Heather Savage, Indiana Youth Institute
- Brandy Darling, Lake County Prosecutor
- Kate Schedel, Indiana Department of Health

2. Members Present Virtually: The following members of the Committee attended virtually:

- Terese Bottner, LifeWorks
- Janet Bohner, Indiana Department of Child Services
- Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation
- Nick Orange, Family and Community Partners

3. Members Absent: The following members of the Committee did not attend the meeting:

- Andrea Ayietta, Keys2Org

4. Staff: Joseph Fischer, Tyler Mason, and Leslie Dunn attended in person as staff from the Office of Judicial Administration.

5. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Terrie Decker welcomed the members and thanked them for their attendance at today's meeting. Staff distributed the agenda and additional paperwork for review.
6. **Meeting Minutes:** The workgroup reviewed the minutes from the January 18, 2023, meeting, meeting. Approved unanimously without change.
7. **Youth and Family Advisory Committee Meeting:** Each workgroup has a meeting to present recommendations to YAFAC. They will give feedback and insight based on lived experience.
 - Transitional Services is scheduled to meet with this group over Zoom on Sunday, April 1st from 1:00PM through 3:00 PM. All members are welcome, but time will be limited and the focus is on allowing the Youth and Family Advisory Committee to give feedback.
8. **Review of Draft Summary Presented to YJOC:** The committee reviewed and discussed the outline recently presented to the Youth Justice Oversight Committee. Most of today's meeting was an open discussion to brainstorm missing answers and what else should be included.
 - **Services:** Final plan will not include a specific list of services. Service availability will be based on DCS service provider contracts and court order.
 - **Timing:** At minimum the full plan and team must be in place 30 days prior to release. Ideally the transition coordinator and the county court will be working together 60 days prior to release to ensure services and support are in place prior to 30 days before release.
 - i. This requires the identification of a release date early. IDOC/DYS would work and identify the exit plan with the assistance and help of probation and identifying that exit plan.
 - **Treatment Standards:** Much like the time of release, IDOC/DYS must be autonomous. It is not feasible for Juvenile courts across the state to set different treatment goals and standards for every child they send to IDOC/DYS. Otherwise stated- IDOC/DYS is not a service provider. This is a matter for statutory drafting.
 - **Interstate Compacts:** What if a child moves out of Indiana through the interstate compact? Chair Terrie Decker & Tyler plan to speak with those who oversee interstate parole. Is it feasible for an Indiana specific transitional services plan to be implemented alongside an interstate probation case?
 - i. More complex- Youth who transfer *into* Indiana.
 - **Models:** Although we are leaning into several institutional models and DCS warned the Chair against modeling QRTP too closely.
 - **Reporting:** How will IDOC/DYS reports be made to the court during and after detention?
 - **Medical:** Wording must be consistent with statute. Youth should be released with at least 30 day supply of medication and a set appointment for follow-up – or an understanding that their team has the responsibility of getting this set up.
 - **Coordination:** The “manager” of these cases will be a reintegration specialist hired through IDOC/DYS. They will serve in a role like wrap around service coordinator but with a focus on reintegration and recommitment avoidance.
 - i. Although all cases are different a typical team might include the youth, their family, informal supports, IDOC/DYS reintegration specialist, DWD Youth Employment, service providers, probation officer, FCM (if applicable)
9. **Next Steps:** Chair and Co-Chair remove the March meeting from the workgroup to instead focus on drafting the final recommendations in a smaller sub-committee. The next workgroup meeting will not be until after the April 8th YJOC meeting. Draft will be emailed to workgroup prior to YJOC meeting.

- Chair, Co-Chair, Jill Johnson, and IOCS staff will meet prior to this time to finalize a draft of recommendations. The full workgroup will be involved in the process of transitioning the draft to a final product. Staff to coordinate the meeting of this subcommittee on March 21st.

10. Future meetings: The next meeting of this workgroup is set for Wednesday, April 19th, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (Eastern Time) at the same location, if available.

11. Closing: Chair and Co-Chair adjourned the February 15th, 2023, meeting at noon.