

IJDA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Hamilton County, Indiana

February 17, 2010

- I. **Call to Order** – 10:13 a.m.
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Approval of January, 2010 Minutes** – Motion made by Kellie Whitcomb and second by Kevin Mann to approve the January minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – No one present to report.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - Membership – Traci Agner was not able to attend due to weather conditions.
 - Regional Trainings – Regional training sessions are scheduled for May 3-7 at the Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center and August 30- September 4 in at the Allen County Juvenile Court Treatment & Detention Center. Scholarship support for attendees will be determined after ICJI grant awards are made and there is a better idea how much funding support will be available.
 - Summit - Save the date cards have gone out. Registration forms will go out the end of February.
 - April asked that Summit Committee members stay after the IJDA briefly to discuss plans and any last minute issues.
 - Standards Review - Jason Bowser reported that the work of the NPJS Standards Review Committee is on schedule and the review should be complete by 3/1/10. He is guessing that ACA should be going to performance-based standards by year end.
 - Disaster and Emergency Plans – Brent reported that Howard County has signed off on the proposed Disaster and Emergency Plans. Kevin Mann said the Allen County judge is questioning who has liability when kids are being served by another center. The judge would like clarification on this issue. However, Allen County has signed off on plan. No other centers are reporting signing off on the plan (MOU). Brent said this document will soon be formalized with a possible press release. Laurie Elliott w/ YLT arrived and was asked about the liability issue. Laurie said this issue should probably be addressed in the contract. Discussion included different points of view on who is responsible. There seemed to be agreement that the intent would be for the sending jurisdiction to be responsible for medical needs. YLT staff will add language to the MOU that covers this issue. Disaster and emergency planning will also be a topic at The Summit
- VI. **DOC Report** – Kellie Whitcomb reported that the South Bend IDOC facility just completed its ACA review and has been re-accredited. The South Bend facility serves 100-112 boys ages 15 and over. The SAG review committee is meeting this afternoon to review JABG grant submissions. The IDOC has submitted three JABG proposals. Updating is being completed on the policy on reporting child abuse and neglect. The abuse hotline process is changing. Currently reporting and investigations are done locally. Changes being made will have abuse and neglect reporting centralized.
- VII. **Juvenile Mental Health Pilot Project** – Amy Karozos provided a handout on the project grant. Brent asked if Director Payne has made any statements about the status or future of CHINS VI as DCS no longer files CHINS VI cases. As a result, criminal/delinquency charges often become the only avenue for providing mental health and other needed services. According to Indiana state statute, prosecutor's may no longer file CHINS VI. There was lengthy discussion about kids being criminalized in order to access services for them. There may be a need to ask the ISBA to assist in addressing these concerns legislatively.

VIII. Detention Discussion – April DeBree received a call from a Porter County Juvenile Detention educator about the status of the IJDA-E. The Summit training conference will have educator sessions to try to meet the needs of educators. IJDA-E has not met for almost a year. When scheduled, few educators have attended. Brent offered leadership from the IJDA to bring this group together if it is believed this would help. However, April said the IJDA-E has leadership. Kevin Mann talked about the fact that many educators are school corporation employees and don't have the ability to attend these meetings. Brent said his teaching staff is also school corporation employees. April said this situation depends on the relationships each facility has with the local schools. Kellie suggested webinar meetings and training sessions as a possibility. April will work with Kellie on putting something together for this.

John Thompson said Vigo County is serving its first resident claiming to be a Muslim. He said things have been put in place to support the resident's dietary requirements. John said staff has conducted an investigation to ensure this youth is really Muslim. Gibault reported the youth made no such claim while served at that facility. The DCS caseworker supported Gibault's response. John wanted to know how other facilities have or would handle this situation. The consensus among members was that it was better to respect the resident's declaration of his religious beliefs than to risk a possible law suit.

IX. PREA Discussion – Paul Downing called to ensure IJDA was aware of the existence of PREA. Laurie Elliott reported that she has talked with Elissa Rumsey who said the PREA Standards are currently being reviewed line-by-line. Elissa said it is unlikely there will be any substantive changes made to the PREA standards at this point. Elissa has agreed to present a workshop on PREA at the Summit.

X. IJTF Report – No one present to report.

XI. ICJI Report – No one present to report.

XII. Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana Report – April Dubree announced that she is expecting again and due in August. She reported that JJDPA violation notices have been sent out. The YLT submitted a JABG grant on behalf of the IJDA for training that would include funds to support an individual to coordinate for IJDA training.

XIII. DOE Report – No one present to report.

XIV. Old Business – Laurie Elliott reported the YLT is still trying to figure out where the IJDA is in terms of its tax liability. She is working with an accountant that assisted POPAI with its tax liability issues. Past IJDA tax filings will need to be submitted, and there will likely be some tax liability with minimal penalties from 2002 to now.

XV. New Business – John Thompson reported that the Vigo County Juvenile Detention Center has new director. His name is Jim Jenkins. He is a former mayor of Terre Haute and a former two-term Sheriff. John reported the transition has gone smoothly. The previous Director, Lynn Austin resigned earlier this month. The Vigo County facility now operates under the Vigo County Sheriff's Department. It formerly operated under the county commissioners.

April asked about a slate of officers for election in April. A slate has not yet been finalized.

Brent reported receiving a letter from Eric Hoch who is trying to organize a statewide criminal justice meeting to take place later this month. Invitees include representatives from IACAAC, IJDA, ICA, POPAI, IDOC, NJDA APPA, ACA, etc. The purpose of the meeting appears to be to explore how these groups might collaborate more effectively moving forward.

Kevin reported that Allen County received a grant to provide an ASSIST (suicide prevention) training. Allen County will open this up participation in this training to representatives from other facilities. There are a total of only 20 spots available to non-Allen County participants. This is a two day training.

XVI. Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 10:30 am at Johnson County Detention Center

XVII. Adjournment – 11:10 a.m.

2010 IJDA Goal Statements

- The IJDA will determine its tax liability to-date and develop a plan to resolve any outstanding tax liability.
- The IJDA will establish its legal and tax status moving forward.
- The IJDA will develop a plan for meeting its tax liability annually.
- The IJDA and its members will reach out to representatives of the probation community in Indiana to help them understand what the IJDA does and what issues and concerns these groups have in common.
- The IJDA will add to its representation of centers from across the state.
- Keep abreast of PREA promulgations and develop training resources for the state to keep in compliance.
- Finalize a Disaster and Emergency Plan MOU/Agreement among Indiana Detention Centers.