



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health Work Group Minutes (August 12, 2025)

The Youth Justice Oversight Committee (YJOC) Behavioral Health Workgroup met on August 12, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. virtually on Microsoft Teams. Mag. Anah Gouty and Sarah Sailors co-chaired the meeting.

I. ATTENDEES

Members present electronically:

- Gouty, Mag. 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)
- Cintron, Mag. Heidi – Elkhart County Superior Court 6
- Duchac, Dr. Neil – Indiana Department of Correction
- Frantz, Zoe – Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
- Frazer, Rebekah – Indiana Department of Education
- Hollabaugh, Austin – Indiana Department of Child Services
- Kelly, Brittany – Office of Behavioral Health, Indiana Supreme Court
- Maqsood, Sadia – Indiana Office of Court Services

Members absent:

- Fisher, Rachael – Riley Children's Hospital

Staff present:

- Pickett, Mindy – Indiana Office of Court Services

Guests or speakers present:

- Dunn, Leslie – Indiana Office of Court Services

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the June 24, 2025, meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

III. GROUP DISCUSSION

- New Member
 - The workgroup welcomed new member Magistrate Heidi Cintron, Elkhart County Superior Court 6.
- Clinical Process Sub-Committee Report Out
 - Zoe Frantz reported that the sub-committee has been working on the Clinical Definitions and Assessment Tool work product and would like to finalize the documents soon. Dr. Duchac provided the sub-committee with some great feedback. Brittany Kelly reorganized the clinical definitions into a chart that distinguishes diagnostic tools from one another. The chart compares the different tools and provides a brief description of what they are. There is also a link for the Judges Guide to Mental Health Jargon.
 - The workgroup made and agreed to edits to the chart during the meeting.
 - Zoe Frantz is going to get feedback from CMHC/CCBHCs. Then the workgroup will vote on the clinical definitions chart at the next meeting and send them to YJOC for approval.
 - Zoe Frantz explained that the assessment tool was reorganized into a readable format, and the goal is to help bridge the gap of what people are asking for and what they are receiving, so that providers and stakeholders can be on the same page.
 - The workgroup made and agreed to edits to the document at the meeting. Amber Becker volunteered to help shorten and clean the document up. Zoe Frantz will add any additional content and the document will be circulated to stakeholders for feedback and approved at our next workgroup meeting, then will be sent to YJOC for approval.
 - This sub-committee has completed its work and agreed to disband.
- CHANP presentation
 - Sarah Sailors supplemented her CHANP (Child with High Acuity Needs Project) presentation from our last workgroup meeting with a more in-depth overview of the project. She indicated that CHANP is supporting development of a pilot program to utilize CJI juvenile diversion funds, but it is currently on pause while next steps are decided.
 - Workgroup members expressed positivity towards the intensive foster care program. It helps to keep kids out of residential programs.
- Overview of Behavioral Health Grants awarded
 - This topic was tabled for the next meeting.

IV. NEXT STEPS

- Telehealth: Create a one-pager on resources, guidance and statutes. Amber Becker volunteered to work on this and bring it back for review at our next meeting. Explore public library partnership.
- Gaps/Barriers in Services: Look at the barriers and gaps in rural communities. Possibly create a survey for judicial officers/stakeholders.
- Support the YJOC Behavioral Health Grants: identify the recipients and what is going well, etc.

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 30, 2025 – 10:00am – noon

Government Center South, Cardinal
Hall, Conference Room F

November 20, 2025 – 10:00-noon

Microsoft Teams