



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Grants Workgroup

July 14, 2026, 1:00-2:30 p.m. EDT

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

Minutes

I. ATTENDEES

Members present in person: Magistrate Foley

Members present via Zoom: Judge Kenworthy, Angela Shamblin, Shelby Price, David Westenberger, Tami Silverman, Aleanya Moore

Members absent: Amber Holland, Doug Huntsinger

Guests: Dalayna Anderson, Ellen Sheets, Beca Stockman, Mark Fairchild, Aly Leonard

Staff: Nancy Wever

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Magistrate Foley convened the meeting and led introductions. Attendees were asked to share their perceptions about the role of the Grants WG.

Members identified the role as:

- Assisting and guiding ICJI in the application and grantmaking process
- Helping ICJI identify and overcome challenges related to awarding funds
- Serving the YJOC in preserving intention of fund allocation and supporting ICJI in the grant administration process; collaborative role between YJOC and ICJI
- Ensuring accessibility to and accountability for the funds
- Serving in a collaborative role between the YJOC and ICJI
- Providing expertise in reducing barriers to getting funds distributed
- Identifying policy or administrative changes necessary to ease fund distribution
- Serving the YJOC to ensure greatest impact in funding
- Providing outreach to local communities
- Distributing existing funds to make an additional request for sustainability

On motion by Aleanya Moore and second by Angela Shamblin, the minutes from the June meeting were unanimously approved.

III. ACTION ITEM UPDATES

• Guidance to Suspend Funding Formula

Dalayna Anderson advised that the group has not met since the last meeting. She reminded the group there was discussion about the need for this group to continue if the funding

formula resets. Nancy Wever and Magistrate Foley recalled that the discussion landed on the group moving forward to establish the guidance, as it may be relevant/necessary in the upcoming round of applications.

Shelby Price asked about whether a funding formula is needed for sustaining programs? Magistrate Foley asked about grantees who have exhausted their award. Ellen Sheets advised there are some who will exhaust funding before the next awards. To eliminate programming having to cease, is there a way to award funds to current grantees that gets them on a schedule aligning with the application cycle?

The WG engaged in a robust discussion regarding sustainability. Ellen acknowledged need to work with grantees earlier in the process to encourage plans for sustainability. Many grantees indicate wanting to collect data through the grant-funded work to demonstrate success, then use that information to seek funds through other channels.

Shelby asked if it is problematic for sustainability to be achieved through ongoing grant funding? Dalayna advised that one program has already reapplied and received funding to continue through the Behavioral Health category. Dalayna will gather a list of grantees who will exhaust funds before the next round is available in July 2027. Ellen advised that at this point, ICJI is planning to adhere to the schedule and not make funding available for any gaps the process will cause. Nancy Wever raised concern that this administrative decision could result in programs ceasing services. Could the WG make a recommendation to the YJOC that ICJI make funding available to all grantees who need to be sustained through June 30, 2027? They would still be required to reapply in the next round for funding beginning July 1, 2027.

Judge Kenworthy raised challenges related to sustainability, including needing to better understand permanent sources, such as a DCS service standard, and local reinvestment from funds saved. Magistrate Foley asked if sustainability can be discussed earlier? Angela Shamblin asked how successes are shared. If there were a mechanism for this, funding might come to them. Members discussed conferences, events, and networking opportunities where successes are shared. Magistrate Foley asked if the YJOC website could be leveraged? Judge Kenworthy suggested creating a "sustainability guide" that could be posted there. Nancy suggested that formulas could be for specific areas rather than by county. For example, could the formula identify priority areas such as firearm harm prevention? Aleanya raised the concern about small, grassroots organizations not being able to apply because they do not have the infrastructure. She reported that her experience is that there is a big disconnect between those doing the work and those who have the money. Tami Silverman advised IYI is currently working on a program related to building organizational capacity. Could this be training that is provided? She added that they have provided training on sustainability and the participants were midsize to large organizations, indicating the smaller ones are likely so far into the work, they do not have capacity to plan for sustainability. Shelby suggested that the sustainability planning should be part of the responsibility of the local collaborative group as they consider service planning. She added it is our responsibility to support local sites and tied this back to needing to find a way to fund programs that will exhaust monies before June 30, 2027.

- **Dashboards**

Beca Stockman presented static views of the drafted external dashboard. Nancy will send the slides and if anyone has feedback for Beca, please reach out. Beca added that ICJI would like to do a dashboard to share outcomes of grant-funded programs. Beca will advise when the dashboard are ready for review by the WG.

- **Technical Assistance Small Group – Survey**

Dalayna reported that ICJI has drafted the questions, but they have not yet been formatted into a survey.

- **Proposal to YJOC**

Dalayna advised that the document was shared regarding the proposal to reset the funding formula and timeline for the next application round, but the additional content has not been drafted. The timeline may be ready for presentation to the YJOC in August, but the additional information may not be. Nancy agreed to send the information via email if it is ready before the WG's next meeting. Magistrate Foley determined the timeline will be proposed at the August meeting as well as solution to fund sustainability for current grantees through June 30, 2027.

IV. STATUS OF FUNDING APPROVED BY ICJI IN JUNE

Dalayna reminded the WG that all funds were approved as recommended by the Application Review Committee. Grantees have been notified. ICJI is working with grantees who were required to make modifications. Dalayna will identify grantees who need technical assistance regarding implementation.

V. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

ICJI (Dalayna) will provide list of grantees who will exhaust funding before June 30, 2027.

ICJI (Dalayna) will provide list of grantees to receive technical assistance from WG members regarding implementation.

If received, Nancy will distribute the proposed changes in definitions, etc. for WG review before the next meeting to determine readiness for presentation to the YJOC at its August meeting.

The small group discussing guidance for suspension of the funding formula will reconvene.

ICJI will continue working on the survey to determine technical assistance needs.

Nancy will prepare and distribute the minutes.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned by 2:10 p.m.