



Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC)

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Jennings County Courthouse

24 North Pike Street

Vernon, Indiana 47282

Present: Ben Beatty, Carin Hurt, Christopher Doran, Gleeda Hadley, Amanda Lawson, Dustin Vice, Tobi Herron, Krisann Bostic, Nicholas Kirtman, Shana Richmond, Britt Burgmeier.

Guests: Whitney Koelling, ARa; whitney@aracities.org and Tobi Herron, ARa; tobi@aracities.org

Quorum not established and so next meeting in January JRAC will review and vote on notes. Other agenda items will be held for January JRAC, 4th Wednesday of the month at noon on January 22 at noon.

Whitney Koelling, ARa update (see slides for detailed information, summary below)

Community Data Profile 2024 was completed and scanned copy separate.

Discovery Session occurred on September 2024. See Discovery Session Outputs. RCO 180 being an asset, strength, and opportunity. Housing being pain and weakness, Substance Use Disorder being a need.

Monthly emails to Judge Bright will be initiated, and clear communication towards Judge Bright. Then, all sectors in JRAC and community will be contacted with summary of key points and what is needed from stakeholders.

-2024 Housing Grant for project in Jackson and Jennings County and the lead applicant is Thrive Alliance and Centerstone, applied. Application submitted for 32 beds, 24 in Jackson County and 8 in Jennings County. There has not been an award announcement yet.

-2025 Outlook: monthly communication to Judge Bright, focus in public grants and also review privately funded options, emphasis on early conversations on who would be key players from the community. There are lots of funding options for housing in 2025. Importance on focusing on the important objectives and seeking community support. Opportunities for Crisis Services and funding training. Transportation opportunities exist for a multi-year transportation project. Substance Use

Disorder: With youth to expand treatment, diversionary mental health and dual diagnosis in the courts. These would require coordination between JRAC applicants.

Highlight: Multiple opportunities for February and would need to meet soon to move forward. JRAC will need to determine if some of the quick turn-around for grants are possible. ARa highlights the importance of sharing all grant opportunities that are found, if there are specialized opportunities that are important to each JRAC agency.

Next JRAC meeting: January 22 at noon. Review slides from ARa and return back with feedback.