**IJDA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**- March 14, 2017

Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center- Howard County

Traci Agner Dearborn County James Williams Delaware County

R.F. Jacobsen Dearborn County David Dickerson Delaware County

Leshea Cates-Cullison Madison County Chance Sweat IDOC/DYS

April Dubree IOCS-JDAI Kellie Whitcomb IDOC/DYS

Jody Jillson-DePolis Porter County Leah Sand Howard County

Alison Cox Porter County Tracey Derrick Howard County

Becky Lutz Porter County Dennis Orr LaPorte County

Laurie Elliott YLT Angela Houston Hamilton County

Geraldine Giglio Lake County

**I. Call to Order**- Alison Cox called the meeting to order at 10:30a.m.

**II. Introductions**- Introductions were conducted at this time.

**III. Approval of January’s minutes**- Leshea Cates-Cullison made a motion to approve the January minutes. Becky Lutz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Treasurer’s Report-** Alison Cox reported that IJDA has been working to back into good graces with the IRS. That has happened and IJDA now has a new checking account. The current checking account balance is $23, 505.69. We have paid the accountant that has been working on these issues for us. The 2016 taxes have been done and the incorporation has been done, so we are moving forward.

**V. Committee Reports-**

**1. Membership**- Robert Jacobsen reported that the membership is still at 86.

**2. Trainings-** Nothing to report.

**3. Summit**- Traci Agner reported that the 2017 IJDA Summit will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton in West Lafayette on May 9-10. Registration brochures were sent out Friday, March 10 and are due back April 7. Also, Detention Worker Award Nominations have gone out and are due back by March 24. We are prepared to extend that deadline if we do not receive any nominations by the 24th.

Kellie Whitcomb reported that Jason from the Center for Children’s Law and Policy will be doing a PREA presentation at the Summit through a grant received by IDOC to improve staff PREA training. Also, through this grant four detention centers will be assisted in becoming PREA compliant and audited. At the end of this project, there will be a PREA toolkit that can be used by all detention centers.

Kellie also reported that IDOC would like to do a PREA poster contest in detention centers. Each detention center could have a local contest and the winner could be submitted for a contest to be held during the Summit. Summit participants will vote on the winner, which will be announced during the PREA Session of the Summit. The prize will be art and programming supplies.

**VI. D.O.C. Report**- Kellie Whitcomb reported that IDOC is working on updating their staff PREA trainings and education materials for kids through the Center for Children’s Law and Policy. Grant funds will also allow IDOC to hire a 2-year substance abuse counselor.

**VII. Detention Discussion**-Angela Houston reported that Hamilton County now has a new Director, Kija Ireland. They have moved back into their old facility and gone from 76 beds to 24 beds. They are still getting used to their new building and new ways of doing things. It will be a fresh start for all.

**VIII. ICJI Report**- Robin Wonnell sent an email and Traci Agner reported: Brittany Simmons has taken another job, so ICJI is in the process of hiring a new compliance coordinator.

**IX. Youth Law T.E.A.M. Report**- No report.

**X. JDAI Report**- April Dubree reported JDAI has hired Brittany Simmons and Tyler Mason (formerly IDOC staff) as Juvenile Justice Strategists. Nancy Wever was sworn in as Acting Director, while Michelle Tennell is still recovering.

Nancy Wever has been contacted by Autism Allies. They have expressed an interest in training detention center staff. This may be something that can be done regionally. Also, we may want to include law enforcement. The training would probably be very helpful to SROs.

**XI. Old Business**- Traci Agner asked the group if we needed to update any of the 2017 IJDA Goal Statements. There was some discussion about this topic. It was decided that the IJDA Executive Board will discuss them at the Summit.

There was also discussion about how we can make our IJDA meetings more beneficial considering the travel/work time constraints that all of us have. We discussed having a discussion topic/speaker at each meeting to add more substance to our meetings. Therefore, the discussion topic for the July 11 meeting will be the Standards. We will have gone through a few sections by then and will discuss problems that centers have encountered in trying to fulfill the Standards.

We may also have the Autism Allies group speak to IJDA at the July 11 meeting. However, they are an Indianapolis based group and the Membership meeting is in LaPorte County, so this may affect their attendance.

Fall Training- There was discussion about the 2016 Fall Training. There was really good attendance and the topics were well received. The group was glad that the training was on a Supervisor level, as we have many trainings for line staff, but not as many for supervisors. The IJDA Executive Board will discuss the Fall Training at the Summit. If we decide to have one, we will try to have a Save the Date flyer in the Summit Participant bag.

**XII. New Business**- Leshea Cates-Cullison reported that she is currently looking for a new Assistant Director. She will send Traci information to send out to the membership.

**XIII. Next Meeting**- The next IJDA Membership meeting will be held during lunch at the IJDA Summit on Wednesday, May 10.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15a.m.

Executive Board Meeting and Summit Committee Meeting followed.