

IJDA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Bartholomew County Youth Services Center

Attendance:

Jason Bowser	Bartholomew Co. Youth Services Center
Anita Biehle	Bartholomew Co. Youth Services Center
Sean Coleman	St. Joseph Co. Juvenile Justice Center
Laurie Elliott	Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana
Michelle Frazier	Henry Co. Youth Center
Ross Allen	Henry Co. Youth Center
Kevin Mann	Allen Co. Juvenile Center
Michelle Tennell	Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana
Robert "Jake" Jacobsen	Dearborn County Juvenile Center
Traci Agner	Dearborn County Juvenile Center
Cindy Hunter	Vigo Co. Juvenile Justice Center
John Thompson	Vigo Co. Juvenile Justice Center

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

I. Call to Order- President Michelle Frazier called the meeting to order at 10:50am.

II. Introductions- Introductions were not needed.

III. Approval of June's minutes- Laurie Elliott made a motion to approve June's minutes. Kevin Mann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer not present.

V. Committee Reports-

Membership- Traci Agner reported that the current membership total is 138. There was nothing else to report at this time.

Regional Trainings- Michelle Tennell handed out additional registrations forms for the 40-hour careworker training that will be held Aug. 30-Sept. 4 in Johnson County. There are still spots available for the class. The registration deadline is August 6. If there are people who would like to be trainers at this training, please contact April Dubree from the Youth Law T.E.A.M. Trainers must have gone through the Training for Trainers course and also be training this material in their facilities or in other capacities. Co-training is permitted. Both trainers would split the money.

Summit- Michelle Tennell stated that all bills from the Summit have been paid.

Standards Review- Jason Bowser stated the Standards revision is complete. There will be another committee meeting at the end of July.

VI. DOC Report- No representative present.

VII. Juvenile Mental Health Pilot Project- The Youth Law T.E.A.M. is still attempting to bring facilities into the project. There are currently 13 facilities involved in the Mental Health Project.

Dr. Matt Aalsma has received a grant that will allow him to interview youth and parents about barriers to mental health services. Hopefully, this information will be coupled with the Mental Health Project data to obtain more mental health services for youth across the state.

VIII. Detention Discussion- Michelle Tennell asked the group if there were any facilities present that had a rule that stated kids in their facilities are not allowed to talk to one another. There is currently a facility in Indiana that does not allow their kids to talk to each other. Group consensus was that this was not appropriate or conducive to adolescent development. Michelle asked the group if IJDA should compose a letter stating our disapproval with this practice. Jason Bowser stated that NJDA has position papers that could be used as examples in forming the letter.

Ross Allen asked the group what types of restraints are being used in facilities. Henry County has recently come under new management and is trying to find a restraint system to be used for kids in secure detention. Michelle Tennell stated that a portion of the JABG grant that IJDA receives is earmarked for trainers to be sent to different facilities to train.

IX. IJJTF Report- No representative present.

X. ICJI Report- No representative present.

XI. Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana report- Laurie Elliott stated that IJDA tax returns have been sent to the IRS. The IRS has determined that IJDA does not bring in revenue of more than \$25,000, thus making future tax filings easier. As of right now, IJDA does not officially have a non-profit status. The attorney that has been working with Laurie to complete the tax forms agreed to help us with the filing for non-profit status for a fee of \$250. John Thompson made a motion for IJDA to pay the \$250 to accomplish this. Brent Kelley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

JDAI- Michelle Tennell reported that ICJI in collaboration with the State Supreme Court will be the lead agencies in the JDAI initiative. The Dept. of Correction may also be coming on board with this project using Community Corrections money. August 13 is the next JDAI meeting following the Mental Health Pilot Project Advisory Board meeting held at the State Bar Association.

Laurie Elliott reported that the JABG grant has been submitted.

There was a meeting conducted with ICJI and the Youth Law T.E.A.M. for clarification of who the grant administrator could be. ICJI determined that there was no conflict of interest and that it would be appropriate for the Youth Law T.E.A.M. to be the grant administrator.

Laurie Elliott reported that the Title II grant application is out and due in August. She was informed by ICJI that JABG funds would be more appropriate for IJDA training rather than Title II. Laurie asked the group for thoughts on the matter. Group consensus was that we should use JABG money for training and not apply for Title II. There is approximately \$59,000 in the JABG.

Laurie also announced that effective Monday, July 19, 2010 the Youth Law T.E.A.M. will have a new employee, Michelle Frazier. Michelle has submitted her resignation to Henry County. Her last day will be this Friday.

XII. DOE Report- No representative present.

XIII. Old Business- Brent Kelley reintroduced his idea of giving out awards for Line Staff of the Year and Detention Service worker of the Year. Brent presented a rough draft of the criteria for the award. Discussion about this criteria ensued. Michelle Tennell made a motion for the award criteria to be the following: 2 awards given for outstanding Line Staff, 1 award given to outstanding Detention Services worker (could be administrator, medical, etc.). Administrators can nominate their own staff or other persons in the field of juvenile justice from the state. Nominees must have at least 2 (and no more than 3) letters of recommendation. Awards will be presented at the IJDA Annual Summit. The awards will consist of a plaque, a certificate, free registration for IJDA events for 1 year and 1 night lodging for both the Annual Summit and the Fall Training and Retreat.

A committee consisting of: Brent Kelley, Michelle Tennell, Sean Coleman, Kevin Mann and Ross Allen will meet once the nominations have been accepted to choose the winners. Laurie Elliott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fall Retreat- This year's Fall Training and Retreat will be held at Grand Victoria Resort & Casino, in Rising Sun, IN on September 14. Hotel room prices will be \$79 per night. A block of 12 rooms will be available the night before the training. Two or three rooms will be available the night of the training. Please email Traci Agner and let her know which night you will be coming. We want to make sure we have enough rooms each night. Each facility will be responsible for making its own reservations.

We are still in need of training topics for the Fall Training. There were several topics suggested including gangs, drug training, or other topics that were popular at the Summit. Dearborn County will contact the local Special Crimes Unit to see if they have any topics they could train.

XIV. New Business- Kevin Mann asked about the standard dealing with comparable wages for detention centers. Brent Kelley stated that he had a document that could be used to fulfill this standard.

Kevin Mann also stated that the next IJDA meeting is being held at the Allen County Juvenile Center. Kevin will be providing a tour of that facility. He also told the group that if anyone needed information about accommodations, etc. to let him know. He could provide information on those items.

XV. Next meeting- Tuesday, August 10, Allen County at 10:30a.m.

XVI. Adjournment- Brent Kelley made a motion to adjourn. Jason Bowser seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

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.
- The IJDA will keep abreast of PREA promulgations and develop training resources for the state to keep in compliance.
- The IJDA will finalize a Disaster and Emergency Plan MOU/ Agreement among Indiana Detention Centers.