



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health Work Group Minutes (June 24, 2025)

The Youth Justice Oversight Committee (YJOC) Behavioral Health Workgroup met on June 24, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Indiana Government Center South, Harrison Hall, Conference Room 14. Ref. Anah Gouty and Sarah Sailors co-chaired the meeting.

I. ATTENDEES

Members present in-person:

- Gouty, Ref. Anah – Lawrence County Circuit Court (Co-Chair)
- Sailors, Sarah – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA) (Co-Chair)
- Becker, Amber – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA)
- Duchac, Dr. Neil – Indiana Department of Correction
- Fisher, Rachael – Riley Children's Hospital
- Frantz, Zoe – Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
- Hollabaugh, Austin – Indiana Department of Child Services
- Kelly, Brittany – Office of Behavioral Health, Indiana Supreme Court
- Maqsood, Sadia – Indiana Office of Court Services

Members present electronically:

- N/A

Members absent:

- Frazer, Rebekah – Indiana Department of Education
- George, Kory – Wayne County Probation

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 22, 2025, meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

III. GROUP DISCUSSION

- Status of Appointment of New Workgroup Members
 - The workgroup has two new co-chairs, Ref. Anah Gouty and Sarah Sailors.
 - Two new members have been appointed to the workgroup: Dr. Neil Duchac, Executive Director of Behavioral Health, IDOC and Austin Hollabaugh, DCS.
- Diagnostic Evaluation Education at the Juvenile Judges Conference
 - The diagnostic evaluation benchcard and guidance documents for judicial officers and probation officers were presented at the conference and copies were provided to judicial officers.
 - The attendees also received education from Dr. Woolsey and Dr. Verdon from the IDOC on what a diagnostic evaluation is and is not and what the process looks like at the DOC.
- Clinical Process Sub-Committee Report Out
 - The sub-committee reconvened in early June and added additional members. They reviewed the standardized definitions and the outline for recommendations of sections to include in a diagnostic and evaluation that were previously drafted by the subcommittee.
 - Brittany Kelly indicated that there are tools already available that provide definitions of common terms, including the Judges Guide to Mental Health Jargon.
 - The workgroup discussed the Maximus and Probation Consultant evaluations for when a youth is recommended to be placed at a residential facility. Ref. Gouty reported that those evaluations are helpful and contain good information.
 - The next steps are to clean up both the outline and definitions documents, provide the link to the Judges Guide and have workgroup members provide feedback. Zoe and Brittany will then share the documents with external stakeholders to receive feedback. Zoe is willing to provide education as needed. The workgroup will review the documents again at our next meeting.
 - This sub-committee intends to wrap up its work by the end of the year.
- Virtual Attendance Update
 - Mindy explained that legislation effective July 1 will now allow this workgroup to have fully remote meetings. However, as a part of that, the workgroup cannot have more than one member who is on the Youth

Justice Oversight Committee. Sarah Sailors is our one workgroup member and therefore, Waylon James from DCS had to step back. Austin Hollabaugh from DCS has now joined us.

- The workgroup intends to meet every other meeting virtually. There will not be a hybrid option available when the group meets in-person.
- CCBHC and Crisis Continuum Updates
 - Zoe and Sarah provided an overview of the 988 Crisis Response System and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) program in Indiana.
 - There are currently eight pilot sites that have shown early indicators of transforming how and where care is provided to Hoosiers. The long-term plan is to have CCBHC statewide coverage and secure funding to be able to do so.
 - Sarah explained “211” and how valuable of a resource it is not only telephonically but also on the web. There are a lot of resources available that can be printed out to locate mental health services, housing, food resources, etc.
- CHANP overview
 - Sarah provided a brief overview of the Child with High Acuity Needs Project (CHANP). This is an initiative that was started to address situations where placements could not be located for children, and they ended up having to stay in local DCS offices. A rapid response team was formed and includes individuals from various state agencies including DCS, FSSA, DMHA, and DOC. The team staffs children in need, reviews information about the child and discusses solutions.
 - Other initiatives include a navigator pilot program to support children returning to the community from the state hospital and a school navigator program in Noblesville.
 - Sarah intends to provide a more in-depth overview of the project at the August workgroup meeting.

IV. NEXT STEPS

- CHANP presentation at the August Meeting
- Create a one-pager on telehealth best practices, statutes, resources, etc.
- Discuss how we can support the YJOC behavioral health grants.

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 12, 2025 – 10:00 am- noon	Microsoft Teams
September 30, 2025 – 10:00am – noon	Government Center South, Cardinal Hall, Conference Room F
November 20, 2025 – 10:00-noon	Microsoft Teams