



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health Work Group Minutes (November 14, 2024)

I. MEETING DETAILS

November 14, 2024 from 10am-12pm ET

IGCS Wabash Hall, Conference Room 2

Minutes By: Nick Parker, Staff

II. ATTENDEES

Members present in-person:

- Becker, Amber – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA)
- Baumer, Keena – Indiana Medicaid (FSSA)
- Blackmon, Sirrilla – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA) (Co-Chair)
- Dwenger, Dr. Deanna – Indiana Department of Correction
- Fisher, Rachael – Riley Children's Hospital
- Frantz, Zoe – Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
- George, Kory – Wayne County Probation
- Harlan-York, Jessica – Division of Disability & Rehabilitative Services (FSSA)
- Wieneke, Joel – Indiana Public Defender Council

Members present electronically:

- N/A

Members absent:

- Dolehanty, Hon. Darrin – Senior Judge (Co-Chair)
- Frazer, Rebekah – Indiana Department of Education
- Gouty, Ref. Anah – Lawrence County Circuit Court (Juvenile)
- James, Waylon – Indiana Department of Child Services
- Maqsood, Sadia – Indiana Office of Court Services

Staff present:

- Parker, Nick – Indiana Office of Court Services
- Pickett, Mindy – Indiana Office of Court Services

Guests or speakers present:

- Dunn, Leslie – Indiana Office of Court Services
- Fairchild, Mark – Indiana Commission on Improving the Status of Children

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from September 2024 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

IV. GROUP DISCUSSION

- Telehealth Discussion
 - Guest speaker was not able to attend, but notes were sent out to the group (from Dr. Heather Verdon).
 - The “ask” for our group was about expansion of the use of telehealth – the group should be ready to discuss this at future meetings, including what we are unclear on and ideas for expansion in general.
- Transitional Services Sub-Group Discussion
 - Amber Becker provided a report from the Transitional Services Workgroup. They are working to provide a Microsoft Teams channel with de-identified case information to help with youth who are transitioning out and have complex needs. So far, four or five agencies are participating. More information will be provided at later meetings.
- Benchcard Discussion and Vote
 - The workgroup put finishing touches on the benchcard and created a final version that will be distributed out to other YJOC workgroups.
 - After discussion, the workgroup voted on the benchcard and approved it by unanimous consent.
 - Proposed next steps included final approval of the benchcard, dissemination to stakeholders, and education and training on how to use this form/tool.
- Clinical Process Sub-Group
 - Dr. Dwenger provided some proposals for standardized definitions and an outline to help providers with D&E. Since these are not intended as mandates, the group agreed to refer to these as “guidelines.”
 - Since Dr. Dwenger is not going to be on the workgroup moving forward, Amber Becker agreed to work with this sub-group in the future. The

group will polish up the notes Dr. Dwenger left and provide future materials for the workgroup to review.

- Future of the Workgroup
 - The workgroup had a chance to discuss their ideas for the future of the group. This included the following:
 - Robust evaluation of inpatient therapeutic treatments available as dispositional alternatives
 - Community-based rehabilitative treatment opportunities
 - Evaluating and calling out gaps in the continuum of care for youth
 - Support to local counties to implement plans
 - Connections with other groups, including JRAC
 - Getting information out to the stakeholders who need it most
 - Creating and utilizing a multidisciplinary team

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Future meeting dates for 2025 will be announced soon.