

**Minutes of the August 13, 2010 Juvenile Detention Alternatives (JDAI)  
Statewide Expansion Team Meeting**

**In attendance:**

Justice Sullivan	Indiana Supreme Court
Hon. Mary Harper	Porter County Circuit Court
Rep. Cherrish Pryor	Indiana House of Representatives
Jane Seigel	Indiana Judicial Center
Kellie Whitcomb	Indiana Dept. of Correction
Alison Cox	Porter County Probation
Mary Murdock	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
Ashley Barnett	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
Tashi Johnson	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
Don Travis	Howard County Probation (POPAI Representative)
Jason Bowser	Bartholomew County Detention (IJDA Representative)
Laurie Elliott	Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana
Michelle Frazier	Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana
Michelle Tennell	Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana

**Next meeting October 1, 2010  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Indiana State Bar Association**

**I. Welcome**

Judge Harper, on behalf of Dr. Moore, who was unable to attend, welcomed the group. Introductions were made.

**II. Update of JDAI State-Wide Expansion—State Level**

Discussions continue between the Indiana Supreme Court, the Indiana Department of Correction, and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute about the final makeup of the Project Leadership.

Statewide Expansion Team members agree that once the lead agencies have been named, the Statewide JDAI Expansion Team should become a Steering Committee and should be expanded to include members from other child-serving governmental and community organizations. Further, a Statewide Kick-off meeting should be planned to bring awareness to the community about the Juvenile Justice System Improvement efforts the state is undertaking.

Names and entities for inclusion on the Statewide Steering Committee were discussed and members of the current Statewide Expansion Team volunteered to reach out to these individuals.

<b>Organization/Name</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
DCS Representative: Jason McManus	Jane Seigel
Prosecuting Atty's Council: Steve Johnson	Mary Murdock
Public Defender's Council: Larry Landis	Mary Murdock
Chiefs of Police:	Neil Moore (by M. Murdock)
Sheriff's Association	Neil Moore (by M. Murdock)
Dept. of Mental Health	Laurie Elliott
Dept. of Education	Laurie Elliott
Senator Sue Lansky	Rep. Pryor
Senator Bray	Rep. Pryor
Rep. Cook	Rep. Pryor

The Team agreed to begin establishing work groups to focus on specific issues as identified. The first work group formed is the Kick-off Planning Committee.

**Volunteers for the Kickoff Planning Committee:**

Don Travis; Ashley Barnett; Tashi Johnson; Cherrish Pryor; Kellie Whitcomb; Judge Mary Harper; Michelle Tennell. Judge Harper suggested inviting JauNae Hanger to be a part of the Kick-off Planning Committee. All agreed.

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute is working with the Annie E. Casey Foundation regarding what next steps must occur before Indiana is officially recognized as a State-wide Expansion Site. Indiana has received preliminary funding and communication indicating we are near completion of this process. The Annie E. Casey Foundation National Inter-site Conference will be held in Kansas City, MO in October, 2010, and Indiana has been given 6 slots for attendance, in addition to the slots the Marion County JDAI Team received. The Statewide Team attending the conference will include: Michelle Tennell, JDAI Statewide Coordinator; Kellie Whitcomb, IDOC Representative; Jason Bowser, IJDA Representative; one representative from each of the three expansion sites—Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe Counties.

Discussions regarding adding counties to the JDAI Statewide Expansion Effort continued. The counties currently under consideration include: Howard, Elkhart, Clark, and Johnson. Additional funding must be secured and this would follow the decision regarding the naming of the lead agencies at the State level.

Potential sources of future funding were discussed. Some thoughts included funding administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, including JAG, Justice Reinvestment Act funds, Title V Delinquency Prevention funds, and Title II and JABG Juvenile Justice funds. The Indiana Department of Correction is considering how Community Correction dollars might be used and plans to seek additional funds during the upcoming legislative session.

Judge Harper requested that Team Members provide additional thoughts, ideas, or comments about the JDAI Expansion Effort.

Mary Murdock indicated a lead agency decision is imminent which will allow the JDAI efforts to move forward and gain momentum.

Kellie Whitcomb suggested the Team be provided with “Talking Points” which may then be used to convey the JDAI message when talking with other stakeholder groups.

Tashi Johnson requested we keep in mind that system reform work is DMC work.

Michelle Tennell suggested focusing on messaging and developing a concise statement providing information about what JDAI means to public safety and community enhancement.

Judge Harper expressed how important it is to bring the local counties together for a peer-to-peer meeting. The group agreed and an informal luncheon meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible. Tippecanoe County will be the site for the luncheon.

### **III. JDAI Statewide Expansion Activities in Local Communities**

Tashi Johnson gave an overview of how the Burns Institute will become involved and provide a “Readiness Assessment” regarding DMC once Indiana has received its official designation by Annie E. Casey and made a final determination regarding the state structure and number of expansion sites.

Michelle Tennell and Tashi Johnson visited each of the local expansion sites during August.

Lake County has begun the process of establishing its local Community Stakeholder Group and plans to meet within the next 2 months. Lake County is preparing to hire a Local JDAI Coordinator and is considering having this person also act as their DMC Coordinator. This idea was strongly encouraged.

Porter County has established a local JDAI Community Stakeholder group that meets on a monthly basis. The group continues to expand as they identify community members who need to be at the table. The county has developed sub-committees or workgroups which focus on development of a Risk Assessment Instrument, Graduated Sanctions, Data and Alternatives to Detention. Porter County has hired a full-time JDAI Local Coordinator.

Tippecanoe County has established a local JDAI Community Stakeholder group and meets on a regular basis. The group also continues to expand as additional members who need to be involved are identified. The county requested a sample job description for the JDAI Coordinator position. Michelle Tennell distributed a copy to all expansion sites. Tippecanoe County is considering having the Coordinator also act as the DMC Coordinator. Again, this approach was strongly encouraged.

Monthly Expansion Site Conference Calls are being arranged and will begin in October, 2010.

A Statewide Community Expansion Site Luncheon is being planned for the end of September to be held in Tippecanoe County.

Michelle Tennell, Tashi Johnson, and Ashley Barnett are planning regular visits to each expansion site to assist with the JDAI expansion and DMC efforts locally.

#### **IV. Next Steps**

- a. State Structure:
  1. Final Determination of Lead Agencies
  2. Develop Steering Committee
  3. Begin Planning for Statewide Kickoff
- b. Expansion Sites:
  1. Determine funding availability
  2. Determine number of additional sites
  3. Identify which sites to invite to apply for consideration
- c. Implementation Time-line Update
  1. Revise Timetable after State Structure and Expansion Sites have been determined
- d. Inter-site Conference
  1. Confirm attendees
  2. Report back following attendance
- e. Annie E. Casey Foundation Collaboration
  1. Continue to work with the Foundation to finalize and confirm Indiana's designation as a JDAI Statewide Expansion Site

Respectfully submitted by:  
Michelle Tennell, JDAI Statewide Coordinator