

Probation Committee

Judicial Conference of Indiana

Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2024

The Probation Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met by Zoom video conference on March 22, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Judge Mark Smith chaired the meeting.

- 1. Members present.** The following members were present: Andrew Antrim, Angela Davis, Carolyn Foley, Jeff Marchal, Sally McLaughlin, Celia Pauli, Travis Shields, and Mark Smith.
- 2. Staff present.** Jenny Bauer and Ava Hassel provided staff assistance.
- 3. Approval of minutes.** The meeting minutes from October 27, 2023, were approved unanimously on motion and second by Angela Davis and Carolyn Foley.
- 4. Probation officer misconduct.** The Committee unanimously approved the probation officer revocation policy and the revised amendment in October 2023 Board meeting. Carolyn Foley reported that several departments have called about this since the beginning of the year. Jenny Bauer reported on work with Court Technology to develop an online reporting process; met again the afternoon of March 22.
- 5. Legislative Update.** Jenny Bauer reported that the 2024 session of the Indiana General Assembly session ended on March 8th. She highlighted the following bills of interest from the session: SB 33 on distributions of public safety income tax revenue (court staff defined as court reporter, bailiff, and court administrator); SB 70 on bail and release review commission (Chief Justice and Indiana Judges Association included as members; commission expires June 30, 2026); Sb 150 on artificial intelligence and cybersecurity; SB 170 on crimes and election workers; HB 1240 on criminal law issues (makes unlawful carrying of a handgun by a child a waivable offense); and HB 1418 on forensic diversion and drug courts.
- 6. JRAC Report.** Jenny Bauer reported that the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council updated the vision statement, mission statement, and goals from the Evidence-Based Decision Making Initiative. She also reported JRAC published the Q4 electronic monitoring report and first annual report. State JRAC is providing technical assistance to local JRAC's through the Center for Effective Public Policy. The next meeting is May 3, 2024.
- 7. Office of Court Services Update.** Jenny Bauer reported that Jeff Bercovitz retires on March 28 after a stellar 43 years with the Supreme Court. Mary Kay Hudson is leaving IOCS on April 5 to take a position with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals as the chief operating officer. Jenny Bauer also reported that the IOCS Education Division is preparing sessions on the revised juvenile supervision standards, report writing, and risk assessment

for the May Justice Services Conference, which is May 8-10.

8. Next meeting date. The next meeting date is May 31, 2024 (10:30 a.m. Eastern time).

Respectfully submitted,

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