

IJDA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Porter County

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Alison Cox	Porter County
Becky Lutz	Porter County
Jody Jillson-DePolis	Porter County
Robert Belew	Dearborn County
Traci Agner	Dearborn County
April Dubree	YLT
Michelle Tennell	YLT
Laurie Elliott	YLT
Jason Bowser	Bartholomew County
Anita Biehle	Bartholomew County
Robin Emmons	Madison County
LeShea Cates	Madison County
Sean Coleman	St. Joseph County
Nathan Henderson	St. Joseph County
Dennis Orr	LaPorte County
Jim Higdon	Johnson County
Brent Kelley	Kinsey Youth Center
Dan Arendas	Lake County
Kellie Whitcomb	DOC

I. Call to Order- Jason Bowser called the meeting to order at 10:35am.

II. Introductions- Introductions were made at this time.

III. Approval of April and May minutes- Becky Lutz noted a change that needed to be made on April's minutes under V. Committee Reports, #2. Regional Trainings- Instead of "inactive", it should read "active." Change noted.

Alison Cox made a motion to pass the April and May minutes. LeShea Cates seconded.

IV. Treasurer's Report- Jim Higdon reported that the current checking account balance is \$7,645.14. The current CD balance is \$9,911.82. Jim has \$2,745.00 in Summit checks to deposit.

V. Committee Reports-

1. Membership- Traci Agner reported that we are still at 85 members.

2. Trainings- April Dubree reported that the reimbursement checks for the last 40-Hour Careworker Training have gone out. Please let April know if your facility did not receive theirs.

There are 3 trainings scheduled from the Training Library to be held at Cedarbridge. There is a 2-day Motivational Interviewing and 2 different 3-hour trainings with Dr. Newbauer. These will be the last trainings for the Training Library on this grant cycle. No date has been set for another 40-Hour Careworker Training. April suggested that we table the issue and readdress it at a later date.

The next grant cycle for the Training Library will be July 1-March 31. If you have any training requests, please contact April Dubree.

Kellie Whitcomb has put in a request to the D.O.C. Correctional Training Institute on behalf of IJDA. D.O.C. is interested in supporting IJDA and working together with us on the issue of training. Kellie suggested that the IJDA Executive Board make a recommendation for a plan of action.

3. Summit- April Dubree reported that the Summit received great evaluations. The most common evaluations were that the sessions needed to be longer and comments about the training room temperatures. Discussion ensued about the venue and next year's event. The Summit Committee will start meeting again in October or November to start planning the 2013 Summit.

4. Symposium- LeShea Cates asked about sending a team from IJDA to the IT track. Jason Bowser reported that he has talked to Carol Cramer Brooks and she thought that IJDA sending a team for IT would be a great benefit to the association. Discussion ensued about the IT team as well as the PREA track. Would it also be beneficial to send someone specifically for PREA? The dates for the National Symposium are Oct. 14-18.

5. Standards Review- Kellie Whitcomb reported that D.O.C. is still reviewing the JDAI Conditions of Confinements. She will send them out via email, highlighting the standards that are being considered for mandatory. Please look through them and respond to Kellie before the next IJDA meeting, if possible. D.O.C. is hoping to get the new standards drafted by the end of the year. Then there will be a review committee in place that will include juvenile judges. Discussion ensued.

6. Critical Issues- Jason Bowser stated that there will not be a Committee meeting today. There will be one next month after the IJDA meeting. He also reported that the Critical Issues session that he conducted that the Summit was great. There was a lot of good discussion about different topics in the field of juvenile justice.

VI. D.O.C. Report- Kellie Whitcomb reported that the South Bend DOC juvenile facility is closing as of July 1. The population has gone down and the remaining juveniles are being released early or reassigned to other facilities with re-entry plans in place. Hopefully, the staff will be able to find jobs in other state facilities.

VII. Juvenile Mental Health Project- Laurie Elliott reported about Dr. Tom Grisso's presentation at the Summit. He presented information about the 3 states that participated in the MacArthur Grant project. There were 3 facilities in each of the 3 states in the project, focusing mostly on staff's pre- and post- knowledge of mental health in juvenile facilities. Dr. Grisso felt that Indiana's statewide Mental Health Project played a big part in Indiana's findings. He congratulated the state for its mental health efforts. Laurie stated that there was nothing new to report on county participation for the project. Amy had a meeting at Jackson County about joining the project. She plans to have a follow-up meeting with them.

VIII. Detention Discussion- Traci Agner asked a question about religious diets and what kinds of accommodations should be made for them. Discussion ensued. It was determined that it is better to err on the side of caution than risk having a lawsuit against your facility for violating a child's rights.

Becky Lutz reported that Porter County is interested in revamping their juveniles' schedule. She asked for other facilities to send her their schedules so she can get some ideas. Jason Bowser reported that there is a rumor going around that DCS is going to shut down 50% of their approved placements.

Jason Bowser also reported that as of July 1, shelter care facilities will only be able to hold a juvenile for 20 days. At day 10, there must be a plan in place of what is going to be done with the juvenile. This topic was brought up at the JDAI State Steering Committee meeting. Discussion ensued.

IX. ICJI Report- No representative present.

X. Youth Law T.E.A.M. Report- Laurie Elliott reported that the completed Compliance Monitoring report is being sent to ICJI this week. There was a slight rise in DSO's in detention centers from last year. YLT will be getting together with a couple of centers to discuss this issue. There were less than 3-5 violations of the Jail Removal Act in the state. There were 0 Separation violations.

Laurie passed out copies of the research paper that Pam Clark has put together. There is a lot of good information in it. Pam's report states that on average there is approximately \$136 per person across the state for training. Laurie and the group discussed IJDA coming up with a plan for how best to spend available funds for training. Michelle Tennell suggested that a committee of all levels of staff be formed to digest the paper and propose a plan. Laurie suggested a plan be in place by year's end. Representatives from Porter, St. Joseph, and Bartholomew counties have volunteered to be part of this committee. Laurie will chair the committee. The first meeting will be after the August IJDA meeting. Please send names and email addresses of those that will be participating to Laurie, preferably by the end of June.

XI. JDAI Report- Michelle Tennell reported that every one of the 8 participating sites has or is going through the Conditions of Confinement self-assessment process. A state team meets with stakeholders in the community after the detention facility does their assessment. Johnson and Marion counties have both completed this process.

XII. Old Business- Jason Bowser discussed with the group the idea of IJDA purchasing conference call equipment. This might make it easier for other facilities to participate who can't make it in person. April Dubree will research the equipment.

XIII. New Business- Traci Agner reported that she had received a contract from Rising Star Casino for the 2012 Fall Training and Retreat. Discussion ensued about keeping that venue. Traci gave April Dubree/YLT the contract.

Jason Bowser initiated discussion about forming a PREA committee. He asked for volunteers to be on this committee. Volunteers for the committee are: Nathan Henderson, Robert Belew, Kellie Whitcomb, Alison Cox, Becky Lutz and Jason Bowser. This group will meet after the IJDA meetings. The Summit committee will not be meeting for the next few months.

XIV. Next meeting- Tuesday, July 10 at 10:30am EST in Vigo County.

XV. Adjournment- Laurie Elliott made a motion to adjourn. Becky Lutz seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.