



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Grants Workgroup

May 12, 2026, 1:00-2:30 p.m. EDT

251 N. Illinois Street, Room 511, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Minutes

I. ATTENDEES

Members present in person: Doug Huntsinger, Angela Shamblin

Members present via Zoom: Amber Holland, Shelby Price, Tami Silverman, David Westenberger

Members absent: Aleanya Moore

Guests: Dalayna Anderson, Ellen Sheets, Cate Walls

Staff: Rose Walker

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Doug Huntsinger convened the meeting and led introductions.

Review and approval of minutes from the meeting in February was tabled.

III. ACTION ITEM UPDATES

Guidance to Suspend Funding Formula - Update

Shelby Price reported the group met and determined that a recommendation to override the funding formula would be reviewed from two perspectives:

1. Applicant is new (has not received grant funding in prior solicitation cycles) – would consider quality of collaborative service plan
2. Applicant has received funds in a prior solicitation cycle – would consider performance, management, etc.

The group had to postpone a recent meeting and will be rescheduling. Doug added some context, advising that several counties have not applied for any funding and may never do so. Under the current formula, those funds are stagnant and could be used by other counties that have already received maximum funds.

Dashboards

Dalayna Anderson reported Adam Winkler created a dashboard but is leaving ICJI and the work will be taken over by his replacement. Adam created a dashboard with three ways to view the information: pie chart, tree map, and table by agency which shows the counties served. The small group will review for accuracy before bringing to the WG.

Dalayna reported that the internal or process dashboard is still in the planning phase. This would show the progress of grants as they are received through contract execution so the Application Review Committee, the Workgroup, and the YJOC can readily see where grants are in the process.

IV. APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Summary of Funding Recommendations

Doug advised that the Committee met two weeks ago and reviewed applications. Forty-five applications were received for a total of \$18M – the most received in both number and total funds requested. Dalayna reported that the Committee recommended the following:

- Approval of 27 applications
- Three applications were submitted for counties where no funds remain available
- Recommendations will be reviewed by the ICJI Youth Sub-Committee on May 29th and the Sub-Committee's recommendations will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees on June 5th

Use of Funds to Purchase Vehicles

During the review of applications, discussion occurred about the allowability of funds to purchase vehicles. Doug advised that generally, the State does not provide funding for assets. One way to be able to do this is to use a lease program through Enterprise. This has been used in the past, is cost-effective, and solves concerns of liability.

Use of Funds to Supplement Other Rates

Doug advised that his understanding of the discussion was that it was likely that most were saying the same thing but using different language that was misunderstood. He stated that, as an example, the funds cannot be used to pay a higher rate than another pay source (e.g., Medicaid), but can be used to pay for services that are not covered by Medicaid.

Payor of Last Resort

Amber Holland reported that the discussion was about ensuring that grant funds are the payor of last resort. Grant recipients need to bill other payors if available before using grant funds for any service that is reimbursable (insurance, Medicaid, DCS, etc.).

Planning for Sustainability

Doug stated that Dalayna and Ellen are monitoring the current grantees who are reaching expiration and no-cost extensions have been executed. However, this may change as the year progresses.

FY2027 Funding Request

Dalayna advised there is approximately \$35M remaining in funds allocated in 2023. Requesting additional funds in the upcoming budget bill is not necessary.

Next Round RFFs

Doug reported that the next Request for Funds will open early in 2027. In the meantime, ICJI will provide technical assistance to the entities that applied but were not recommended to receive funds and to some communities where it is known that projects and programs are happening. This would be a joint effort with the IOCS Youth Justice Team and anyone else who is interested. Provision of TA needs to be defined, including potential to contract with a provider to do the TA.

Dr. Silverman volunteered to review the list of entities planned for outreach to see if any are those with whom IYI is working or has connections. She added IYI has an open grant and access to a pool of consultants. They are scheduling time for the applicants to meet with the consultants to review applications compared to the RFP. The consultants provide feedback and guidance before the application is submitted. This model keeps IYI distanced from the feedback because they are adjudicating the applications. IYI funds the consultants without seeing their responses to the applicants. Amber added that DMHA does something similar with the Accelerator program – they contract with Community Solutions who is assigned as a support throughout the life of the grant. Doug suggested having a small group meet about the TA to define capacity, data-supported targets, etc.

Amber requested the next application include a requirement to identify what other funding sources are being used.

Dr. Silverman shared that when they opened their recent solicitation, they had training modules on each section. This was well received by the applicants, as they reported feeling that they understood the RFP, etc. Doug advised interest in doing something similar, including examples. Angela Shamblin suggested including successful grantees to share how they were able to secure funding.

Dalayna agreed to schedule a meeting about the TA.

V. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

Dalayna will schedule a meeting with those interested in defining the TA.

Nancy will prepare and distribute the minutes.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned by 1:45 p.m.