



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Screening and Assessment Work Group

May 12, 2023

Minutes

The Screening and Assessment Workgroup of the Youth Justice Oversight Committee (YJOC) met on April 21, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Indiana Office of Court Services – Fuse Conference Center. Shannon Chambers chaired the meeting.

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

1. Shannon Chambers, Johnson County Probation, Chair
2. Judge Andrea Trevino, Allen Superior Court, Co-Chair
3. Jennifer Sturges, Decatur County Public Defender's Office
4. Brittany Simmons, Indiana Office of Court Services/JDAI
5. Jordan Morris, St. Joseph County Probation
6. Kevin Elkins, Lake County Probation
7. Kory George, Wayne County Probation
8. Nichole Phillips, Bartholomew County Probation
9. Miriah Anderson, Tippecanoe County Probation
10. Lindsey Grossnickle, Whitley County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
11. Rob McComb, Allen County Probation
12. Marc Kniola, Indiana Department of Correction
13. Judge Kim Dowling, Delaware Circuit Court 2
14. Senator Jean Breaux, Senate District 34
15. Don Travis, Department of Child Services

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

1. Alison Cox, Porter County Detention Center
2. Rachel Patterson, Clark County Probation

3. Staff. Michelle Goodman, attended as staff from the Office of Judicial Administration.

4. Welcome and introductions. Shannon Chambers called the meeting to order and welcomed the workgroup members.

5. Approval of February 10, 2023, March 10, 2023, and April 21, 2023, minutes. The workgroup reviewed the minutes from the February 10, 2023, the March 10, 2023, and the April 21, 2023, meetings. There were no edits or amendments offered. Judge Dowling moved to approve all the

meeting minutes as presented and Jennifer Sturges seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

- 6. Report on the Youth and Family Advisory Group meeting.** The workgroup received written feedback from VOICES on the presentation provided to them on March 18, 2023.
- 7. Report on the YJOC meeting of May 10, 2023.** Shannon Chambers reported on the YJOC meeting that was held earlier in the week. The Committee reviewed all the submitted workgroup reports and the numerous recommendations. Overall, the Committee approved the reports, but there were some recommendations that were discussed and not voted on at that time. The Transitional Services report was held for further discussion and our workgroup's recommendation number three was also held for additional discussion and review. The YJOC will review the recommendations held over at their next meeting in June. The YJOC also discussed the funding provided by the General Assembly for the various grant programs established under HEA 1359-2022.
- 8. Discussion on workgroup deliverables and draft report.** Shannon Chambers then discussed in more detail the concerns raised at the YJOC meeting regarding recommendation three in the workgroup's proposed report which related to the timing of the diversion tool assessment being completed and the corresponding case process chart. After review of the statutory text and a discussion on various county processes, the workgroup agreed to amend recommendation three. The amended language will more closely track the statute. The revised recommendation is that the IYAS Diversion Tool policy should be amended to provide that the tool is completed when information is given to the county's probation intake pursuant to I.C. 31-37-8-1 indicating the child is a delinquent child for the purpose of complying with I.C. 31-37-8.5-1 regarding juvenile diversion decisions. The workgroup also requested that the six-month time limit be noted on the case processing chart on diversions. The workgroup also reviewed the amendments requested by the YJOC to recommendations four, twelve, and sixteen. Judge Dowling made a motion to approve all the proposed and requested amendments to the final report and Jordan Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. As to the change to the case flow process chart, Jennifer Sturges moved to adopt the proposed change to the chart for inclusion with the final report and Jordan Morris seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Nichole Phillips made a motion recommending the inclusion of the proposed IYAS policy changes with the final report and Rob McComb seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The final report and recommendations will be provided to the YJOC at their next meeting.
- 9. Future workgroup meetings.** The workgroup cancelled the meeting scheduled for Friday, June 2, 2023, since the current workgroup assignments are complete. Members wishing to continue to serve on this workgroup in the future should contact Michelle Goodman at the Indiana Office of Court Services.