



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Data Work Group

Minutes from October 14, 2025 Data Work Group Meeting

The Youth Justice Oversight Committee (YJOC) Data Work Group met on October 14, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. Dr. Matt Aalsma chaired the meeting.

1. Attendance

Members Present:

- Dr. Matt Aalsma, Indiana University School of Medicine, Co-Chair
- Chris Biehn, Indiana Office of Court Services, Co-Chair
- Melanie Pitstick, Marion County Juvenile Probation
- Kristi Bruther, Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center
- Kaitlyn Christian, Management Performance Hub
- Corajean Medina, Department of Child Services
- Judge Sarah Mullican, Vigo Circuit/Superior Court 3
- Colleen Saylor, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Traci Lane, Madison County Juvenile Probation
- Judge Paul Felix, Indiana Court of Appeals
- Morgan Leuner, Indiana Department of Child Services

Members Absent:

- Olga Volokhova, Indiana Youth Institute

OJA Staff Present:

- Lisa Thompson, Indiana Office of Court Technology
- Leslie Dunn, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Nancy Wever, Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI
- Brendan O'Connor, Office of Data Governance and Analytics
- Catheryne Pully, Indiana Office of Court Services

2. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2025 Meeting

Committee members were provided with a copy of the September 9, 2025 meeting minutes prior to today's meeting. Melanie Pitstick made a motion to approve the minutes; Judge Sarah Mullican seconded the motion. The work group members unanimously approved the September 9, 2025 meeting minutes.

3. Pilot Counties Discussion

Dr. Aalsma provided a recap of the YJOC Data Work Group's efforts over the past year, highlighting the progress made through the Data Evaluation Project and the Diversion discussions. The group is now prepared to identify approximately five counties to participate in a deeper data quality improvement initiative.

Chris Biehn, Lisa Thompson, Dr. Aalsma, and Katie Schwartz met last week to review the list of counties who responded to the survey as being highly interested in participating in this next phase. The selection process considered factors such as system type (Quest vs. SRS), county size (small vs. large), location, and JDAI status. However, being that all 14 counties that responded were JDAI sites, the group was unable to include non-JDAI sites in the sample. The proposed list of six counties include: Marion, Madison, Johnson, Bartholomew, Huntington, and Ripley.

The next step is to reach out to the identified counties to confirm their interest, discuss staff involvement, and outline a timeline for the data quality improvement process. No major concerns or objections were raised during the discussion.

The group anticipates that the final Data Evaluation Report from IU will be available by the next meeting.

4. Other Business

Lisa Thompson will work with Bill Gottlieb from Quest to ensure the two new Referral Recommendation options are ready for data collection beginning January 1, 2026. As a follow-up to the last YJOC meeting, Dr. Aalsma noted the need to share diversion definitions with Traci Fitz and the Diversion Work Group. Chris Biehn will coordinate that follow-up.

Kristi Bruther shared that the diversion additions to the Referral Recommendation field were discussed during the last Quest Best Practices Group meeting. She noted that the Referral Outcome field may not be available by January 1st; however, since that data point is not part of the Probation Quarterly Report there should be no issue if it isn't available at the same time. The group acknowledged that the final Data Evaluation Report may recommend additional updates or data elements for inclusion in SRS and/or Quest, and it is expected that implementing these expanded options will take time.

Chris Biehn will draft an email to Chief Probation Officers to inform them of the upcoming updates for Referral Recommendations and encourage them to share the information with their staff. This communication may supplement similar outreach from the Legal Services Division, which oversees the Probation Quarterly Report.

5. Future Meetings

The group agreed to keep a monthly meeting schedule; however, there will be no meeting in November to allow time to reach out to the six selected counties to confirm

their participation and develop a more detailed plan for the next phase of the project. The next meeting will be held on December 9th. Lisa will work on scheduling monthly meetings for 2026, but meetings may be cancelled if there is no need to meet.

6. Next Meeting

The next YJOC Data Work Group meeting will be on **December 9, 2025 from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm** via Zoom.

The next Youth Justice Oversight Committee Meeting is **December 11, 2025 at 10:00 am** at the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 4+5 in Wabash Hall, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN. There will be a live webcast of this meeting available on the Youth Justice Oversight Committee website: www.in.gov/youthjustice.