



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Data Work Group Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting Details

Date and Time of Meeting: February 13, 2024 at 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Location of meeting: Indiana Office of Court Services, 251 N. Illinois St,
Indianapolis, IN, Suite 800

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
- Kaitlyn Christian, Management Performance Hub
- Olga Volokhova, Indiana Youth Institute
- Nikki Ford, Indiana Department of Child Services
- Melanie Pitstick, Marion County Juvenile Probation
- Nancy Wever, Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI
- Kristi Bruther, Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center

Members present electronically via Zoom:

- Judge Sarah Mullican, Vigo Circuit/Superior Court 3

Members absent:

- Traci Lane, Madison County Juvenile Probation
- Sarah Schelle, Indiana Department of Correction
- Judge Paul Felix, Indiana Court of Appeals

Guests present:

- Judge Dana Kenworthy, Indiana Court of Appeals & YJOC Chair

Staff present:

- Lisa Thompson, Indiana Office of Court Technology
- April Dubree, Indiana Office of Court Services

- Leslie Dunn, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Colleen Saylor, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Mark Fairchild, Commission on Improving the Status of Children
- Megan Horton, Indiana Office of Court Services

III. Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2023 Meeting

Committee members were provided a copy of the April 6, 2023 meeting Minutes prior to today's meeting. Nancy Wever made a motion to approve the Minutes; Kristi Bruther seconded the motion. Work group members unanimously approved the April 6, 2023 meeting Minutes.

IV. Review of YJOC Data Work Group Report and Action Steps

Mary Kay Hudson walked through the final version of the YJOC Data Work Group report, reminding the members of the Deliverables. This report will serve as a blueprint for the work to be done and will carry this group through the next steps. Mary Kay informed the work group members that the Office of Judicial Administration has entered into a contract with a company called Resultant, who will be available to assist the YJOC in building data capacity, making connections with data, etc. The work group members were asked to begin thinking of counties who may be interested in participating as part of the 20 counties to evaluate current availability of data or the 5 pilot sites who will commit to fully adopting data collection procedures and focus on improving data quality. Mary Kay also reviewed the two reports that were submitted to the Legislative Council: Secure Detention Policy Report and Detention Tool Overrides and Diversion Report. Judge Kenworthy commented that she would like to consider and continue discussion around the funding as the dashboards will drive this work. She would like to consider an amendment for the unused grant funding to be allocated to technology needs.

V. Overview of ADAPT Project Data Collection

Dr. Aalsma reviewed a PowerPoint presentation illustrating 5 years of work with 8 pilot counties as an example of juvenile justice research and the need for strong local data for the research to be valid. ADAPT worked with Porter, Pulaski, Wabash, Madison, Delaware, Hendricks, Monroe, and Bartholomew Counties to identify justice involved youth who have behavioral health needs. Youth are being screened by the court with referrals to community mental health partners, and local data dashboards are being utilized to track demographics of the youth and the treatment need identified. This initiative is wrapping up at the end of March 2024 with an additional 12 months of analysis, but there are already lessons to be learned, including the need for accurate data and that local variation often leads to confusion. The ADAPT project will have recommendations for data collection

practices and may have some counties who would be interested in assisting with the YJOC data work.

VI. Overview of JDAI work on Case Processing Study

Nancy Wever provided a presentation explaining the JDAI Case Processing Analysis work that has been evolving since 2015. The Case Processing data collection started with an Excel spreadsheet and instruction guide, but it was a grueling task for sites to fill it in by hand. In 2018, the JDAI State Team began working with Quest and INCite counties to see if the data could be extracted from the systems instead. They began by pulling 5 critical data points: Incident Date, Referral Date, Petition Filed Date, Adjudication Date, and Disposition Date. The JDAI Team found that even getting those 5 data points was challenging due to the different ways in which counties were or were not entering data. They worked closely with the LaGrange County JDAI team to compare the system's data pull to hand-collected data points to identify inconsistencies. They then met with the county's JDAI stakeholders to encourage more consistent data collection. This approach worked well, and they are beginning to expand this tactic to additional JDAI counties. They will continue to do report comparisons, identify best practice recommendations, and provide technical assistance to JDAI counties.

VII. Next Steps

At the next YJOC Data Work Group meeting, Colleen Saylor will provide a demonstration of the CIP Timeliness initiative and public dashboard. Lisa Thompson will provide a demonstration of the adult Abstract of Judgment application. Mary Kay Hudson hopes to have more of an update on the Resultant contract, the role they will play, and a timeline. The work group members were asked to think about counties who may be interested in assisting with the YJOC data work, as we will work on an invitation or application package to ensure we pick counties who have demonstrated a willingness to participate.

The next round of grant funding will open on March 1, 2024 for all three grant programs through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. There will be weekly webinars for five weeks beginning the first part of March.

VIII. Next Meeting and Future Meeting Dates

The YJOC Data Work Group members agreed to continue meeting monthly and that the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm worked well. A schedule for future meetings will be prepared and sent out to members in the coming days.

The next Youth Justice Oversight Committee Meeting is **April 4, 2024 at 10:00 am** at Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room C, 402 W. Washington Street,

Indianapolis, IN. There will be a live webcast of this meeting available on the Youth Justice Oversight Committee website: www.in.gov/youthjustice.