



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Diversion Work Group

July 24, 2024

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was held at 201 N. Illinois Street, 2nd Floor, Indianapolis, and called to order at 1:00 p.m.

In-person attendees: Megan Horton, Kay Knorr, Shannon O'Toole, Mag. Richison, and Mark Sattler

Virtual attendees: Judge Evans and Trisha Hanes

Guests: Bart Doan, Leslie Dunn, and Mark Fairchild

Staff: Diane Mains

2. Department of Workforce Development (DWD) presentation by Bart Doan, Assistant Director of At-Risk Youth (PPP provided following the meeting). Mr. Doan provided an overview of services available for at-risk youth between 16-24 years of age. The agency also has programs for middle school children and those in post-secondary schooling. Services included were in-school and out-of-school programs to assist youth with obtaining a high school diploma or GED and otherwise preparing to enter the workforce
3. Mr. Mark Sattler of Reach for Youth, Inc. was welcomed as the newest Work Group member.
4. Tasks
 - The Diversion Resource Toolkit is posted on the YJOC website. The Work Group will continue to update this document as needed.
 - The Indiana Youth Diversion Program Directory is still under development. At the last meeting, we talked about items we wanted to gather to include in the directory. A form information sheet was distributed and reviewed. A subgroup meeting will be scheduled and held virtually to divide the task of transferring information from the JDAI spreadsheet to the approved form. Thereafter the Work Group will verify the information we currently have and get additional information from other programs by the September YJOC meeting. Members discussed the format of the directory and how to make it user-friendly.
 - Leslie suggested reaching out to IOCT about potentially developing an online directory for our diversion programs. Megan will reach out to Katie Wilson to inquire about the feasibility of this.
 - Outreach. Initial contact with the Grants Work Group co-chairs has been made to partner our resources and efforts toward outreach.
5. Other Business

Mr. Fairchild reported that the kick-off for the Best Youth Initiative will be in DC next week. Four other states are participating in the 3-year project that will result in policy recommendations.

6. Next Meeting: September 25, 2024, at 1:00 pm
201 N. Illinois Street, 2nd floor, Indianapolis
Guests from Tippecanoe County will speak about their diversion programs at the next meeting.
7. Meeting adjourned.