



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Committee/Task Force:	Juvenile Justice and Cross-System Youth Task Force		
Date of Meeting:	March 5, 2021	Time:	9:00-11:00 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Ashley J. Barnett	Location:	Virtual- held via Zoom
1. Meeting Objective(s)			
Updates from sub-committees and Children's Commission.			
2. Standing Members			
Name	Organization	In Attendance (X indicates present)	
Steve Balko	Indiana Department of Education	X	
Jeff Bercovitz	Indiana Office of Court Services		
Sirrilla Blackmon	Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health & Addiction	X	
Coleen Connor	Tiptecanoe County CASA	X	
Ann Davis	Indiana Association of Resources and Child Advocacy (IARCA)	X	
Terrie Decker	Indiana Department of Correction	X	
Hon. Kimberly Dowling	Delaware Circuit Court #2		
Tracy Fitz	Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council	X	
Hon. Stephen Galvin	Co-Chair- Monroe County Circuit Court #7	X	
Kory George	Wayne County Probation		
James (Mike) Goodwin	Indiana Department of Child Services, Sullivan County	X	
JauNae Hanger	Children's Policy and Law Initiative		
Jill Johnson	Marion County Public Defender Agency	X	
Hon. Charles Pratt	Allen Superior Court, Family Relations Division		
Angela Reid-Brown	Indiana Office of Court Services	X	
Michael Ross	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	X	
Don Travis	Indiana Department of Child Services		
Nancy Wever	Co-Chair- Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI	X	
Julie Whitman	Commission on Improving the Status of Children	X	
3. Staff/Guests			
Name	Organization		
Ashley Barnett	Staff- Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI		
Bob Bragg	Hamilton County Probation		
Sara Ellis	Student, Boston College School of Social Work		
Matt Gooding	Indiana Department of Child Services		
Virginia Mahoney	Student, Boston College School of Social Work		
Joel Wieneke	Indiana Public Defender Council		
4. Updates/Old Business			
Topic	Main Points	(R)ecommendations/(D)ecisions	
Approval of minutes from previous meeting	No corrections noted.	Tracy Fitz moved to approve the minutes, Coleen Connor seconded. Minutes approved.	



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Review of CISC Strategic Goal 4 and Objectives	<p>Strategic Goal 4: Improve safety and outcomes of youth who come in contact with the juvenile justice system, as measured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of counties regularly holding Dual Status Assessment Team Meetings - Number of JDAI counties - Number of delinquency and status cases filed - Number of youths waived to adult court - Number of youths with justice system history re-entering the adult system - Ratio of disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system at various points 		



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<p>Action Items from Last Meeting</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dual Status sub-committee- invitation to Judge Mollo 2. CSEC sub-committee Training video 3. ESC sub-committee presentation to CISC 4. Prevention/Diversion sub-committee- survey and presentation to CISC 5. Juvenile Violence sub-committee- share juvenile violence definition and ICJI data request 6. Youth/Family Engagement sub-committee- meeting invitations, invite a rep from DMHA to join 7. Reintegration sub-committee- connect Terrie Decker to sub-committee, survey 8. Adolescent Brain Development sub-committee- connect to co-chairs 9. Meeting for sub-committee Chairs 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This action item is complete. 2. The video is complete but not yet available broadly. It can be accessed by Judicial Officers on the Indiana Courts Education Network. 3. The sub-committee completed the recommendation forms at the last meeting. Nancy, Judge Galvin and the sub-committee chairs will connect on next steps in preparation for the April CISC meeting. 4. The survey is ready to be released, the sub-committee is working to coordinate with the Re-Entry sub-committee to coordinate distribution of surveys so as not to bombard people. Sub-committee will likely present at the June CISC meeting. 5. Steve Balko shared the juvenile violence definition and the Task Force reviewed. The sub-committee is working with ICJI to pull data as indicated by the definition; they hope to have the data available by the end of the month for analysis. Nancy suggested presenting the definition and data request at the April CISC meeting. Julie will add this to the draft agenda but it may be pushed to June depending on other agenda items that need to be covered. Nancy and Judge Galvin will connect with sub-committee chairs. 6. This action item is complete. 7. This action item is complete. 8. No update as sub-committee co-chairs were not present. 9. Judge Galvin and Nancy will send an email to sub-committee chairs with a poll to settle on a meeting date.
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<p>Objective 1:</p> <p>Strengthen collaboration between juvenile probation, mental health, the Department of Child Services, prosecutors, and public defenders at the county level, across the state, especially with regard to dual status children</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Jurist in Residence/ Senior Judge Heather Mollo</p> <p>Judge Mollo was unable to join today's meeting but provided a written update. The sub-committee held a strategic planning meeting on Feb. 19 where they discussed the proposed legislative amendment to IC 31-41-2-1. The next meeting will be April 9.</p>	
<p>Objective 2:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for identification, referral, and appropriate services for victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Judge Dowling and Judge Harvey</p> <p>Neither co-chair was present and no update was provided.</p> <p>Julie shared a legislative update related to child sex trafficking- there is a bill moving through that would increase the penalty for sex trafficking when the victim is a minor and prevent the trafficker from using a defense of not knowing the victim's age or saying the victim told them they were 18. The bill has gone through the House and is currently in the Senate.</p>	<p>Judge Galvin will connect with Judge Harvey to request that the sub-committee provide written updates for Task Force meetings when neither co-chair will be present. Nancy will follow up with the IOCS Education Division to see when the CSEC training video will be available more broadly.</p>
<p>Objective 3:</p> <p>Increase alternatives to detention for youth, such as shelter care, assessment centers, intake centers, and alternative therapeutic settings (ESC)</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Mike Gray and Matt Gooding</p> <p>Matt Gooding provided the update, shared an overview of the sub-committee's work. The following recommendations were made and are ready to be presented to the CISC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raise awareness of ESC facilities and details about them 2. Train foster care agencies about the needs of older youth and/or youth in the delinquency system 3. Recruit foster families to support and serve older youth and/or youth in the delinquency system 4. Assist ESC facilities with caring for higher acuity youth 5. Increase utilization of temporary shelter care <p>The sub-committee considered the recommendations from the standpoint of the effort it will take to implement them, as well as the impact it would have on youth, service providers, DCS and POs.</p>	<p>The next Commission meeting is April 21. In order to present the recommendations, Julie said the form (already completed) will need to be submitted one week in advance. Julie will add this to the draft agenda; the Executive Committee is scheduled to meet April 7 to finalize. Any PowerPoint slides to be used should be submitted to Julie a few days before the meeting.</p> <p>Nancy and Judge Galvin will schedule a meeting with the co-chairs to prepare for the CISC presentation.</p> <p>Matt will send the recommendation form to Nancy and Judge Galvin.</p>



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<p>Objective 4:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for preventing and diverting youth from entering the juvenile justice system (Prevention and Diversion)</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Tracy Fitz and Megan Horton</p> <p>The sub-committee finalized the survey at their last meeting, as well as confirmed the distribution list of Prosecutors, Probation Officers and Judicial Officers. They also plan to send the survey to DCS Regional Staff to get a sense of available prevention dollars being used for diversion. Because other sub-committees will be releasing surveys, they will coordinate release so as not to overwhelm those that will be completing them. The next meeting is March 26, hopefully the surveys will be out by then. Once survey information is available, they will schedule another meeting and possibly have recommendations to share at the June CISC meeting.</p> <p>Judge Galvin asked whether the sub-committee had begun to consider the potential impact of FFPSA on the availability of funds for diversion programs. Ashley shared the link to a recent training DCS held about FFPSA in the chat.</p>	<p>Once the Re-Entry sub-committee makes the recommended changes to the survey, Nancy and Julie will coordinate to get both surveys released.</p> <p>Judge Galvin suggested having Angela Reid-Brown do a brief presentation and discussion about FFPSA at a subsequent Task Force meeting.</p>
<p>Objective 5:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for preventing serious and violent delinquent behavior</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Steve Balko and Bob Bragg</p> <p>Once the data is available from the request submitted to ICJI, they will begin digging into it. Specifically they would like to know how often incidents of violence are happening and where. The sub-committee continues to review various violence prevention programs, both within and outside the State. One area that has emerged is the intersection between older youth (ages 16-17) and young adults (ages 18-19); these youth are so close in age that it could make sense to have strategies/programming available to tackle both groups. The data review will also include a closer look at offenses that occurred on school property. Judge Galvin asked whether the data focuses on reported incidents of violence (i.e. charges filed on a police report) or actual adjudications, because these are often different. Nancy said the data request was for charges filed or found true of specific offenses for youth under 18.</p>	
<p>Objective 6:</p> <p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising programs to engage justice-involved youth and parents in effective treatment, services, and community</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Coleen Connor and Rebecca Humphrey</p> <p>Amber Becker and Michael Ross joining the sub-committee. At the last meeting, Coleen provided an update of the meeting she and Rebecca Humphrey had with David Reid and Dr. Rodriguez about the MST program. They also discussed the sub-committee's objectives and how each member can bring their expertise to meet outlined goals. The group came to consensus about the importance of engaging families at the onset and how that will lead to more engaged families throughout the time of their</p>	



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<p>connections (Youth and Family Engagement)</p>	<p>involvement with either system. The Child and Family Team Meeting (CFTM) and FAST panel models were highlighted as strategies to partner with families and how they can influence how they engage in services in both the child welfare and delinquency systems. Michael Ross discussed the Local Coordinating Councils and how they could be sources of funding. Finally they discussed what the final report to the CISC would look like and whether they should focus on where the gaps are, sharing the good things happening across the State, or a combination of both. They will have further discussion at the next meeting in April and likely be prepared to present to the CISC in August or October.</p>	
<p>Objective 7:</p>	<p>Judge Galvin expressed interest in learning more about utilizing the CFTM model in delinquency cases; Nancy shared that this model is used in Santa Cruz, CA, a model JDAI site and offered to assist if Monroe County was interested in piloting this strategy.</p>	
<p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices to support youth transitioning back to their families and communities from corrections, secure detention, and residential programs (Re-Entry)</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Joel Wieneke and Terrie Decker</p> <p>Joel Wieneke discussed that once the survey results are compiled, the sub-committee hopes to have a better understanding of re-entry services, regardless of the youth's length of stay, taking place at IDOC and other residential facilities across the State. Then they will be able to develop recommendations to present to the CISC. Ann Davis noted that with implementation of the FFPSA, each Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) will be required to do six months of aftercare (this does not include kids being released from secure detention), noted that Matt Gooding would be a good resource to follow up with. Amber Becker asked whether youth transitioning out of mental health facilities were under the realm of this sub-committee and whether the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS) should be at the table, Joel said he did not believe anyone should be out of the realm when considering best practices for transitioning youth back home.</p>	<p>Joel is working with his contact at IU to make the identified changes to the survey. Once complete, he will coordinate with Nancy and Julie to get it released.</p> <p>Joel will connect with Amber to get additional information about BDDS.</p> <p>Nancy will share results of the survey done with JDAI sites regarding whether they reinstate jurisdiction when youth complete their programs at IDOC and see if any member(s) of the JDAI Executive Committee might want work with this sub-committee.</p>
<p>Objective 8:</p>	<p>Co-Chair(s): Judge Pratt and JauNae Hanger</p>	
<p>Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices and policies that integrate the science of child and adolescent development into the justice system's response to children and youth</p>	<p>Neither chair was present, no update provided.</p>	



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Executive Director Update- Julie Whitman	<p>The next CISC meeting is April 21; the February meeting was cancelled as there was not much on the agenda. Julie has started working with the Executive Committee on implementing the recommendations approved by the Commission. It is important for the Commission to know whether the tools developed are being used; if so, are they being used as intended; and if not, what are the barriers. Chief Justice Rush suggested adding a question to the recommendation form asking who is responsible for implementation. Another suggestion was that when a recommendation is approved, there should be a report-out report the following year to provide an update on implementation.</p> <p>With regard to the legislative session, Julie tracks all bills that will impact youth and maintains a spreadsheet that is published on the homepage of the Commission website. It is updated and posted each Friday.</p>		



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5. New Business/Presentations					
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6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)					
Action			Responsibility	Due Date	
Objective 1:					
Objective 2: Connect with Judge Harvey to see if written updates can be provided for Task Force meetings; follow up with IOCS Education Division to see when the CSEC training video will be available more broadly.			Judge Galvin, Nancy Wever	Next meeting	
Objective 3: Prepare for ESC sub-committee presentation to CISC with the chairs			Judge Galvin, Nancy Wever	Prior to next CISC meeting	
Objective 4:					
Objective 5: Share juvenile violence definition and ICJI data request at CISC meeting in April; Connect with sub-committee chairs			Julie; Judge Galvin and Nancy Wever	Prior to next CISC meeting	
Objective 6:					
Objective 7: Finalize survey for release; connect with Amber Becker re: BDDS resources; share results from JDAI sites re: reinstatement of jurisdiction			Joel Wieneke, Nancy Wever, Julie Whitman; Joel Wieneke; Nancy Wever	Prior to next meeting	
Objective 8:					
Connect with Angela Reid-Brown about providing an FFPSA update to the Task Force			Judge Galvin	Prior to next meeting	
Review the FFPSA training that was provided by DCS: https://www.in.gov/dcs/familyfirstact.htm			All Task Force Members	Prior to next meeting	
Send Sub-committee Roster for Task Force members/chairs to review and update			Ashley Barnett	March 19	
Update tracking document with sub-committee goals and timelines			Sub-committee chairs	Ongoing	
Submit sub-committee minutes to Ashley Barnett			Sub-committee chairs	Ongoing	
7. Adjournment					
Action					Time
Judge Galvin adjourned the meeting.					10:45 am
8. Next Meeting					
Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	May 7, 2021	Time:	9:00-11:00am	Location:	Virtual
Topics/Objective(s):					