



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Diversion Work Group

September 25, 2024

Meeting Minutes

1. Attendees: Tracy Fitz, Trisha Hanes, Judge Lee, Kay Knorr, Shannon O'Toole, Mark Sattler, Judge Evans (virtual)
Guests: Payton Bowling, CISC intern; Misty Robinson, Rebecca Humphrey, Mark Fairchild, Leslie Dunn
2. Diversion Directory: IOCT will be able to host the directory; however, the online information will be limited initially. A spreadsheet will populate the online directory by category of program. Do we want to add categories beyond those identified in the Diversion Report? We will include checkboxes in the Word document provided to the programs, as well as add text to ask if the program is receiving or received grants from ICJI and other sources (planning and otherwise). Leslie provided an update on her directory and suggested that we prioritize what information goes on first. Members need to continue to gather county information and enter the information into the spreadsheet.
3. Guest Speakers, Misty Robinson, Diversion Services Director, and Rebecca Humphrey, Youth Services Executive Director, Tippecanoe County Diversion Programs.

Tippecanoe provides a continuum of diversion services to youth. The Cary Home has been providing residential services since 2002. Diversion focus started with JDAI in 2009. Tippecanoe did receive diversion funds from ICJI (regular grant received less than 6 months ago). Three tiers on the continuum: (1) teen court, (2) school justice partnership since 2017, and (3) new diversion program supported by the ICJI grant. Tippecanoe Youth Services is a separate government entity from the courts and probation. There are three points (law enforcement, youth services, prosecutor) to divert youth with "focus acts" (12 offenses) battery with injury, battery on teacher, knife on school grounds, etc. that have avoided expulsion for a number of youth because they provide/make referrals.

4. Other Business

2025 meeting schedule: January 29, 2025
March 26, 2025
May 28, 2025
July 30, 2025
September 24, 2025
November 19, 2025

5. Next Meeting: November 13, 2024, at 1:00 pm, 201 N. Illinois Street, 2nd floor, Indianapolis
6. Adjourn Meeting