

IJDA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Attendance:

Brent Kelley	Kinsey Center	Jim Higdon	Johnson County
Tracey Malone	Kinsey Center	Pam Clark	Consultant
Angela Houston	Hamilton Center	LeShea Cates	Madison County
Brandy Egan	Hamilton County	Tracy Kiefling	Vigo County
Karen Mullin	Hamilton County	John Thompson	Vigo County
Jason Bowser	Bartholomew County	Richard Curry	Marion County
Anita Biehle	Bartholomew County	Gael Deppert	Marion County
Todd Stubbs	Allen County	Craig Bousman	MRDC
Kevin Mann	Allen County	April Dupree	Youth Law Team
Traci Agner	Dearborn County	Laurie Elliott	Youth Law Team
Rodney Fischer	Dearborn County		

I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by President Brent Kelley.

II. Introductions

III. Approval of March Minutes:

Motion by Jim Higdon; seconded by Laurie Elliott. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Checking account has a balance of \$8,983.55

CD is at \$12,260.38

Estimated income from Summit event is \$3,000

Estimated payables due from Summit event are \$7,000

Summit checks against payables will go out June 11, 2008

V. Committee Reports

Membership – No report or no minutes taken

Regional Trainings – No report or no minutes taken

Summit – No report or no minutes taken

Standards Review Committee – No report or no minutes taken

VI. DOC Report

No DOC representatives present. Discussion of detention audits in Marion and Hamilton counties with new auditors being trained by Ron Allen. New auditors are Laurie Burkett, Dwayne Alsip and Lee Hoard. Audits were very thorough with four people. Next year there will only be two auditors. Many issues were challenging such as trying to explain that maintenance staff typically does not work for the facility. Many explanations had to be provided since the auditors are

new to this effort. During the two latest audits the auditors used ACA Standards rather than Indiana promulgated detention standards. There was discussion around why we have just spent so much time working on Indiana Standards to be promulgated in 2009 if these may not be the standards that will be used. It is unclear whether future audits will be based on Indiana Standards or ACA Standards and in regard to how DOC wishes to see our audit files set up. There will be a discussion next week between IJDA leadership and Ron Allen to get clarification on this question.

VII. Juvenile Mental Health Pilot Project

Report made by Laurie Elliott. Friday, June 13, 2008 there will be a meeting in Porter County for pilot sites to look at the Porter County mental health diversion projects. Jason Bowser reported that Bartholomew County is doing well with only one youth not being screened since the program began. He also reported that the facility has hired a new counselor to replace their old one who retired on May 30, 2008. Jim Higdon reported Johnson County is doing well and that the screening process is allowing them to release some youth who don't need to be in detention.

Laurie reported that in September there will be an RFP for new pilot sites.

VIII. Detention Discussion

John Thompson asked about whether or not any facility has mentoring that begins while youth is still in detention. Jason Bowser reported on Bartholomew County's Transition Program that includes a mentoring relationship that begins while the youth is still in detention.

Gael Deppert asked about whether or not given recent flooding people have put together an evacuation plan? Jim Higdon stated Johnson County came close to needing to evacuate—water was within a foot and a half of the doors. Water came down walls in their building. Kids helped staff clean up and stay on top of situation. Johnson County did have evacuation sites identified but these sites could also have been flooded. They will revisit their evacuation plan. Jason Bowser talked about the same situation in Bartholomew County—the evacuation site would have also flooded. There was discussion around the need for multiple evacuation sites depending on the emergency.

IX. IJJTF Report

No representative present.

X. ICJI Report

No representative present. Jim Higdon asked about a new contact at ICJI since Tanya Johnson is no longer there. Laurie Elliott suggested Mary Murdock who is COO and oversees the youth division.

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

Laurie reported on the ASPIN mental health training. ASPIN reported that feedback from detention staff indicated they were looking for training focused more on management level staff. Current training is for line staff. If there is an opportunity to do the training again it will be more focused on management staff. YLT has compiled evaluations from the first ASPIN training and adjustments will be made based on this information.

Title II six month grant extension funding includes financial support for T4T for 40-Hour Detention Careworker training. There was discussion around when, where and who to send to the training. Training dollars are getting tighter and more facilities are looking to train staff to train internally. Criteria will be set for who to send to T4T. August 25-29 is the recommended training schedule. This was approved.

YLT is finishing up the compliance report for the year. Detention centers are looking good. Indiana will be out of compliance on jail removal. The passage of HB 1122 will help with this in the future. Residential treatment facilities are now being monitored and issues will exist with CHINS youth being held in secure residential facilities. Some of these situations violate state law indicating there may be a need for legislative changes in Indiana. Delayed egress is a possible method for remedying this issue. Delayed egress that does not exceed 30 seconds and opens up into a non-secure area will bring facilities into compliance. Licensing may be another issue but is not a part of compliance monitoring.

JABG grants end 9/30 (funds ASPIN and 40-Hour Detention Careworker training). A fiscal report on this grant was provided.

XII. DOE

Cathy Danyluck sent an email report regarding students receiving education services in an Indiana detention center. Six hours of education is required daily. However, facility security takes precedent over education. While six hours is recommended, security comes first. This does not mean we should be scheduling less than a six hour school day.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

Jim Higdon inquired about total registrations for the Summit? How much should still be coming in for registration fees? Some facilities paid for full memberships and split a registration. Jim is looking to reconcile billing with what has been received. Last month's minutes said 56 registered and paid, 79 registered but did not pay. Jim has collected 83 memberships and 63 registrations. He needs more information to know who still needs to pay. Traci Agner will provide Jim with needed information.

It was reported that Laurie Burkett, the new DOC auditor, does want to be at meetings but is scheduled to be out of town for next few weeks.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Setting goals for IJDA

- Determine what our status is as an organization (501 (c) 3)
- Determine our tax liability and how we resolve any tax liability we may have.
 - Bar Association could help. Jim has names of attorneys who could help.
 - What do we have to do to clean this up and what will need to be done annually. (This needs to be resolved ASAP.)
- We need to close out the Title II grant that ended March 31, 2008. Jim Higdon is working with IJJTF on this.
- YLTEAM has its website up. IJDA has a page that is currently blank. We need to put up logo, membership info, meeting schedule, Summit dates, meeting minutes, etc.
- Reach out to probation to help them understand what we do and what our issues are.
- Add to our representation of centers across the state. Explain difference in regular membership versus executive membership.

XV. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pam Clark

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IJDA Secretary