



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Diversion Work Group

March 13, 2024

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201 N. Illinois Street, 2nd floor, Indianapolis

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm.

Member attendees: Megan Horton, Tracy Fitz, Kay Knorr, Shannon O'Toole, and Sarah Welcome

Guests: Leslie Dunn and Mark Fairchild (remote)

2. Diversion Toolkit

A toolkit to assist jurisdictions apply for diversion grants was created by Ms. Horton and Ms. Fitz. The toolkit was distributed to the Work Group for review and discussion.

- A recommendation to add grant award information (summary of grant awards) to the toolkit.
- Links for statutes are included in the Toolkit.
- Add information about the grant options available, particularly the planning grant option of \$20,000. Discussion included incorporating a one-page grant document in the toolkit or providing a link for information on the grants.
- Section III needs to be condensed.
- Members were asked to contribute any useful links or sample documents to the toolkit.
- A local collaborative plan involving all stakeholders is encouraged when there are agreed participation criteria and the prosecutor continues to screen each case.
- Add contact information for an IOCS/JDAI resource person(s) to help direct jurisdictions with questions.
- A suggestion that the toolkit include information on community alternatives was made.
- The Work Group plans to have a solid draft to present to the YJOC at the next meeting on April 4th. Must request to be on the agenda and provide any materials that we want the YJOC to review and provide feedback on one week prior to the meeting.

3. Indiana Youth Diversion Program Directory

- The Subcommittee held a meeting on February 28, 2024.
- Ms. Horton contacted all JDAI counties to start collecting information for the Directory. Ms. McCaffrey offered to collect information from juvenile community corrections agencies.
- Members requested that the grants group develop a one-page summary of the available grants.

4. Additional Work Group Members
 - Ms. Knorr previously submitted suggestions for adding school and law enforcement representatives to the Work Group.
 - Several members agreed to reach out to contacts to bring these needed disciplines to the Work Group.
 - The suggestion was also made to add Workforce Development to the Work Group.
 - Judge Kenworthy must approve all membership appointments.
5. Next Meeting: May 29, 2024 at 1:00 pm
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6. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.