



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health Work Group Minutes (February 23, 2023)

I. MEETING DETAILS

February 23, 2023 from 11am-1pm ET

IGCS Conference Center, Room F

Minutes By: Nick Parker, Staff

II. ATTENDEES

Members present in-person: 9

- Bartnick, Cheryl – Allen County Probation
- Becker, Amber – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA)
- Blackmon, Sirrilla – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA)
- Dauss, Dr. Kristen – Indiana Department of Correction
- Davis, Ann – Indiana Association of Resources & Child Advocacy
- Frantz, Zoe – Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
- Frazer, Rebekah – Indiana Department of Education
- Harlan-York, Jessica – Division of Disability & Rehabilitative Services (FSSA)
- James, Waylon – Indiana Department of Child Services

Members present electronically: 3

- Baumer, Keena – Indiana Medicaid (FSSA)
- Mehta, Dr. Crystal – Indiana Department of Correction
- Simmons, Brittany – Indiana Office of Court Services

Members absent: 2

- Hulvershorn, Dr. Leslie – Indiana University School of Medicine / DMHA (FSSA)
- Pratt, Alicia – Tippecanoe County Public Defender

Staff present: 2

- Nick Parker, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Mindy Pickett, Indiana Office of Court Services

Guests or speakers present: 3

- Leslie Dunn, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Nancy Wever, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Senior Judge Hon. Steven David

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 5, 2023 minutes approved by consent of committee
Posted to Teams Site (Meeting 6)

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- N/A

V. GROUP DISCUSSION

- Update on Youth & Families Meeting
 - February 4, 2023
 - The group thought that parental voice is very important and that ongoing education to parents on the justice system is crucial. Parents reported feeling judged and not supported during youth justice involvement. They recommended training to engage parents more.
 - They want our group to focus on early intervention and identification within the school settings, as well as to provide knowledge and framework to the public as to what our state agencies do.
 - The group was opposed to having youth “sent out” from their local communities and would prefer a local approach.
 - Peer support in the court was emphasized, having a navigator that could show youth how things work.
 - Correlations were made to the educational system for youth – the group thought it would be best if we could share what agencies are doing to highlight steps in a predictable way and provide recommendations to other groups. The system would be something like the current IEP model.
 - Based on this update, the group highlighted the following items for our overall plan:
 - Peers need to have a network and some kind of training.

- Engagement from agencies to explain the process and how it will affect youth.
- Sharing information between systems (i.e.: IYAS monitoring a child throughout the entirety of their system involvement).
 - Within reason – avoiding issues of too much access to records and the potential for having it housed in a way that would negatively impact the youth.
- Clear guidance and education about what the law means – compliance focused and tiered system of education for stakeholders, possibly using the state information sharing guide as a starting point.
- Discussion on the workgroup report
 - This discussion took up the majority of the rest of the time, with workgroup members making revisions and suggestions. A new copy of the draft report will be created, approved by the chairs, and sent out to group members. It will form the basis of our discussion next month.
 - Deadline of April 7, 2023 to have a draft to YJOC to review.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, March 13, 2023 from 11am-1pm ET

Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 11am-1pm ET

Monday, May 8, 2023 from 11am-1pm ET

All Workgroup Meetings at IGCS Conference Center, Conference Room F