



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Diversion Work Group

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201 N. Illinois Street, 2nd floor, Indianapolis

May 29, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Ms. Horton called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves

Members: Trisha Hanes, Megan Horton (Co-Chair), Kay Knorr, Shannon O'Toole, Magistrate Amy Richison, and Kia Wright

Guests: Judge Dana Kenworthy (Indiana Court of Appeals), Leslie Dunn (IOCS), Mark Fairchild (CISC), and Audrianna Lingren (CISC intern)

Staff: Diane Mains

2. The minutes from the March 17, 2023, February 7, 2024, and March 13, 2024, meetings were approved.
3. New Member Discussion – went through current membership and discussed the disciplines that are currently unrepresented in the Work Group. Kay will reach out to a Marion County contact in law enforcement and will report back. Kia made several recommendations for the school representative and will reach out to her contacts and report back. Mark recommended adding a youth representative, he will reach out and report back.
4. Tasks
 - The Diversion Resource Toolkit is now posted on the YJOC website. A link to the document was provided to YJOC members. A general YJOC email address is now included in the toolkit. Certain IOCS staff members have access to the email box and will monitor the messages. The toolkit will be an ongoing meeting agenda item so that it is kept up to date.
 - Indiana Youth Diversion Program Directory Subcommittee. The JDAI survey from 2021 was mentioned as a starting point; however, the purpose of the survey was broader than our work and the information is outdated. Judge Kenworthy suggested compiling a one-page information sheet to gather details about existing diversion programs around the state to include YJOC grant recipients. Kia suggested that there be a support group for grantees that meets regularly to exchange ideas. Start as a focus group and move to support group in conjunction Grants Work Group. The next grant solicitation will be released in June. Put together a short sheet on grantees for the June Juvenile Conference. Another challenge is different judges within the same jurisdiction may be competing for the same grant money. The Work Group suggested working with Grants Work Group to develop a support group. Megan distributed a sample of

information from the binder developed in the early 2000s. Add voluntary vs. court order as part of the program description. Suggestions were made for the format and content of the survey document to include, capacity information, collaboration with partners, what and how data is collected, contact information at the bottom of the page, start date, funding source(s,) and a general telephone number. Include all information that we already have. Megan asked for volunteers to compile data that we currently have. The suggestion to follow the format of the OJJP resource guide/database for our database.

- Outreach – Judge Kenworthy provided an update on grants, stating that 31 applications were received. She will reach out to the Grants Work Group to discuss focus group sessions and information sharing among grantees.

5. Other Business

Mr. Fairchild reported that Indiana was awarded the BEST Youth Institute three-year technical assistance grant to work on chronic absenteeism. Indiana's grant partners are CISC, DOE, IDOH, and DMHA. The national initiative will commence on July 30-31, 2024 in Washington D.C.

Mr. Bart Doan from DWD will come to the next meeting to talk through the programs and services offered by DWD. Bart is a Transitional Services Work Group member.

Tippecanoe County has quite a few diversion programs and will be invited to come to a future meeting to share their information and experiences.

6. Next Meeting: July 24, 2024, at 1:00 pm
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7. Ms. Horton adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.