



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Committee/Task Force:	Juvenile Justice & Cross-System Youth Task Force		
Date of Meeting:	March 4, 2022	Time:	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Minutes Prepared By:	Nick Ackerman	Location:	Held Virtually via Zoom

1. Meeting Objective(s)

Receive sub-committee reports and an update from the Executive Director. Determine if any sub-committees are prepared to present at the next Commission meeting.

2. Standing Members

Name	Organization	In Attendance (X indicates present)
Steve Balko	Indiana Department of Education	
Jeff Bercovitz	Indiana Office of Court Services	
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
Terrie Decker	Indiana Department of Correction	X
Hon. Kimberly Dowling	Delaware Circuit Court #2	X
Tracy Fitz	Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council	X
Hon. Stephen Galvin	Co-Chair – Monroe County Circuit Court #7	
Kory George	Wayne County Probation	X
James (Mike) Goodwin	Indiana Department of Child Services, Sullivan County	X
Mike Gray	Madison County Probation Department	X
JauNae Hanger	Children's Policy and Law Initiative	X
Jill Johnson	Marion County Public Defender Agency	X
Heather Mollo	Jurist in Residence	X
Angela Reid-Brown	Indiana Office of Court Services	X
Michael Ross	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	X
Sandy Runkle	Prevent Child Abuse Indiana/The Villages	
Don Travis	Indiana Department of Child Services	
Nancy Wever	Co-Chair – Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI	X
Julie Whitman	Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana	X
Joel Weineke	Indiana Public Defender Council	X

3. Staff/Guests

Name	Organization
Bob Bragg	Hamilton County Juvenile Probation
Hon. Holly Harvey	Monroe Circuit Court
Megan Horton	Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI
Nick Ackerman	Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI



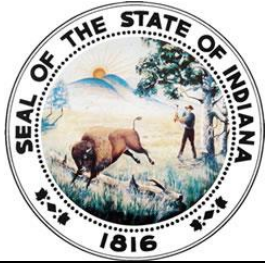
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4. Updates/Old Business

Topic	Main Points	(R)ecommendations/(D)ecisions
Adoption of previous meeting minutes	Does the Task Force adopt the last three meeting minutes as proposed?	With no corrections or objections from the group, the previous meeting minutes are accepted and Nancy will send out finalized form via email.

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5. New Business/Presentations

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Prevention and Diversion Subcommittee presentation	<p>Tracy Fitz and Megan Horton presented the Prevention and Diversion Committee’s presentation for the Commission to the group. Ms. Fitz and Ms. Horton explained the purpose of the presentation is to get a snapshot of diversion programs around the state. Ms. Fitz reminded the group of the objective of this subcommittee is “to identify and encourage adoption as effective and promising practices for preventing and diverting youth from entering into the juvenile justice system.” This subcommittee made no recommendations during this presentation, rather started with information gathering surveys to get a “snapshot” of programs and practices around the state. Ms Horton notes the subcommittee made the surveys intentionally broad and did not require counties to answer any questions.</p> <p>Notable items from survey results include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 85 of the 92 counties responded - One county indicated they do not use diversionary practices - 78 indicated they use informal adjustments - two indicated they do not use informal adjustments - five gave unclear responses regarding informal adjustments - 68 counties reports diversionary programs outside of informal adjustments while 17 counties reports using informal adjustments as their only diversionary practice. <p>Ms. Fitz and Ms. Horton indicated the need to follow up with some counties on specifics about their diversionary programs i.e. administration of these programs by agency, program development and identifying community organizations that can implement or help with such programs.</p>	<p>Ms. Fitz and Ms. Horton indicated to the group that next steps for this subcommittee include obtaining more specific information from stakeholders around the state, and communicate these findings to the juvenile justice oversight body that is to be formed as a result of HB 1359.</p> <p>Feedback during presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the definition of diversion? Notes HB 1359 does define diversion and leaves informal adjustments out of that definition. - Add a slide defining informal adjustment - Put a “total number of programs” on opinion slide as it is unclear whether the numbers on the slides indicate number of responses or number of programs - Generally, make clear while presenting data what the numbers are representing - Show some visualization of “true” diversion, with no on-ramp back to the system.



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Executive Director Update	<p>Julie asks all members of the taskforce to read and get familiar with HB 1359. HB1359 is going to create a lot of work to be done, in the near future, laying out a lot of planned development that needs to happen over the next 6 months to a year. 5 things that will be assigned to the oversight body that has to be appointed by the commission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statewide plan for juvenile justice data collection 2. Policies and procedutes for administering various screenings and assessments 3. A statewide behavioral health plan for justice involved youth 4. A plan for transional services (Joel and Terrie) 5. Develop the paramaters for two grant programs that would go to counties for diversion and alternatives to detention <p>Appointments for the oversight body will be up to the Chief Justice. Notes many different options for how the oversight body will be made and laid out. Julie believes the work to be done will be done in workgroups and subcommittees. A piece of 1359 that is assigned specifically to IOCS is developing juvenile specific probation standards.</p> <p>Julie notes a presentation made at the last commission meeting was the launch of a pilot program for mult systematic therapy. Is being roled out in eight sites around the state. Federal funds are being utilized to support the teams for up to one year.</p> <p>Evaluation project has started and is going to be kicking off on Friday. This is to evaluate the commission's impact. Commission will work to have a new strategic plan by the end of the year as well.</p>		



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6. Sub-Committee Reports

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Dual Status Implementation Committee	Judge Mollo delivered the committee's update. Confirmed the subcommittee did meet since the last task force meeting. There will be a dual status component to the upcoming justice services conference. There continues to be work done on increasing the level of information given at new orientations for FCM's and juvenile PO's. Judge Mollo reports the committee has been discussing whether they have fulfilled their purpose? Requests feedback from the group on whether others feel like the committee's purpose has been fulfilled. Notes that no decision has been made as of now.
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Committee	Judge Harvey delivered the committee's update. The screener tool and manual are in production for incite right now. Judge Dowling has secured some money to print the health screener tool, noting she has a lead on the law enforcement side, and has not yet secured funding for that (LE). Senate Bill 155 has passed to include level 4 felony for purchasing, but there are no juvenile enhancements. Will work on legislation that requires all healthcare providers to have trauma and human trafficking training.
Alternatives to Detention Committee	Nancy reported the ATD subcommittee is currently inactive. Noted a need to revisit this at some point.
Diversion Subcommittee	Presentation notes above.
Preventing Serious and Violent Delinquent Behavior Committee	Bob Bragg presented the committee's update. The Committee reviewed 22 programs for reducing youth violence at their last meeting. The programs have been divided out to each member of the Committee to take a deeper dive into all of them. Thus far, they have made it through 15 of those programs. They hope to have this wrapped up at their next meeting on April 5 th . The goal is to identify maybe one of these programs to implement in Indiana, rather than making a program from scratch. Bob confirmed June would be an appropriate time to get on the agenda for the Children's Commission.
Youth and Family Engagement Committee	Coleen Connor presented the committee's update. The committee presented to the commission in October. Since presentation, the committee is asking what is next? There has been no meeting since the presentation. The committee has agreed to meet in the next month or so and collect ideas on where to go from here.
Reintegration Committee	Joel Wieneke presented the committee's update. The committee had a presentation in February where they made recommendations to the commission. They have not been able to meet since. They plan to meet and figure out next steps. Joel states the committee will be focusing on supporting the juvenile justice oversight body for HB1359.
Child and Adolescent Development Committee	JauNae Hanger delivered the committee's report. The Committee did conduct a meeting but there was very light attendance. The committee hopes to have a fully attended meeting in March. JauNae makes note of 1359's language around minimum age for detention. She also notes that committee wants to focus on minimum age of prosecution, they want to look around the country to see what others are doing and report back to the commission. Committee also wants to focus on what kind of child and adolescent development training is happening around the state.

7. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)

Action	Responsibility	Due Date
N/A	N/A	N/A



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8. Adjournment					
Action					Time
Meeting Adjourned					N/A
9. Next Meeting					
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Topics/Objective(s):					

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