

Friday, January 15, 2021

Format: Teleconference

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ind. Admin. R. 4(A)(6): "The Domestic Violence Advisory Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the judicial branch regarding domestic violence issues in the state of Indiana."

Welcome/Introductions:

Attendance:

Members Present:

Mag. Laura Gaskill, Chair; Laura Berry, Kerry Bennett, Amy Blackett, Mag. Melissa Kramer, Hon. Kristine Osterday, , Mary Butiste-Jones, Mag. Renee Ferguson, Mag. John Link

Guests Present:

Shaunette Terrell, Captain David Younce, Lindsay Faulkenberg-Scott

Staff Present:

Melissa Arvin, IOCS

Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2020 Meeting:

Introduction of Potential New Members:

- Law enforcement officer–Captain David Younce, ILEA
- Children’s representative–Lindsay Faulkenberg Scott, President/CEO of Kid’s Voice Indiana
- Shaunette Terrell, Cohen & Malad, former IPAC/MCPO and former PD
- Judge Hurley has spoken with the Chief Probation officer for St. Joe County who is willing to be on the committee
- New A.G. Representative

Note: New members must be appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court (Ind. Admin. R. 4(C)).

Recommendations for Judicial Education:

- All proposals must be submitted to the Judicial Education Committee
- Trauma/ACE’s - Megan M. Oed, Phd, LMFTA
 - Professor at Ivy Tech
- Family Law Taskforce is also working on recommendations for ACEs training
- Trauma related to DV
- Colleen Yeakle, MSW on ACEs
- Subcommittee: Judge Osterday, Kerry Bennett and Melissa Arvin

Domestic Violence Bench Book:

New Subcommittee: Magistrate Gaskill, Magistrate Ferguson and Amy Blackett

- Adding Strangulation
- ACES
- Neurobiology of Trauma
- Other recommendations?

Initiatives:

- Firearm Surrender Project
 - Captain Younce can help with additional resources for firearms
- Resource Guide
- Courtroom safety
 - Domestic Violence dynamics related to courtroom behavior
 - Do remote hearings help in domestic violence situations
- Pretrial release
 - Risk assessments
 - Getting some research together and discussion will continue at the next meeting
- Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program
 - Kids Voice applying for grant with Center for Victim and Human Rights
 - Would fund supervised visitation for DV victims—not currently funded other than CHINS cases
 - Previously sliding scale at best
 - Does require court involvement
 - MOU or letter of commitment
 - Participate in training pieces and refer to Kids Voice for supervised visitation
 - Any court could apply for the grant

Next Meetings:

- April 16, 2021, at 1:00
- July 16, 2021, at 1:00
- October 15, 2021, at 1:00

Friday, April 16, 2021

Ind. Admin. R. 4(A)(6): "The Domestic Violence Advisory Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the judicial branch regarding domestic violence issues in the state of Indiana."

Welcome/Introductions:

Attendance:

Members Present:

Mag. Laura Gaskill, Chair; Laura Berry, Amy Blackett, Judge Elizabeth Hurley, Mag. Melissa Kramer, Mag. John Link, Hon. Christopher Newton, Hon. Kristine Osterday, Mag. Samantha Wuletich

Guests Present:

Lindsay Faulkenberg-Scott

Staff Present:

Melissa Arvin, IOCS

Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2021 Meeting:

Minutes approved.

Update on Timeline for New Members:

- New A.G. Representative

Note: New members must be appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court (Ind. Admin. R. 4(C)).

Judicial Education Update:

- Fall Conference
 - Proposal was approved
- Strangulation
- Evidence Series

Domestic Violence Bench Book:

Remote Hearings in Domestic Violence Cases:

- Remote hearings can increase participation in the process
- Remote ex parte hearings can promote safety as well
- Should this committee issue some guidance
- Melissa will find out where to send a proposal and time frame

- Judge Hurley, Magistrate Gaskill, Magistrate Kramer will start working on the proposal

Initiatives:

- Firearm Surrender Project
- Pretrial release
 - Risk assessments

Next Meetings:

- July 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.
- October 15, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, July 16, 2021

Ind. Admin. R. 4(A)(6): "The Domestic Violence Advisory Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the judicial branch regarding domestic violence issues in the state of Indiana."

Welcome/Introductions:

Welcome to our new members:

- Hon. Cindy Oetjen
- Jesse Carlton, St. Joseph County Probation
- Lindsay Scott, Kids' Voice
- Shaunette Terrell, Cohen and Malad
- Capt. David Younce, Indiana Law Enforcement Academy

Attendance:

Members Present:

Mag. Laura Gaskill, Chair; Amy Blackett, Mag. John Link, Hon. Christopher Newton, Hon. Cindy Oetjen, Mag. Samantha Wuletich, Caryn Burton, Jesse Carlton, Shaunette Terrell, Capt. David Younce

Guests Present:

Mary Butiste-Jones, Judge Elizabeth Hurley

Staff Present:

Melissa Arvin, IOCS

Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2021 Meeting:

Minutes approved.

Judicial Education Update:

Fall Conference:

- Update to the approval

Domestic Violence Bench Book:

Topics for Review:

- Firearms surrender and how to discuss protocol
 - New subcommittee to discuss firearm surrender protocols:
 - Melissa, Judge Newton and Capt. Younce
- Protection Order chapter will include No contact orders
- Many of the people on the original assignments are no longer on the committee
- Volunteers for many of the chapters

- We will be creating subfolders for all of the chapters on the Teams channel so anyone can upload and include whatever resources they have

Remote Hearings in Domestic Violence Cases:

- Memo submitted to the Rules Committee
- Drafting will continue in August

Initiatives:

- Firearm Surrender Project
- Pretrial release
 - Risk assessments: Caryn Burton, Jesse Carlton, Mag. John Link
- High Risk Multi-disciplinary team
 - Model in St. Joe County
 - Reaching out to Jessica Richmond Castello

Next Meetings:

- October 15, 2021, at 1:00
- January 21, 2022, at 1:00
- April 22, 2022, at 1:00
- July 15, 2022, at 1:00
- October 21, 2022, at 1:00

Friday, October 15, 2021

Ind. Admin. R. 4(A)(6): "The Domestic Violence Advisory Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the judicial branch regarding domestic violence issues in the state of Indiana."

Attendance:

Members Present:

Judge Kristine Osterday, Caryn Burton, Shaunette Terrell, Magistrate Melissa Kramer, Jesse Carlton, Mary Butiste-Jones, Lindsay Scott, Magistrate Laura Gaskill, Chair.

Staff:

Melissa Arvin, IOCS

Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2021 Meeting:

Minutes approved.

Domestic Violence Bench Book:

- Chapter Assignments
 - See Table of Contents in the Teams Channel

Remote Hearings in Domestic Violence Cases:

- Still waiting to hear from Rules Committee
- Hybrid hearings
 - Update from Tech Conference

Initiatives:

- Firearms surrender
- Pretrial release
 - Risk assessments
- High Risk Multi-disciplinary team

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