

# **IJDA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

**I. Call to Order** at 10:35 a.m.

**II. Introductions**

**III. Approval of July Minutes** – Motion by Laurie Elliott and second by Joni Williams to approve minutes with a change in the report on the Juvenile Mental Health Pilot Project, paragraph 2, line 2 should say April Vanlondon Degner rather than April Dubree.

**IV. Treasurer's Report** – Currently \$2,551.22 in the IJDA checking account. The IJDA CD is at \$12,260.38 and comes due to be rolled over next month. Two outstanding amounts are still due the IJDA from the Summit – Porter County and Newcastle Schools. Michelle Frazier will call Newcastle Schools to determine whether or not there is an issue of which we should be aware.

Jim Higdon is working with Laurie Elliott re: possible repayment to ICJI of revenue from previous Summit events (approximately \$7,000). ICJI claims these funds must be turned over to that organization. IJDA understood from a previous ICJI staff member that funds from previous Summit events were to be restricted and used only to support future Summit events.

**V. Committee Reports**

Membership – Traci Agner reported 105 memberships with some additional dues having been paid. Traci will get with Jim Higdon to finalize these numbers.

Regional Trainings – April Dubree passed out brochures for the next Aspin training event (re: mental health). Registrations are due 9/1. \$100 scholarships are available to support expenses. The training is free. The best people to send are new hires. The next Aspin training will be at the fall retreat in Rising Sun. Traci Agner reported that 25 rooms have been reserved for retreat attendees – 5 are smoking rooms. The buffet will be \$9.95. When making reservations refer to IJDA. October 14 is the date. There will be two 90 minute Aspin training sessions – one before and one after lunch. Rooms are \$79 and are for the night of 10/14. There are no scholarships for this event.

Summit – The first Summit meeting will be after the IJDA meeting next month. April is waiting to hear from individuals invited to serve on committee. She has some commitments already. The committee is looking into using the Holiday Inn Select in Lafayette next year. The room rate would be around \$80 – about \$25-30 higher than in the past. Food costs would be about the same.

Standards Review – Brett has had no reply from the IDOC regarding the standards review. The Kinsey Center was audited last week, and the auditors did not seem to know anything about the need to promulgate Indiana Standards. Kinsey Center staff was told that all the verbage in that facility's policies and procedures was incorrect and needed to reflect ACA standards language. Brent will not make changes until the issue of Indiana Standards is resolved. Jim Higdon will attempt to contact Ron Allen regarding this issue. Dearborn County is next facility to be audited.

**VI. DOC Report** – No representative present

**VII. Juvenile Mental Health Pilot Project** – April V. reported on the solicitation for additional centers to join the pilot project. The YLT is looking to expand by 5-6 centers. Letters of intent are due on 9/8/08. Those submitting letters of intent will receive an RFP. Vigo, Henry and Dearborn were sent separate letters as they are not eligible to join the pilot project due to their participation in another project. The Project's state advisory board will receive RFPs on 11/7/08 for consideration and to make selections. Implementation for new sites will begin 2/1/09.

There was discussion of the pros and cons of being a part of the pilot project. Pros – adds to the professionalism of staff, provides a standardized mechanism for identifying mental health needs, provides facilities with data, free training. Cons – data collection is challenging and time consuming.

**VIII. Detention Discussion** – None

**IX. IJJTF Report** – No representative present

**X. ICJI Report** – No representative present

**XI. Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana Report** – Laurie Elliott reviewed the status of the Title II training grant budget/funds. There are unexpended training funds. Laurie is recommending the IJDA send two reps to the Symposium. After discussion it was moved by Jason Bowser and seconded by Pam Clark that the IJDA President (Brent Kelley) and Vice President (Michelle Frazier) attend.

There was discussion of the IJDA web page. Please preview this page and make suggestions to staff at the YLT. Detention issues can be posted on the web page. However, actual "chats" among IJDA members is not available.

The YLT will give verbal reports each month on the Title II training grant and provide written reports quarterly.

**XII. DOE Report – No representative present**

**XIII. Old Business**

Organizational Status – Brent Kelley and Laurie Elliott have been corresponding via email about this. The ISBA business law section that will be focusing on pro bono work to support non-profits is not yet up and running. The IJDA is on their list when they are operational. Laurie wants to know if we want to wait or move forward with some other pro bono group. The consensus of the group was that the IJDA has waited this long and will continue to wait for the ISBA to organize its group.

2008 IJDA Goal Statements – A motion was made by Michelle Frazier and seconded by Todd Stubbs to accept the goal statements articulated by the membership. These will appear each month on the IJDA meeting agenda.

Training for Trainers (T4T) vs. 40-Hour Detention Careworker Training – After much discussion it was decided that the IJDA will move forward with the T4T scheduled for August 25-29. The hotel room rate will be \$89/night. Scholarships of \$350 are available for each participant. The training will be at the Hamilton County JDC. Carol Cramer Brooks will send materials for the training to the YLT for duplication.

**XIV. New Business**

April Dubree talked about an upcoming Survive Outside training.

The POPI conference will be held 9/3-5 in downtown Indianapolis at the Sheraton City Center. We have an exhibitor booth available at no charge for 9/3 & 4. Hamilton County will staff the booth on 9/3. The YLT will do this on 9/4.

Brent will forward an email from the keynote speaker for the POPI conference.

Bob Radar award letters have been sent out.

There will be a JDAI conference in Indianapolis from 9/22-24. Indianapolis was selected as the conference site through a lottery process. There are slots available for local participation. Gael Deppert is recommending that Brent Kelley attend representing the IJDA. Additional slots are being filled by Marion County reps as they are a JDAI

site. Slots may be offered to other Indiana representatives. If you are interested in attending you may contact Gael Deppert.

Richard Curry has resigned as Superintendent of the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center effective 9/5/08.

**XV. Next Meeting Location** – Hamilton JDC

**XVI. Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Jim Higdon, seconded by multiple individuals at 11:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Pam Clark**

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