

IJDA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Attendance:

Pam Clark	Consultant	Brent Kelley	Howard County
Anita Biehle	Bartholomew County	Tracey Malone	Howard County
LeShea Cates	Madison County	Angela Houston	Hamilton County
Brandy Egan	Hamilton County	Michelle Tennell	Youth Law Team
Laurie Elliott	Youth Law Team	John Thompson	Vigo County
Pam Reedy	Vigo County	Jason Bowser	Bartholomew County
Michelle Frazier	Henry County	Joni Williams	Henry County

I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 10:35 a.m. by IJDA President, Brent Kelley

II. Introductions

III. Approval of December Minutes

Changes in attendance sheet to be made. Minutes passed with these changes. Moved by Laurie Elliott, seconded by Michelle Frazier.

IV. Treasurer's Report

After payout to IJJTF there will be \$3,519.22 in the IJDA checking account and a CD valued at \$5,028.72

V. Committee Reports

Membership – Received five new memberships, increasing the current IJDA membership to 132.

Regional Trainings – Laurie Elliott reported on the NJDA 40-Hour Detention Careworker training that was held in December and paid for with Title II training grant funds. There were 21 detention staff members from across the state in attendance at this event. The existing Title II training grant still has approximately \$3,000-4,000 remaining to support the 2009 Summit. Checks for those who facilitated sessions at the 40-Hour Detention Careworker training should go out sometime this week.

Summit – There is a Summit Committee meeting being held today after the IJDA meeting

Standards Review – Brent reports there is nothing new to report. He stated he has heard nothing from Kellie Whitcomb

VI. DOC Report

No representative present. List of audit dates was distributed previously.

VII. Juvenile Mental Health Pilot Project

Laurie Elliott reported that representatives from the four new pilot sites, La Porte, Howard, Grant, and Delaware Counties, have completed training and are preparing to begin implementation of the MAYSI-2 screening on 2/1/09. There may be one or two sites not quite ready to begin by that date. The computers for use in this project are ready for distribution to the sites.

VIII. Detention Discussion

LeShea Cates asked if other facilities implement a lock down in response to some of the most serious offenses that a resident may commit while in the facility. The overall response from facility administrators was that typically there is an initial 24-hour lockdown while an administrative review is conducted. Lifting of the lockdown depends on the behavior of the resident(s). The transition from lockdown to regular programming may be progressive moving from lockdown to restriction. Vigo County staff reports this situation may last anywhere from a few days to a month or more at that facility. Bartholomew County staff sometimes uses a gradual re-entry program. Facility representatives report providing recreation one-on-one. Hamilton County staff reports they at times allow residents out of their rooms without direct staff contact – staff is in the control room. This situation may last up to five days. Vigo County staff reported they may go to showering only every three days if needed depending on the circumstances.

Jason Bowser asked about whether or not facilities allow residents to wear their hair in braids. Facility administrators reported that fake braids and beads are taken out. However, if it's the resident's own hair they may leave the braids in. Hamilton County reports making residents remove all braids.

Brent Kelley asked about the census at other facilities. Most counties reported having a low census. Vigo and Madison Counties reported a high census and being over capacity. Henry, Bartholomew and Madison Counties reported that shelter care has also had a low census. Discussion was that counties are trying to save money, using house arrest more, etc.

Laurie Elliott reported there may be a challenge to the constitutionality of HB 1001 coming from the ICLU or IU School of Law. There has also been discussion re the Governor appointing one person, a child advocate, to oversee child services and report directly to the Governor. Given the economic landscape it seems unlikely this may happen.

Leshea Cates reported that Chris Bell is no longer working with detention in Madison County. He will be taking a shift leader role in the organization's shelter care facilities. Deb Thomason has assumed Chris Bell's role. According to LeShea, the detention program at Madison County will be changing to a more positive strengths-based model

IX. IJJTF Report

No representative present.

X. ICJI Report

No representative present.

XI. Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana Report

The YLT finally received the OJJDP report re compliance monitoring in Indiana for '07. Most of the recommendations contained in this report have already been implemented. The OJJDP representative was impressed with the knowledge everyone in Indiana has in regard to JJDPA. However, most facilities are not using the VCO checklist. Laurie asked what is keeping people from using this checklist. Jason Bowser believes P.O.s are just not providing the Bartholomew County facility with the necessary paperwork. Brent Kelley agreed that this is an issue. Laurie asked about the need for regional training sessions specific to this issue and whether or not probation would attend. A training session like this could also be offered as part of the probation track at the fall NPJS Symposium. Detention directors felt this would help get them there. Laurie reported there are some issues with adult facilities and that these are being addressed. There was a concern with the ICJI/YLT's monitoring authority. However, this was addressed with HB 1122. The state has 60 days to respond to recommendations. Laurie sees no major issues with getting this done.

OJJDP will be in town doing SAG training. The issue with licensing exceptions for locked shelter care facilities will be addressed during this training.

Laurie asked if everyone has completed December data entry re compliance monitoring. Brent reported that Gottleib & Wertz (Quest) is sending out notices re: JJDPA violations so that facilities may check for data entry errors.

Brent Kelley asked if YLT is getting resistance from the aforementioned shelter care facilities in regard to doing compliance monitoring. Michelle reported that since YLT began working IAARCA this has been less of a problem.

Laurie reports that IJDA has been assigned an attorney from the ISBA's Pro Bono program. She will be working with this attorney to look at the IJDA legal standing and tax liability issues. Laurie reports there has been a rule that any organization taking in less than \$25,000 annually did not have to file taxes. This would be good for the IJDA.

XII. DOE Report

Laurie Elliott reported that the new Superintendent has let Kevin McDowell at DOE go. YLT staff felt that Kevin was a supporter of our goals. However, IJDA has received preliminary approval of another \$1,000 grant for the summit.

XIII. Old Business

LeShea Cates asked about the status of PREA. Pam Clark reported there has been no new information about approved PREA Standards. Michelle Tennell and Laurie Elliott indicated OJJDP told them that the YLT would be responsible for PREA audits in Indiana.

XIV. New Business

Symposium Planning will become a regular agenda item until after the Symposium is held in October. There was discussion around the need for facilitators for workshops, applications for IYI professional development grants to support scholarships for the Symposium. Someone asked if trainers at the Symposium get their registration free? Pam Clark will get an answer to this question. Henry and Bartholomew County's will apply for IYI scholarships by 2/10. Each month two different facilities will need to apply for these scholarships. IJDA needs to identify volunteers to work the main registration table, and the IJDA exhibitor booth at the Symposium.

XV. Next Meeting – Hamilton County, Tuesday, February 10.

XVI. Adjournment

2009 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 will work with the Johnson County Auditor's office to close out the Title II grant cycle that ended March 31, 2008.
- **The Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana and the IJDA will collaborate on the creation and maintenance of a web page for the IJDA that will include the IJDA logo, membership information, meeting schedules, Summit dates, meeting minutes and agendas, and other information as deemed appropriate by the IJDA membership.**

- 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.
- The IJDA will examine the differences between a regular membership and an executive membership, including the difference in the membership fee, to determine whether to continue to support two different classes of membership.