

## **IJDA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Hamilton County Juvenile Services Center

### **Attendance:**

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| Jason Bowser           | Bartholomew Co. Youth Services Center                  |
| Anita Biehle           | Bartholomew Co. Youth Services Center                  |
| Kellie Whitcomb        | Indiana Dept. of Correction-Division of Youth Services |
| Sean Coleman           | St. Joseph Co. Juvenile Justice Center                 |
| Laurie Elliott         | Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana                          |
| Michelle Frazier       | Henry Co. Youth Center                                 |
| Todd Stubbs            | Allen Co. Juvenile Center                              |
| Brandy Egan            | Hamilton Co. Juvenile Services Center                  |
| Jim Higdon             | Johnson Co. Juvenile Detention Center                  |
| Michelle Tennell       | Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana                          |
| Robert "Jake" Jacobsen | Dearborn County Juvenile Center                        |
| Traci Agner            | Dearborn County Juvenile Center                        |

### **Tuesday, June 8, 2010**

**I. Call to Order-** President Michelle Frazier called the meeting to order at 10:35am.

**II. Introductions-** Introductions were not needed.

**III. Approval of April's minutes-** Kellie Whitcomb made a motion to approve May's minutes. Todd Stubbs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Treasurer's Report-** Jim Higdon reported that the current balance of the checking account was \$12,938.34. The current balance of the certificate of deposit is \$9,850.14.

### **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 passed out information on the 40-hour careworker training that will be held Aug. 30-Sept. 4 in Johnson County. There are 30 spots available for the class. The registration deadline is August 6. There will be scholarships available through ICJI grant money for mileage, per diem and hotel reimbursements. However, these funds are limited. Jason Bowser made a motion to use IJDA money (up to \$4,000) to pay for mileage, per diem and hotel reimbursements that will not be covered by ICJI grant money and IJDA Summit income. Jim Higdon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Hotel reservations will be made by the Youth Law T.E.A.M. Only counties traveling more than 50 miles will be eligible for hotel reimbursement. Please let the Youth Law T.E.A.M. know as soon as possible if you will be in need of hotel accommodations.

Trainers are needed for the 40-hour careworker training. If interested, please contact April Dubree with the Youth Law T.E.A.M. Co-training is allowed. Both trainers would split the money.

**Fall Retreat and Training-** Jake Jacobsen has contacted Belterra Casino Resort & Spa as a possible venue for the Fall Retreat and Training. They are asking \$200 for the training room. They are also asking \$109 per night for guest rooms. Jake will contact Grand Victoria Casino and Resort to compare prices. Jake asked the counties to decide if they need hotel rooms for the night prior to the training or the night after the training. He will have more information at the next IJDA meeting.

Discussion ensued about training topics for the Fall Retreat. There will be two 1 ½ hour sessions. Some topics that were brought up were ASSIST suicide training and cyber crimes. Kellie Whitcomb stated that the Dept. of Correction has a training called “Implementing Balanced and Restorative Justice.” Kellie will contact Derrick Frank to see if he would be willing to train on this topic for one of the sessions.

Todd Stubbs asked if centers were getting an influx of Burmese inmates. Allen County has had several Burmese kids recently. Todd thought that this might be a good topic for training.

**Summit-** Michelle Tennell passed out the Summit overall evaluations. There were a few complaints about the venue, but most evaluations were good. Michelle told us that it is time to be thinking about locations for next year’s Summit. Do we want to change venues or stay at the same hotel? Discussion also ensued about training topics for the Summit classes.

Total Summit expenses were approximately \$9,000. Hotel expenses were \$6,737.39. ICJI has provided \$3,000 through grant money. The Mental Health Pilot Project has provided \$895 for hotel rooms. IJDA’s amount will be \$5,350.55.

**Standards Review-** Jason Bowser stated that there was not much to report on the topic. The revision to the standards is mostly performance-based, which will hopefully alleviate much of the repetitiveness found in the D.O.C. standards.

Kellie Whitcomb passed out copies of the Standards IAC codes. She informed the group that the Dept. of Correction does their inspections based on ACA standards and plan to adopt any supplements made to ACA standards. Discussion followed on the differences between ACA standards and the Indiana Standards for Juvenile Detention. Kellie will keep the group informed of changes with standards and audits.

**Symposium Planning-** No representative present.

**VI. DOC Report-** Kellie Whitcomb reported that the North East D.O.C. facility is closed. The population had been way down. There are currently 736 juveniles in D.O.C. facilities across the state. Camp Summit plans to increase their bed population by 20 or 30 by summer.

D.O.C. has recently started to ask that Medicaid benefits be suspended for youth while in the D.O.C.

D.O.C. has also started a pilot project in Vanderburghe, Allen, Elkhart and St. Joseph counties for electronic monitoring for kids on parole. This would be for low to medium risk, non-violent, non-sex offense youth.

**VII. Juvenile Mental Health Pilot Project-** Michelle Tennell reported that the State Advisory Board for the Mental Health Project met last Friday. They discussed results of 2008 & 2009 data collection. There were 6,195 youth screened during that time period. 80% of this group was 15-17 year olds. Over the last two years, the data collected has been relatively similar. Overall, Indiana is in line with national norms. The Mental Health Pilot sites are going to meet to discuss tests additional to the MAYSI that would assist facilities in getting the mental health services they need for their kids.

**VIII. Detention Discussion-** Clark County, a 14 bed facility, is currently housing 42 inmates.

Jason Bowser asked if there's been an increase in teen suicide in the counties.

Bartholomew County has had 4 this year.

Michelle Frazier asked if anyone uses TCI in their facilities. Discussion ensued about restraints in general and the different techniques that centers are using.

**IX. IJJTF Report-** No representative present.

**X. ICJI Report-** No representative present. Title II grant information is coming out in July and will be due at the end of July. Michelle Frazier will get in touch with ICJI for more information.

**XI. Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana report-** Michelle Tennell reported that the Youth Law T.E.A.M.'s compliance report is due by June 30. Overall, we have been statewide in compliance.

The Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana has been selected to work with ICJI on the JDAI expansion as a statewide coordinator. A group from Indiana, funded by the Casey Foundation, went on a trip to New Jersey to get information on their JDAI. This new expansion in the State of Indiana would call for three sites. The ICJI and either the Indiana Judicial Center or State Court Administration would be the two lead agencies. Michelle explained that the project's focus is not about taking kids out of detention, but making sure that the right kids are in detention. She stressed that this project is something in which IJDA should definitely be involved.

**XII. DOE Report-** No representative present.

**XIII. Old Business-** Jim Higdon asked about the status of the Disaster/Emergency Plan Memorandum of Understanding.

Michelle Frazier asked about IJDA's tax status. Laurie Elliott is going to try to contact the attorney who has been looking into the matter for us.

**XIV. New Business-** Robert Jacobsen asked if IJDA had a reference library for training materials such as the 40-hour training manual that could be used by facilities.

**XV. Next meeting-** Tuesday, July 13, Bartholomew Co. Youth Services Center at 10:30a.m.

**XVI. Adjournment-** Brandy Egan made of motion to adjourn. Laurie Elliott seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

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### **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.