



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Committee/Task Force:		Juvenile Justice and Cross-System Youth Task Force	
Date of Meeting:	May 1, 2020	Time:	9:00-10:30 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Ashley J. Barnett	Location:	Virtual- held via WebEx
1. Meeting Objective(s)			
Updates from sub-committees and Children's Commission			
2. Standing Members			
Name	Organization	In Attendance (X indicates present)	
Steve Balko	Indiana Department of Education		
Jeff Bercovitz	Indiana Office of Court Services	X	
Sirrilla Blackmon	Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health & Addiction	X	
Coleen Connor	Tippecanoe County CASA	X	
Ann Davis	Indiana Association of Resources and Child Advocacy (IARCA)	X	
Hon. Kimberly Dowling	Delaware Circuit Court #2		
Tracy Fitz	Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council	X	
Hon. Stephen Galvin	Co-Chair- Monroe County Circuit Court #7	X	
Kory George	Wayne County Probation		
James (Mike) Goodwin	Indiana Department of Child Services, Sullivan County	X	
JauNae Hanger	Children's Policy and Law Initiative	X	
Jill Johnson	Marion County Public Defender Agency	X	
Hon. Charles Pratt	Allen Superior Court, Family Relations Division	X	
Michael Ross	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	X	
Angela Sutton	Indiana Department of Correction	X	
Don Travis	Co-Chair- Indiana Department of Child Services	X	
Nancy Wever	Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI	X	
Julie Whitman	Commission on Improving the Status of Children	X	
3. Staff/Guests			
Name	Organization		
Ashley Barnett	Staff- Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI		
Bob Bragg	Hamilton County Probation, Youth Violence Sub-Committee Co-Chair		
Terrie Decker	Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services		
Mike Gray	Madison County Probation, ESC Sub-Committee Co-Chair		
Angie Hensley-Langrel	Indiana Office of Court Services		
Hon. Holly Harvey	Monroe County Circuit Court, CSEC Sub-Committee Co-Chair		
Madison Shoemaker	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute		
Joel Wieneke	Indiana Public Defender Council		
4. Updates/Old Business			
Topic	Main Points	(R)ecommendations/(D)ecisions	
Approval of minutes from previous meeting	No corrections noted.	Angela Sutton moved to approve minutes, Coleen Connor seconded. All voted in favor.	



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<p>Objective 1:</p> <p>Strengthen collaboration between juvenile probation, mental health, the Department of Child Services, prosecutors, and public defenders at the county level, across the state, especially with regard to dual status children</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Magistrate Gaither</p> <p>Don Travis provided the update. Conversations are still taking place to determine how this sub-committee will coordinate it's work with the Dual Status Implementation Committee at IOCS.</p>	
<p>Objective 2:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for identification, referral, and appropriate services for victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Judge Dowling and Judge Harvey</p> <p>Judge Harvey provided the update. The meeting scheduled for March 13 was cancelled, will be held instead on May 8. The sub-committee has continued developing the Strategic Plan and works closely with DCS' Human Trafficking Coordinator. They hope to have the screening tool and guide rolled out statewide by December 2022, along with the ability to complete the tool electronically. The pilot counties are providing input on changes needed to the tool.</p>	
<p>Objective 3:</p> <p>Increase alternatives to detention for youth, such as shelter care, assessment centers, intake centers, and alternative therapeutic settings</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Mike Gray and Matt Gooding</p> <p>Mike Gray provided the update. The sub-committee has met monthly since November (except for March) and there have been some new additions to the group. The ESC survey was sent to all Chief POs and DCS Local Office Directors, about 75 responses have been received. Some gaps have been identified, notably the need for alternatives to ESC for youth in the delinquency system. Options identified include relative care, foster care and holdover (needs more research). Since there are many small counties, the sub-committee will focus on developing regional resources. The sub-committee is now working on collecting ESC admission criteria and target populations to shared with Probation Officers.</p>	
<p>Objective 4:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for preventing and diverting youth from entering the juvenile justice system</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Tracy Fitz and Megan Horton</p> <p>Tracy Fitz provided the update. They have compiled a list of who will be invited to serve on the sub-committee and invitations are being sent out. Attention has been paid to including representatives from counties of different sizes. Sub-committee meeting is being planned for late-May where they will develop goals.</p>	



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<p>Objective 5:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for preventing serious and violent delinquent behavior</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Steve Balko and Bob Bragg</p> <p>Bob Bragg provided the update. The sub-committee met February 11 and discussion centered around what constitutes a violent act. Tracy Fitz provided some research and information on approximately 14 charges which would constitute a violent act. JauNae Hanger provided some information about similar work being done in other states to reduce violent offenses. Don Travis wondered if the sub-committee had considered the CDC definition of violence; Bob noted that they had but felt the definition was too broad for the purposes of the sub-committee. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.</p>	
<p>Objective 6:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising programs to engage justice-involved youth and parents in effective treatment, services, and community connections</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Coleen Connor</p> <p>Coleen Connor provided the update. The sub-committee met telephonically in April. Rebecca Humphrey will serve as Co-Chair and Kristen Ludeker-Seibert, Hamilton County System of Care Coordinator, will also serve on the sub-committee. They plan to reach out to JDAI Coordinators for additional members. Don Travis suggested adding someone from DCS who is familiar with FFPSA and the clearinghouse of approved programs. They developed a Microsoft form that will be sent to counties in an effort to understand the types of programs currently available. They are also doing research to learn about programs happening across the country. The next meeting is being scheduled.</p>	
<p>Objective 7:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices to support youth transitioning back to their families and communities from corrections, secure detention, and residential programs</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Joel Wieneke and Angela Sutton</p> <p>Joel and Angela provided the update. The sub-committee contains a good representation of stakeholders. Goals are still be formulated but a few ideas include: investigating changes in community transition programs (such as the one in St. Joseph County), keeping the continuum of education for youth in short term residential or correctional facilities, and finding ways to increase community involvement for youth while they are out of county. Angela discussed a mentoring/outreach program in Allen County for youth while they are in DOC facilities; it was set to begin this spring but has been postponed due COVID-19. Julie Whitman noted that the Educational Outcomes committee is also looking at education for youth in various congregate care settings and will make sure they coordinate the work with this sub-committee.</p>	



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<p>Objective 8:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices and policies that integrate the science of child and adolescent development into the justice system's response to children and youth</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Judge Pratt and JanNae Hanger</p> <p>The sub-committee has been developed, it is cross-sectional and includes a representative from the Child Psychological Maltreatment Organization. They are looking at the statutory definition of child maltreatment (or lack thereof) as well as developing a small team to operationalize responses to child maltreatment. The sub-committee is also researching what other states have done in this area; Alaska and Kentucky have been identified as having positive responses. They will collaborate with the Violence sub-committee and those working with ACES. The second meeting is scheduled for July.</p>		



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5. New Business/Presentations			
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Commission Update- Julie Whitman	<p>Julie will send details about the Annual Report, which should be submitted by the end of May or beginning of June. She also pointed the sub-committee chairs to the Recommendations Template with is on the Children’s Commission website. The Strategic Plan tracker is ready; either Don Travis and Judge Galvin or the sub-committee chairs should enter goals and timelines in the document.</p> <p>Julie has a Microsoft Teams site for each of the Commission Sub-Committees where they can share documents, etc.; once rosters are submitted, Julie will add us all to the site. A Microsoft account is required to access Teams; Julie offered a Teams training as well.</p> <p>The Children’s Commission met virtually on April 22, the YouTube video of the meeting is on the Children’s Commission website and can be found here. Each agency provided an update on their response to COVID-19. Also, the State Budget Director gave preliminary information on targets for anticipated budget reductions needed for next year. The next meeting is scheduled for June 17 and will likely be back to the normal format (including updates from the Task Forces), though the meeting will likely be held virtually.</p> <p>Casey Family Programs has provided funds to hold a Family and Youth Engagement Summit, a 2-day event is being planned for October. The goal is for youth and families to participate as presenters and attendees. Once the date and venue is finalized, the planning committee will send the save-the-date.</p> <p>Rep. McNamara continues to work with CSG to determine where funding will come from to support their work.</p>	Don Travis will send the tracking document for all sub-committees to keep track of their respective tasks.	



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6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)					
Action		Responsibility		Due Date	
Send tracking document to sub-committee chairs.		Don Travis		ASAP	
Update tracking document with sub-committee goals and timelines.		Sub-committee chairs		Ongoing	
Submit member rosters and submit written updates for each Task Force meeting.		Sub-committee chairs		Ongoing	
7. Adjournment					
Action					Time
Jeff Bercovitz moved to adjourn, Tracy Fitz seconded. Meeting adjourned.					10:14 am
8. Next Meeting					
Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	July 10, 2020	Time:	9:00-11:00am	Location:	TENTATIVE- Indiana Government Center South, Conference Center Room 12. The Government Center has new guidelines for using the meeting space so Don will review this to make sure the meeting can still be held here.
Topics/Objective(s):					