



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health Work Group Minutes (April 22, 2025)

The Youth Justice Oversight Committee (YJOC) Behavioral Health Workgroup met on April 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Indiana Government Center South, Cardinal Hall, Conference Room F. Senior Judge Darrin Dolehanty chaired the meeting.

I. ATTENDEES

Members present in-person:

- Dolehanty, Hon. Darrin – Senior Judge (Co-Chair)
- Frantz, Zoe – Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
- Harlan-York, Jessica – Division of Disability & Rehabilitative Services (FSSA)
- Wieneke, Joel – Indiana Public Defender Council
- Gouty, Ref. Anah – Lawrence County Circuit Court (Juvenile)
- James, Waylon – Indiana Department of Child Services
- Maqsood, Sadia – Indiana Office of Court Services

Members present electronically:

- N/A

Members absent:

- Becker, Amber – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA)
- Fisher, Rachael – Riley Children's Hospital
- Frazer, Rebekah – Indiana Department of Education
- George, Kory – Wayne County Probation
- Kelly, Brittany – Office of Behavioral Health, Indiana Supreme Court

Staff present:

- 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
- Kenworthy, Hon. Dana – Indiana Court of Appeals

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 2024 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

III. GROUP DISCUSSION

- Status of Appointment of New Workgroup Members
 - Brittany Kelly, State Court Behavioral Health Administrator, Office of Behavioral Health, Indiana Supreme Court was added to the workgroup.
 - Awaiting appointment of a co-chair from FSSA and additional workgroup members, including someone from the Indiana Department of Corrections.
- Diagnostic & Evaluation Guidance & Benchcard Update
 - The final document has been posted on the YJOC website.
 - Workgroup members noticed some clerical errors that will be fixed and Mindy will circulate the updated documents and notify members once the website is updated.
 - There is going to be a session at the June Juvenile Judges Conference on this topic and the benchcard/guidance document will be distributed as a handout. Judge Dolehanty requested that it be laminated, and staff agreed to look into the possibility. Mark Fairchild indicated that the Commission may be able to assist with costs.
 - The work of the diagnostic & evaluation benchcard subcommittee is complete.
- Clinical Process Sub-Committee
 - Standardized definitions and an outline for recommendations of sections to include in a diagnostic and evaluation were previously drafted by this subcommittee.
 - Waylon and Zoe agreed to review the latest version of both documents to provide a refresher of where the work stands and report back at the next meeting. Zoe recommended that someone with a clinical background be added to review. Brittany Kelly was suggested and possibly the new workgroup member from DOC once appointed.
 - Judge Kenworthy suggested creating a multi-disciplinary recording on common terminology so all stakeholders can speak the same language.
- Meeting with Dr. Verdon regarding Diagnostic and Evaluations at DOC
 - Mindy and Leslie met with Dr. Verdon to discuss evaluations at DOC and how telehealth is utilized. One thing that makes the DOC reports valuable

is that they have an understanding of the intersection of mental health and the justice system and outside providers may not have that.

- Dr. Verdon is going to provide education to the judicial officers at the juvenile conference in June. She will discuss diagnostic and evaluations and also discuss other common testing options and the differences between them.
- Next Steps
 - Mark Fairchild explained that legislation this session on the YJOC grants has components of what this workgroup can look to do next. He suggested that the workgroup could support behavioral health grant implementation. Look at the programs that were awarded funding and see what has been successful.
 - Judge Kenworthy reported that a majority of counties don't know where to start on a grant application. She suggested looking at statewide request for proposals (RFPs) from service providers who could service multiple counties. We can start with service gaps and service deserts and encourage service providers to grow in those areas and apply for funding.
 - Consider conducting listening sessions for stakeholder groups to receive feedback on what should be prioritized.
 - Consider creating practical guidance, best practices and relevant law on telehealth similar to the benchcard/guidance document on diagnostic and evaluations. The target audience would be judicial officers, probation officers and other juvenile justice system stakeholders.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Future meeting dates for 2025 will be announced soon.