

**Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 1, 2015**

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met for its inaugural meeting at the Indiana Judicial Center in the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Center at 30 South Meridian Street in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 1, 2015. The Advisory Council met 11:00 a.m.-2:40 p.m.

- 1. Members present.** The following members of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council were present: Larry Landis, Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council; David Powell, Executive Director of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Kevin Moore, Director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Bruce Lemmon, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction; Devon McDonald, Interim Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Dave Heath, designee of the President of the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; Linda Brady, President of the Probation Officer's Professional Association of Indiana; and Jane Seigel, Executive Director of the Indiana Judicial Center and Council Chair.
- 2. Guests present.** The following guests also attended the meeting: Chief Justice Loretta Rush; Randy Koester and Julie Lanham from the Indiana Department of Correction; Bill Watson from the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; Hilary Alderete from the Indiana State Budget Agency; John Hill and Allison Karns from the Office of Governor Mike Pence; Sara Cozad and Stephanie Spoolstra from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Ryan Hull and Christine Kerl from the Probation Officers Professional Association; Chris Naylor from the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Dave Reynolds from the Senate Finance Committee; and Steve McCaffrey from Mental Health America Indiana.
- 3. Staff assistance.** Mary Kay Hudson, Jennifer Bauer and Michelle Goodman provided staff assistance to the Advisory Council.
- 4. Welcome & Introductions.** Chief Justice Loretta Rush welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council and thanked the members for meeting on the first day that the Advisory Council officially exists by statute. She remarked that the meeting was an historic occasion and that the work of the group will have an important impact on the criminal justice system. Jane Seigel led the members and guests in introductions.
- 5. Summary of Organizational Meeting.** Jane Seigel provided a summary of the organizational meeting held on June 17, 2015. She highlighted the importance of member attendance and encouraged members to bring designees to the meetings. Ms. Seigel reported that the members at the organizational meeting reviewed the Advisory Council's statutory duties under HEA 1006, discussed member expectations, established two work groups (overview of funding and recidivism), and discussed the grant process envisioned by the Department of Correction and the voucher process envisioned by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction.
- 6. Review DOC Grant Amendment Application Instructions.** The Department of Correction distributed copies of the grant application instructions. The Advisory Council members discussed making the following revisions to the document: change the purpose of the grant to include all moderate and high risk felony offenders and include Autism Spectrum Disorder; add supervision and the statutory citation to program targets; clarify that previous awards are part of consideration in making awards, add that

the grant awards may become part of the county's base award from DOC; add that the total for grant awards is \$5 million and awards may be reduced based upon the number of applications; change the project award period start date to November 1; add a reference to the DMHA funding for certified treatment services; add application procedures for counties that do not have a community corrections advisory board; add "funded through county funds" in the explanation of supplanting in funding guidelines; change the target population, change bullet #3 and #4 to include probation and community corrections in #6 of funding guidelines. Jane Seigel asked that DOC make the changes as soon as possible so that the Advisory Council members can review the document one more time before it is released next week. The Department of Correction agreed to send copies of the grant amendment application documents to the Indiana Judicial Center and the Prosecuting Attorneys Council so they can send to judges, chief probation officers and prosecutors.

7. **Review DOC Grant Amendment Application.** The Department of Correction distributed copies of the grant application. The Advisory Council members discussed making conforming changes from the application instructions. Julie Lanham explained that grant applicants will use the budget section to make the funding request.
8. **Discuss County Collaboration Plan Template.** Jane Seigel reported that the collaboration plan template was developed by DOC and the Judicial Center. She explained the collaboration plan will be required as part of the grant amendment application process. The members discussed that counties can apply for year two of the funding cycle if they cannot complete the plan by the grant amendment due date.
9. **Update from DMHA on forensic treatment services fund.** Kevin Moore reported that DMHA is still developing the process for distributing the forensic treatment funds and looking at rates it will pay providers. He stated that DMHA plans to create an operations manual and offer trainings to treatment providers. Mr. Moore also reported that DMHA has identified three additional positions that it will need to implement the voucher system.

Stephanie Spoolstra distributed handouts to the Advisory Council members. She stated that vouchers will be limited to providers trained to deliver services to forensic populations and DMHA plans to provide regional trainings in motivational interviewing for a forensic population. Ms. Spoolstra explained the handout that shows the process once a treatment referral is made by a criminal justice entity and highlighted that felons referred to treatment will have individual treatment plans. Ms. Spoolstra also stated that the forensic treatment services funds will follow the individual and there will be an individual treatment cap of \$2500 per person. She also stated that most people will qualify for insurance, Medicaid or HIP 2.0 before they reach the cap.

Sara Cozad reported that DMHA is seeking input from the Advisory Council on five questions. She stated that question #1 is on the preferred referral process—DMHA is considering whether referral agencies will refer clients to a designated assessor (following the Access to Recovery Model) or refer directly to a treatment provider for assessment. She said DMHA is leaning toward the referral directly to the provider for assessment and wants the opinion of the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council members stated that they are in agreement with DMHA's preference. Ms. Cozad stated that question #2 is about treatment providers requesting IRAS results from the referral source. The Advisory Council agreed that this would be a good idea. Ms. Cozad stated that question #3 is about barriers to sharing court documents with treatment providers. The Advisory Council discussed that sharing court documents would be helpful and there may be barriers to sharing some documents. The Advisory Council members agreed to discuss this issue further at the next meeting. Ms. Cozad stated question

#4 is about whether there is data to determine treatment providers that community supervision agencies refer to most frequently. The Advisory Council members discussed that Drug Courts and Alcohol and Drug programs do not collect this data and suggested looking at the mapping done by the Children's Commission. Ms. Cozad stated that question #5 is about ensuring there is an equitable allocation of funds among the providers/referral sources. The Advisory Council members recommended that DMHA place caps on the total amount of funding available by quarter and then analyze the quarterly distribution by provider to determine if the funding should be allocated differently. John Hill stated that he has a map that shows overdose deaths in each county and offered to share it with the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council members also discussed using CHINS maps related to heroin use and the possibility of designating high priority areas.

**10. Overview of Funding Opportunities.** Jane Seigel requested that the Advisory Council members review the overview of funding opportunities document and provide feedback by July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Future meeting dates.** Jane Seigel announced that the Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on the following dates: July 15 at 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Judicial Center; August 5; August 19; and September 15. The time and location of the August and September meetings is to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

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