

**Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 5, 2025**

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Board of Trustees met at the Indiana State Government Center South Building, Conference Room 1 & 2, on Friday, December 5, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Amy Karozos, Bernice Corley, Chris Naylor, Darrin Dolehanty, Hunter Reece, Kyle Prewitt, Mark Stuaan, Lori Torres, Brett Clark

Teleconference: AmyMarie Travis, Anthony Scott, Cory Martin, Justin Forkner, Lloyd Arnold

Member	Role/Organization	Present? Y/N (Proxy's Name, if applicable)
Amy Karozos	State Public Defender	Y
AmyMarie Travis	Judge, Jackson County Superior Court	Y
Anthony Scott	Superintendent, Indiana State Police	Y
Bernice Corley	Executive Director, Indiana Public Defender Council	Y
Chris Naylor	Executive Director, Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council	Y
Cory Martin	Executive Director, Indiana State Police Alliance	Y
Darrin Dolehanty	Senior Judge	Y
Hunter Reece	Judge, Warren County Circuit Court	Y
Jeff Balon	Porter County Sheriff	N
Justin Forkner	Chief Administrative Officer, Indiana Supreme Court	Y
Kyle Prewitt	Chief of Police, Plainfield Police Department	Y
Lori Torres	Indiana Attorney General	Y
Lloyd Arnold	Commissioner, Indiana Department of Correction	Y
Mark Stuaan	Professor, IU McKinney School of Law	Y
Rebecca Humphrey	Executive Director, Tippecanoe County Youth Services	N
Brett Clark ¹	Indiana Senate	Y
Wendy McNamara ²	Indiana House of Representatives	N

¹ Pursuant to IC 5-2-6-4(b), this role serves as a nonvoting adviser.

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I. Call to Order

Director Huntsinger calls the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. A quorum was recognized. Director Huntsinger introduces Jon McDonald as ICJI's new General Counsel.

II. Approval of Friday, June 6, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Kyle Prewitt makes a motion to approve the September 5, 2025, board meeting minutes. Bernice Corley seconds the motion. The motion passes, 12-0.

III. Executive Director's Report

Director Huntsinger introduces Madi Knight as ICJI's new Director of Research.

IV. Budget Updates

Chief Financial Officer Sheryll Espinas presents a fiscal report.

V. Subcommittee Reports

a. Victim Services (Mark Stuaan)

Mark Stuaan presents the subcommittee meeting minutes from November 20, 2025. Mark Stuaan makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Bernice Corley seconds the motion. The motion passes, 12-0.

i. Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Grant Program

Mark Stuaan makes a motion to approve the subcommittee's recommendations for funding. Judge AmyMarie Travis seconds the motion. The motion passes, 12-0.

a. Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Twelve programs were recommended at the requested amount.

Applicant	Amount Funded
A Better Way Services, Inc.	\$86,787.40
Albion Fellows Bacon Center, Inc.	\$221,031.26
Children's Bureau	\$149,852.54
Council on Domestic Abuse, Inc.	\$20,877.05
Crisis Connection, Inc.	\$77,883.72
Desert Rose Foundation, Inc.	\$32,352.00
Fair Haven, Inc.	\$228,228.36
Family Services Association of Howard County, Inc.	\$105,082.74
Putnam County Family Support Services	\$45,904.03
The Center for Women and Families, Inc.	\$62,603.92
The Stepping Stone Shelter for Women, Incorporated	\$87,633.44
YMCA Northeast Indiana	\$118,536.90

b. Recommended for Less than Requested Funding Amount

Two programs were recommended for less than the requested amount.

Applicant	Amount Funded
North Central Indiana Rural Crisis Center, Inc.	\$50,987.78
The Caring Place	\$100,666.42

c. Not Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Six programs were not recommended for funding.

ii. Sexual Assault Victim Assistance Fund (SAVAF) Grant Program

Mark Stuaan makes a motion to approve the subcommittee's recommendations for funding. Bernice Corley seconds the motion. The motion passes, 12-0.

a. Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Eight programs were recommended at the requested amount.

Applicant	Amount Funded
A Better Way Services, Inc.	\$865,865.80
Children's Bureau	\$399,978.49
Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County, Inc.	\$355,650.78
Grant Blackford Mental Health, Inc.	\$246,962.77
Latino Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Incorporated	\$321,648.56
Prevail Inc. of Hamilton County	\$236,277.18
Safe Passage, Inc.	\$572,158.72
The Center for Women and Families, Inc.	\$210,842.34

b. Recommended for Less than Requested Funding Amount

Twelve programs were recommended for less than the requested amount.

Applicant	Amount Funded
Albion Fellows Bacon Center, Inc.	\$264,894.95
Assist Indiana Inc.	\$951,475.71
Children and Family Services Corporation	\$286,711.75
Council on Domestic Abuse, Inc.	\$330,553.49
Fair Haven Inc.	\$878,040.08
Grace Horizon, Inc.	\$283,381.00
Middle Way House, Inc.	\$130,545.58
North Central Indiana Rural Crisis Center, Inc.	\$152,810.13
Putnam County Family Support Services	\$92,261.84
Unconditional Inc.	\$271,681.99
YMCA Greater Lafayette	\$354,253.80
YMCA Northeast Indiana	\$201,888.67

c. Not Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Four programs were not recommended for funding.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

Director Huntsinger introduces Rikki Caito, Victim Services Assistant Division Director. Caito presents Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding updates.

Federal VOCA funding is expected to drop by 40% for the 2026-2028 grant cycle. The Victim Services Division is working with stakeholders and previous VOCA recipients to mitigate the impacts of decreased funding with a focus on subgrantees diversifying their funding sources.

Director Huntsinger introduces Ellen Sheets, Youth Services Division Director. Sheets gives a presentation on the Youth Services Division including changes being made to the juvenile justice grant processes. ICJI and the Youth Justice Oversight Committee (“YJOC”) are reviewing concerns presented by subgrantees. The funding formula and application process will change in January 2026.

The current funding formula is that each county receives \$75,000 in base funding and receives additional funding dependent on the county size: small – \$15,000, medium – \$10,000, large – \$5,000. The new funding formula will change the funding amount received by small counties, increasing the amount they receive to \$150,000. The funding formula for medium and large counties will remain unchanged.

The application process will be revised to align with other state agencies’ grant applications and processes. The application period for 2026 will begin in January with the new application and will remain open for six to seven weeks. Applications will be reviewed, and funding recommendations will be presented at the June 2026 Board of Trustees meeting.

The Youth Services Division plans to allocate all funds by the end of 2026 so additional funds can be requested for 2027. Process and application changes are being finalized for use in January 2026. Training will be scheduled for the new program report template. Intelli Grants will be used to hold documents, but applications will be completed in a separate word processing application. The ICJI Youth Services website will be updated to reflect these changes. Application will be open for 6-7 weeks.

Director Huntsinger presents ICJI’s goals for 2026, including reducing the administrative burden for grantees and stakeholders, improving internal operational efficiency, and maximizing the use of federal funds.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourns at 11:51 a.m.