

**Judicial Conference of Indiana
Board of Directors**

**March 7, 2014
Minutes**

The Judicial Conference of Indiana Board of Directors met at the Indiana Judicial Center on March 7, 2014. Chief Justice Brent Dickson presided and Jennifer Bauer acted as secretary.

1. **Members present.** The following members of the Board were present: Robert R. Aylsworth, Robert Altice, Cale Bradford, Vicki L. Carmichael, David J. Certo, David C. Chapleau, David H. Coleman, W. Timothy Crowley, Wendy Davis, William E. Davis, Darrin M. Dolehanty, Thomas J. Felts, Kurtis G. Fouts, Christopher M. Goff, Michael G. Gotsch, Maria D. Granger, Teresa D. Harper, James R. Heuer, Gary Miller, Dana J. Kenworthy, Matthew C. Kincaid, Jeryl F. Leach, Peggy Lohorn, Rick Maughmer, James B. Morris, Lynn Murray, John R. Pera, Robert J. Pigman, John A. Rader, Jose D. Salinas, Terry C. Shewmaker, Michael A. Shurn, William G. Sleva, Terry K. Snow, Thomas P. Stefaniak, Mark D. Stoner, Wayne A. Sturtevant, Joseph D. Trout, Marianne L. Vorhees, Mary G. Willis, Bob A. Witham, and Brent E. Dickson, chair.
2. **Staff present.** The following Judicial Center staff members were present: Jane Seigel, Jennifer Bauer, Mike McMahon, Jeff Bercovitz, Vicki Davis, Mary Kay Hudson, Diane Mains, Michelle Goodman, Amanda Wishin, Angie Hensley and Chad Long. Also present were Justice Steven David and Lilia Judson, David Remondini, and Sarah Kidwell of the Division of State Court Administration.
3. **Guests.** Judge Mark Smith attended the meeting on behalf of the Probation Committee and Magistrate Ken Abbott attended the meeting on behalf of the Special Courts Committee.
4. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the meeting held on December 3, 2013 were approved as submitted.
5. **Indiana Judges Association report.** Judge John Pera reported that the IJA Board has been following three bills of interest to the judiciary—SB 88 on the use of psychologists to determine a defendant’s competency when a notice of insanity defense is filed in all criminal cases other than homicide; SB 395 which would have required 15% cash bail and was killed in the House; and HB 1006 on criminal code reform. Chief Justice Dickson informed the Board members that he ran into Rep. Steuerwald recently, who told him that 1006 is still up in the air because of the funding issues. Chief Justice Dickson said that Rep. Steuerwald is a good friend of the judiciary and wants to get funding for local probation and community corrections departments so the reform can be successful. Chief Justice Dickson also informed the Board members that he has assembled a

committee to study evidence-based pre-trial decisions, stating that he sees bail as a judicial issue. He also appointed Sen. Brent Steele and Rep. Jud McMillan as attorney representatives.

- 6. Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges report.** Judge Mary Willis reported that the Council and its partners have facilitated the successful passage of two significant pieces of legislation—SB 27 which prohibits the granting of an adoption petition while a petition to terminate parental rights is pending on appeal and SB 19 which eliminates the confidentiality of paternity records. Judge Willis also reported that the Council is working with the Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee on a Casey Foundation Family Programs initiative called “Judicial Engagement” which focuses on the safe reduction of children in out-of-home care and placement. Judge Willis further reported that the Juvenile Judges Conference is scheduled for June 12-13 at the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel. The conference will cover statutory changes and court performance measures.
- 7. JTAC liaison report.** Judge Michael Gotsch distributed a map showing Odyssey deployment throughout Indiana. The map shows that Odyssey is used in 176 courts in 48 counties, which covers 50% of the cases filed in the state. The most recent deployments for Odyssey were in Franklin County, Benton County and Walkerton Town Court in St. Joseph County. The Marion County criminal courts are scheduled for deployment in June of 2014, with Vanderburgh, Johnson and Morgan Counties also scheduled for 2014. Judge Gotsch reported that JTAC is currently recruiting counties for Odyssey deployment in 2015. Judge Gotsch also reported that JTAC is developing INCite applications for juvenile delinquency reports, CIP timeliness measures, Disproportionate Minority Contact data and JDAI data.
- 8. Special Courts Committee Rule Request.** Magistrate Ken Abbott made the presentation on behalf of committee chair Judge Stephenie LeMay-Luken. He distributed copies of a proposed amendment to Small Claims Rule 2(B)(10) and explained that the rule states that a defendant waives the right to jury trial unless a jury trial is requested, but the rule does not include what the request should look like. The amendment would add language to explain that the jury trial can be requested by filing an affidavit in compliance with IC33-28-3-7 and IC 33-29-2-7. Magistrate Abbott stated that the committee seeks approval from the Board to recommend the rule amendment to the Supreme Court Rules Committee. Judge Carmichael made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to Small Claims Rule 9(B)(10) for submission to the Supreme Court Rules Committee and Judge Granger seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 9. Domestic Relations Committee Report.** Judge Lynn Murray reported that the committee is moving along with preparing for the four-year review of the child support guidelines as required by federal law. The review will take 18 months to complete. Judge Murray also reported that the Judicial Center signed an MOU with the Department of Child Services for DCS to fund the cost of the review and contracted with Dr. David Betson from University of Notre Dame to assist with the review. The committee will

hold a public hearing on May 16th in the Supreme Court Courtroom and accept written comments until May 27th. The Judicial Center's website has a page with information for people interested in speaking at the hearing or submitting written comments.

- 10. Probation Committee Report.** Judge Mark Smith reported that he briefed the Board in December on the committee's work with the Probation Officers Advisory Board to revise the Probation Standards. He stated that he is back today to answer any questions regarding the proposed revisions and to request a vote on the revisions. Judge Smith reported that the committee received several comments during the public comment period and discussed the comments at their January meeting. Judge Smith highlighted that the committee decided to keep the old code of conduct and added language to the section on political activity to make it clear that a probation officer cannot run for partisan political office. Judge Smith thanked the Probation Officers Advisory Board for their work on the revisions and stated that the committee would like to implement the revisions on July 1st. Judge Sturtevant made a motion to adopt the revised probation standards and Judge Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 11. 2015-2018 Annual Meeting.** Vicki Davis reported that the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Judicial Conference is scheduled for September 9-11 at the Indiana Convention Center and Westin Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. She stated that 2016 is scheduled to go north, but French Lick will have more capacity because of recent construction projects. The Board discussed the possibility of going to South Bend in 2016 and Indianapolis in 2017. The majority of the Board members preferred going to French Lick in 2016 and the Judicial Center will start the process of looking for available dates.
- 12. JDAI Report.** Michelle Tennell reported that counties participating in the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative are exempted from using the Indiana Youth Assessment System Detention Tool. The JDAI team is requesting that this exemption be removed so that all counties are using the detention tool. Judge Mary Willis stated that this change in IYAS implementation will provide better statewide data on juvenile detention alternatives. Chief Justice Dickson asked the Board to approve the request by consent, which was approved unanimously.
- 13. STAD Report.** Lilia Judson reported that e-filing rules have been drafted and sent to the Supreme Court Rules Committee for approval. She also reported that the Supreme Court approved a request to bid for vendors for the project and expects to pilot the system in 2015. Ms. Judson also reported that STAD will send notices out soon regarding court reform grant opportunities.
- 14. Indiana Judicial Center report.** Jane Seigel introduced Chad Long as the Judicial Center's new employee. He comes from Hamilton County Community Corrections and will work in the court services division. Mary Kay Hudson reported that the Court Services Division is working with the University of Cincinnati to provide trainings to probation officers on case planning and EPICS (effective practices in community supervision). She distributed a map showing the departments scheduled for training and explained that the training is consistent with IRAS/IYAS and conducted in cohorts of 30

officers. She stated that the Judicial Center hopes to receive more funding in the next fiscal cycle to continue the training. Ms. Hudson also reported on the forensic diversion funding received appropriated to the Judicial Center. She explained that the legislature appropriated \$2 million for grants available in fiscal year 2015. Judicial Center staff met with Sen. Karen Tallian last week to discuss how the funding should be used. The Judicial Center will send out a grant application by April 1st and will seek Board approval of the application by email. The Judicial Center is looking for large-scale grants that target criminogenic needs, mental health and substance abuse services, and anything that reduces a high risk offender's risk to re-offend. Jennifer Bauer reported that the probation incentives and sanctions project has moved to the pilot phase, with Allen, Lawrence and Pulaski serving as the pilot counties. Ms. Bauer stated that she joined the consultants from the University of Cincinnati as they conducted training at each site in January. Each county is working to customize the contingency management system developed by UC and will begin using the system with offenders in late spring. Mike McMahon reported that the HB 1006 conference committee members have been named, with Rep. Steuerwald and Rep. Pierce from the House side and Sen. Steele and Sen. Tallian from the Senate side. He also reported that the House consented to the Senate amendments to HB 1155 on expungement. He highlighted that expungement requests will not be heard in city or town courts and the requirement to prove successful completion of a sentence was removed. The bill is effective upon passage. Amanda Wishin reported that HB 1347 on clerk matters was amended to say that the clerk is the official keeper of court records and also says that a judge cannot order a clerk do something. This bill is headed to a conference committee. Mary Kay Hudson reported that SB 171 will require community corrections counties to collaborate with probation departments and submit plans detailing the collaboration. These counties will be eligible for additional funding from DOC.

15. Other business. Chief Justice Dickson introduced Justice Steve David and stated that the Supreme Court justices will be attending future Board meetings.

16. Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Judicial Conference Board of Directors is June 20, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Judicial Conference of Indiana
Board of Directors**

**September 11, 2014
Minutes**

The Judicial Conference of Indiana Board of Directors met at the French Lick Resort on September 11, 2014. Chief Justice Loretta Rush presided and Jennifer Bauer acted as secretary.

1. **Members present.** The following members of the Board were present: Robert Altice, Robert R. Aylsworth, Vicki L. Carmichael, David C. Chapleau, David H. Coleman, Dean A. Colvin, W. Timothy Crowley, Wendy Davis, William E. Davis, Darrin M. Dolehanty, Thomas J. Felts, Kurtis G. Fouts, Christopher M. Goff, Michael G. Gotsch, Maria D. Granger, Teresa D. Harper, James R. Heuer, Matthew C. Kincaid, Jeryl F. Leach, Peggy Lohorn, Rick Maughmer, Gary Miller, James B. Morris, Sheila M. Moss, Thomas Newman, John R. Pera, Robert J. Pigman, John A. Rader, Marc Rothenburg (proxy for David Certo), Jose D. Salinas, Terry C. Shewmaker, Michael A. Shurn, William G. Sleva, Terry K. Snow, Timothy P. Spahr, Thomas P. Stefaniak, Mark D. Stoner, Wayne A. Sturtevant, Joseph D. Trout, Nancy Harris Vaidik, Marianne L. Vorhees, Mary G. Willis, Bob A. Witham, and Loretta H. Rush, chair.
2. **Staff present.** The following Judicial Center staff members were present: Jane Seigel, Jennifer Bauer, Mike McMahon, Vicki Davis, Mary Kay Hudson, Michelle Goodman, Nancy Wever, Michelle Tennell, and Tareq Nazamy. Also present were Justice Steven David, Justice Robert Rucker, Justice Brent Dickson, and Lilia Judson, David Remondini, and Kathryn Dolan of the Division of State Court Administration.
3. **Guests.** Judge John Surbeck attended the meeting on behalf of the Pre-trial Release project committee, Judge Mark Smith attended the meeting on behalf of the Probation Committee, and Judge Susan Orr Henderson attended the meeting on behalf of the Guardianship Registry Workgroup Committee.
4. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the meeting held on March 7, 2014 were approved as submitted.
5. **Indiana Judges Association report.** Judge John Pera reported that he gave a report for the IJA at the Association's lunch earlier in the day.
6. **Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges report.** Judge Mary Willis reported that the Council met at the Juvenile Judges Conference in June. The Council has been working on a foster care mapping project and is also working with DCS and the Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee.

- 7. JTAC liaison report.** Judge Michael Gotsch reported that the oversight committee met in March and June and has two more meetings planned for this year. He reported that over 50% of cases in the state are now on the Odyssey system. He stated that since March, Odyssey has been deployed in St. Joseph County, Morgan County, Marion Criminal Courts, and Vanderburgh County. Fayette and Johnson Counties are scheduled for deployment by the end of 2014. Odyssey Supervision is scheduled for deployment in Franklin County Probation and Morgan County Probation. Judge Gotsch also reported that JTAC has been working on development of the guardianship registry and the registry was launched in four pilot counties in May (Fountain, Hendricks, Lawrence and Warren).
- 8. Commission on Courts report.** Judge Tom Felts reported that the commission has a new name—it is now called the Interim Committee on Courts and the Judiciary. The commission membership has also been reconfigured—there are now 14 legislators and only 5 other members (Chief Justice Rush, Judge Felts, Tippecanoe County Clerk, Delaware County Commissioner, and a Porter County Council member). Judge Felts reported that the Interim Committee has meetings scheduled in September and October and will discuss requests for new magistrates for Greene, Madison, Vanderburgh, and St. Joseph Counties. The Interim Committee will also discuss digital privacy, non-party defense and adoption issues at future meetings.
- 9. Juvenile Probation reports.** Michelle Goodman reported that the Probation Officers Advisory Board recommended revisions to the preliminary inquiry and pre-disposition reports in 2011. This recommendation came to the Board through the Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee, but a specific effective date was not requested. Since 2011, a workgroup developed the content for the reports and the INcite application was piloted in Daviess, Elkhart, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry and Owen Counties in early 2014. JTAC worked with Quest to develop an interface. A motion was made and seconded to require juvenile probation officers to begin completing the PI/PDR reports in INcite beginning on November 1st. The motion passed unanimously.
- 10. Evidence-Based Decision Making Project.** Mary Kay Hudson reported that the National Institute of Corrections launched the Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) initiative in 2010. The goal of the EBDM initiative is to promote the use of research to inform criminal justice decisions. Grant County, Indiana was part of the initial pilot for EBDM and Indiana is eligible to apply for technical assistance because of Grant County's participation. Ms. Hudson stated that the project presents a great opportunity to examine state and local practices. The Judicial Center formed a state planning team to work on an application with representatives from the Supreme Court, the General Assembly, DOC, the Prosecuting Attorneys Council, the Public Defender Council, mental health and Grant County. The Judicial Center hosted an informational meeting on August 18th to present the EBDM information to 31 counties. The Judicial Center received letters of interest from 13 of those counties, and NIC can support up to 6. The EBDM application is due on November 21st and Indiana will receive 15 months of technical assistance if selected. The technical assistance provided by NIC will include consultant help to review state and local decision-making and recommend areas for improvement and assistance with designing a data collection system.

- 11. Pre-trial Project.** Judge John Surbeck reported that former Chief Justice Dickson created the Indiana Committee to Study Evidence-Based Pre-trial Release to study evidence-based pre-trial release assessments and propose new or amended rules to facilitate a release system proportional to the risk of no-shows and public safety. Judge Surbeck explained that the committee is comprised of judges, probation officers, the Indiana Prosecutor and Public Defender Councils, and legislators. Several representatives from the committee travelled to Washington, D.C. in June to attend the National Center for State Courts' conference on pre-trial release and tour the D.C. pre-trial release agency. Judge Surbeck stated that there is a great deal of scholarly research in the area of pre-trial release that the committee is reviewing at their monthly meetings. The committee's future activity will include drafting a criminal rule, visiting Kentucky's pre-trial release agency and recruiting 6 counties to participate in a pilot project.
- 12. Probation test update.** Judge Mark Smith reported that the committee reviewed the probation officer exam and testing procedures recently. In particular, the committee discussed who should take the test, which affects content, and when they should take the test, which affects the timing of new probation officer orientation. Judge Smith stated that the committee prefers that the exam be offered only to new hires and that the exam be taken after orientation. The committee asked the Probation Officers Advisory Board to make recommendations on content for the exam and will return to the December or March meeting to seek Board approval of the recommendations.
- 13. JDAI Update.** Michelle Tennell reported that JDAI awarded DOC grant money to 19 counties participating in the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative. The next cycle for grant funding is July 2015. Ms. Tennell also reported that DOC hired 7 JDAI integration specialists and that JDAI is fully staffed with 3 DOC employees in-house. Ms. Tennell introduced Nancy Wever as a new JDAI staff member. She reported that the new detention standards should become effective in 2015 and the state JDAI data will be released in early 2015. The early initial data collected shows a 37% reduction in DOC commitments, a 44% reduction in detentions, and a 19% reduction in felony filings.
- 14. Guardianship Registry.** Judge Susan Orr Henderson reported the guardianship registry was launched in four pilot counties in May. The pilot counties (Fountain, Hendricks, Lawrence and Warren) have entered 95 cases into the registry. Judge Henderson explained that the registry interfaces with Odyssey, so information from the registry updates Odyssey to avoid duplicate entry. The workgroup seeks an October 1st launch of the registry, with voluntary participation. A motion was made and seconded to make the guardianship registry available for use statewide on October 1st. The motion passed unanimously.
- 15. STAD Report.** Lilia Judson reported that bids are due from vendors for the e-filing project by September 15th. She expects to receive 10-15 bids, which a group will evaluate and make recommendations for the manager. There will be 3 pilots in 2015—1 each in Odyssey, CSI, and Court View. Ms. Judson also reported that grants are available for local web servers.

16. Indiana Judicial Center report. Jane Seigel introduced Nancy Wever and Tareq Nazamy as the Judicial Center's new employees. Nancy comes to the Judicial Center from DCS, is a Fort Wayne native and a graduate of Indiana University. Tareq comes to the Judicial Center from Marion County Court Services and graduated from the IU McKinney School of Law.

17. Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Judicial Conference Board of Directors is December 11, 2014 at Noon at the Indianapolis Hyatt Regency.

Respectfully submitted,

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**December 11, 2014
Minutes**

The Judicial Conference of Indiana Board of Directors met at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Indianapolis on December 11, 2014. Chief Justice Loretta Rush presided and Jennifer Bauer acted as secretary.

1. **Members present.** The following members of the Board were present: Robert Altice, Robert R. Aylsworth, Vicki L. Carmichael, David Certo, David C. Chapleau, David H. Coleman, Dean A. Colvin, W. Timothy Crowley, Wendy Davis, William E. Davis, Darrin M. Dolehanty, John T. Evans, Thomas J. Felts, Kurtis G. Fouts, Christopher M. Goff, Michael G. Gotsch, Maria D. Granger, Jeryl F. Leach, Rick Maughmer, Gary Miller, James B. Morris, Sheila M. Moss, John R. Pera, John A. Rader, Jose D. Salinas, Terry C. Shewmaker, Michael A. Shurn, William G. Sleva, Terry K. Snow, Mark D. Stoner, Wayne A. Sturtevant, Nancy Harris Vaidik, Marianne L. Vorhees, Mary G. Willis, Bob A. Witham, and Loretta H. Rush, chair.
2. **Staff present.** The following Judicial Center staff members were present: Jane Seigel, Jennifer Bauer, Mike McMahon, Vicki Davis, Mary Kay Hudson, Michelle Tennell, Jeff Bercovitz, and Jennifer Weber. Also present were Justice Steven David, Justice Mark Massa, Justice Brent Dickson, and Lilia Judson, David Remondini, and Kathryn Dolan of the Division of State Court Administration.
3. **Guests.** Judge John Surbeck attended the meeting on behalf of the Pre-trial Release project committee and Krista Radican attended the meeting on behalf of CADPAC.
4. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the meeting held on September, 2014 were approved as submitted.
5. **Indiana Judges Association report.** Judge John Pera reported that he did not have much to report. He stated that the IJA Board of Managers was scheduled to meet later in the day and that lobbyist Mike McDaniel is working on a legislative report for IJA. Judge Pera shared that he did not know what to expect from the upcoming legislative session because of the Republican dominance in both houses of the General Assembly. He thinks that bail reform may be an issue and is keeping his eyes and ears open. In addition, Judge Pera reported that IJA is renegotiating its contract with Lexis on criminal and civil instructions.
6. **Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges report.** Judge Mary Willis reported that the Council is monitoring several juvenile-related bills for the 2015 legislative session. The Council opposes adoption bills on abandonment of birth mothers

and post-conviction relief and has not taken a position on a bill proposed by the Public Defender Council regarding the videotaping of interrogations and confessions of juveniles. The other bill of interest to the Council is a clean-up bill regarding federal compliance language. Judge Willis also reported that Judge Pratt and Don Travis from DCS are working with the Casey Foundation's Judicial Engagement project for cross-over youth and are in the process of selecting pilot sites. In the area of technology, Judge Willis reported that the Council is working with Court Technology and DCS to develop a foster care mapping project to serve as a template for all available services for children in JC and JD/JS cases. The Council has also requested that State Court Administration and Court Technology gather data regarding the race, age, offense and disposition of minors in direct file and waiver cases to be better informed for any proposed legislation during the upcoming session. In addition, Judge Willis reported that 19 counties are now involved in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. Judicial officers from 12 of these counties recently attended a court and probation site visit in Watsonville, California to observe best practices in alternatives to secure detention.

- 7. Court Technology report.** Judge Michael Gotsch reported that the JTOC oversight committee will be chaired by Justice Steve David, and that this committee recently hired a consulting firm to evaluate whether the state should have a single CMS or multiple CMSs. The oversight committee has yet to schedule meetings for 2015. Judge Gotsch reported that since September, Odyssey has been deployed in the following courts: Fayette County, Johnson County and the Indiana Tax Court. The remaining appellate courts will transition to Odyssey in 2015 and several counties are working toward deployment. Judge Gotsch also reported that Henry, Franklin, Hancock, and Fayette Counties have implemented the Odyssey Remote Document Management functionality. The E-filing vendor should be selected by the end of the year and E-filing will be piloted in 2015 by an Odyssey county, a CSI county, a CourtView county and the appellate courts. In addition, Judge Gotsch reported that the juvenile probation reports are now available in INcite, work continues with DOC on the paperless abstract of judgment, and the following applications have been deployed statewide: the Guardianship Registry, the IV-D Warrant/Writ Registry, and the MAYSI mental health screening tool.
- 8. Committee on Courts and the Judiciary report.** Judge Tom Felts reported that the committee met three times during the fall, considering requests for new magistrates, an adoption issue and a privacy report from IU Maurer School of Law Professor Fred Cate. The final report of the committee is available online. Judge Felts stated that the committee approved all requests for new magistrates and did not take any other action.
- 9. CADPAC Statutory Change Recommendation.** Krista Radican appeared on behalf of CADPAC. Ms. Radican is the program director of the Hamilton County Court Alcohol and Drug program and is a member of CADPAC. Ms. Radican distributed a memo from CADPAC chair Judge Mary Ellen Diekhoff. She reported that CADPAC has proposed an amendment to the court alcohol and drug program fee statute (IC 12-23-14-16). The amendment would allow certified programs to collect their own user fees to allow greater flexibility for fee collections and would put the fee collection process in parity with problem-solving court fees and probation fees. Ms. Radican stated that CADPAC

requests approval of the proposed statutory amendment for consideration in the next legislative session. Judge Gotsch made a motion to approve the statutory amendment recommended by CADPAC. The motion was seconded by Judge Moss and passed 29-5.

- 10. Evidence-Based Decision Making Project.** Mary Kay Hudson reported that Indiana recently applied for technical assistance from the National Institute of Corrections. Indiana is one of four states that were eligible to apply for the technical assistance and NIC will select two states. Ms. Hudson further reported that the next step in the application process will be for NIC representatives to come to Indiana for an in-person meeting with the state planning team. If selected, Indiana will receive 15 months of technical assistance. The technical assistance would include consultant help to review state and local decision-making processes, recommendations for areas of improvement, and assistance with designing a data collection system.
- 11. Pre-trial Project Update.** Judge John Surbeck reported that the Supreme Court created the Indiana Committee to Study Evidence-Based Pre-trial Release at the end of 2013. The purpose of the committee has been to study evidence-based pre-trial release assessments and propose new or amended rules to facilitate a non-money bail release system proportional to the risk of no-shows and public safety. Judge Surbeck explained that the idea would be a significant cultural change and that the committee is working on guidelines. Judge Surbeck stated that the committee attempted to draft a rule but is not prepared to make a recommendation for adoption of a rule. The committee would like to see a pilot project to test the feasibility of using such a pre-trial release system in Indiana. Judge Surbeck also reported that several members of the committee plan to travel to Louisville, Kentucky before the end of the year to visit the Kentucky Pre-trial Release Agency.
- 12. Probation test change recommendation.** Judge Wendy Davis reported that the committee reviewed the probation officer exam and testing procedures recently. She stated that the probation officer exam has not been revised in the last 20 years and the field of probation has changed immensely in that time with the implementation of evidence-based practices. Judge Davis distributed a handout with the committee's recommendations. She explained that the committee would like to limit the exam to persons already hired as probation officers and that the committee would like probation officers to attend orientation before taking the exam. She stated that these proposed changes would drive the content of the exam, which would focus more on the skills necessary for a person to be an effective probation officer. The Board discussed the Probation Committee proposal at length and voiced hesitation at limiting the exam to already hired probation officers. Based on this discussion, Judge Davis made a motion to table the proposal so the Probation Committee can continue to discuss the probation officer testing process. Judge Felts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Judge Davis thanked the Board members for their input on the committee's recommendations and said she hoped to return in 2015 with revised recommendations.
- 13. 2017 and 2018 Annual Meeting location discussion.** Vicki Davis reported that the pattern of the Annual Meeting of the Judicial Conference will place the location of the

2017 conference in Indianapolis. Ms. Davis stated that she was contacted by the Fort Wayne Convention Center asking about the conference coming to Fort Wayne in 2017 rather than 2018 and asked the Board for direction on where to book the meeting and hotel space. Judge Pera made a motion to direct the Judicial Center to book the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Judicial Conference in Fort Wayne and the 2018 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. The motion was seconded by Judge Carmichael and passed 33-1.

14. STAD Report. Lilia Judson reported that senior judge service days will remain the same in 2015.

15. Indiana Judicial Center report. Jane Seigel reported that the Judicial Center is working on the re-certification process for the Indiana Risk Assessment System. The re-certification will include a booster session and a short exam. The Center plans to begin the re-certification process in 2015. Jennifer Bauer reported that the Judicial Center was awarded 2015 grant funding from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for probation incentives and sanctions and risk assessment quality assurance. The incentives and sanctions amount is \$118,850 and the risk assessment amount is \$54,100. Ms. Seigel also announced that staff attorney Jennifer Weber will be taking over the minute-taking duties for Board meetings in 2015. She thanked Jennifer Bauer for taking and preparing Board minutes for the last 15 years.

16. Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Judicial Conference Board of Directors is March 13, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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