

**Minutes of the June 10, 2011 Indiana Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)
Statewide Expansion Team Meeting**

In attendance:

Justice Steven David
Hon. Mary Harper
Bill Barton, Ph.D.
Margaret Blythe, M.D.
Hon. Vicki Carmichael
Mag. Marla Clark
JauNae Hanger
Steve Johnson,
Larry Landis
Amy Beier
Lyda Abell
Joann Price
Mag. Gael Deppert
Don Travis

Kellie Whitcomb
Tashi Johnson
Ashley Barnett
April Dubree
Laurie Elliott
Amy Karozos
Michelle Tennell
Bob Girard
Jenny Young
Ryan Stewart-Muery
Jim Payne
Jeffrey Bercovitz
Willard Mosley
Reggie Roney

Indiana Supreme Court
Porter County Circuit Court
IU School of Social Work
IU School of Medicine
Clark County Superior Court
Johnson County JDAI/DMC Coord.
Civil Rights of Children Committee
Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council
Indiana Public Defender Council
Porter County Juvenile Services
Clark County JDAI/DMC Coord.
Lake County JDAI/DMC Coord.
Marion Superior Ct. Juvenile-JDAI
Howard County Probation
(POPAI Representative)
Indiana Dept. of Correction
Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
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Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana
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Elkhart County JDAI Coord.
Marion County JDAI/DMC Coord.
Marion County Superior Court
Indiana Division of Child Services
Indiana Judicial Ctr. Juvenile Family & Law
Marion County Sheriff Department
Marion County Sheriff Department

**Next meeting August 12, 2011
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Indiana State Bar Association**

I. Welcome and Introductions

Justice Steven David, Indiana Supreme Court, opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. Ashley Barnett and Tashi Johnson of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, a lead agency in the JDAI Statewide Expansion, are representing Co-Chair Mark Massa, and Kellie Whitcomb of the Indiana Department of Correction, also a lead agency in the JDAI Statewide Expansion, is representing Commissioner Bruce Lemmon at this meeting. Introductions were made.

Justice David made opening remarks recognizing the level of commitment and engagement all of the lead agencies and Steering Committee members have shown. He also acknowledged all of the hard work the local communities have undertaken and expressed the group's appreciation for everyone's efforts.

Steve Johnson of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council announced his retirement. His successor, yet unannounced, will serve on the JDAI State Steering Committee.

II. Local JDAI Expansion Site Updates

LakeCounty:

Lake County continues to expand their stakeholder group. Some recent community partners have been added and opened their doors to JDAI; with one being a "safe-house" and another being a faith-based CDC. Law enforcement agencies will be brought into the JDAI collectively. Lake County continues to engage in immersion and education activities with stakeholders.

Lake County has done an assessment of their data capacity and realized the underutilization of the Quest System. Lake County will be exploring how to increase their data gathering capacity and plan to work closely with other county Quest Administrators and data specialists, Gottlieb and Wertz, and has enlisted Calumet College to assist with data analysis and review risk assessment instrument design needs.

Lake County is working to expand its DMC efforts and will engage the State DMC Coordinator for technical assistance.

Lake County viewed the Marion County visit as very informative and plans to look into the initial hearings court concept in further detail.

JohnsonCounty:

Johnson County's subcommittees have met twice since the last JDAI team meeting and discussed current barriers in Johnson County. Magistrate Clark expressed that the JDAI Systems Assessment on May 16, 2011 was a phenomenal experience.

Johnson County would like to engage school administrators in their system improvement efforts to find alternatives for expelled and suspended students coming into detention. The County

would also benefit from increased Public Defender services, additional alternatives to detention programming and developing statewide Quest definitions.

Gottlieb and Wertz, Quest developers, will hold an annual Quest User Group meeting in September, 2011, at which time JDAI and other Reporting will be discussed.

School engagement with the JDAI appears to be a cross-cutting issue among many local expansion sites. Communities, such as Porter County, who have had success with working with their local schools, have been asked to share their experience with other communities.

Justice David offered his assistance to Johnson County as well as other JDAI expansion sites regarding public relations, stakeholder engagement, or other issues as identified.

Porter County:

Porter County received good feedback from the May 17, 2011, Systems Assessment and it was said to be helpful and interesting to the staff and the community representatives. Ideas taken away from this visit include: Preventative services; Quest Data System; Alternative programming in zip codes with high percentages of detention admissions, and use of Boys and Girls Clubs.

Porter County enjoys a good collaboration and partnership with the seven school districts, truancy diversion program and probation. Probation officers go to the schools.

Porter County is moving forward with home detention as an alternative after the risk assessment instrument is approved and is also looking at evening and day reporting.

The Porter County Steering Committee is strong and regularly has 35-37 people in attendance at meetings. With large participation it becomes less productive. Suggestions have been made to consider another layer of leadership for decision making. There is currently no mayoral representation on the Steering Committee.

Tony McDonald, Porter County JDAI Coordinator, conducted a meeting with local law enforcement on May 10, 2011, regarding race/ethnicity data classification. Law enforcement is recording as Black, White, Asian, Not Hispanic or Other. Mr. McDonald is currently working with Valparaiso University on a mechanism to resolve this classification.

Marion County:

Indianapolis Metro Police Department has a pilot project which focuses on training to work with adolescents in a targeted zip code. This will entail bringing school and school police to the table, referrals to court and providing services to court. JauNae Hanger has been instrumental in getting it going and on focus. This pilot project is modeled after a program in Clinton County, Georgia. If successful, this project will expand to all 9 school districts.

Marion County Juvenile Detention is working on a "soft cap" of 96, with a five month average of 95 youth. Currently, there are between 75 – 77 youth detained. The "hard cap" date is still to be determined. The focus is on overall length of stay as it will effect daily population.

Marion County was released from the Department of Justice Consent Decree on April 18, 2011.

Marion County has designed a community forum to celebrate success, work on issues and invite communities to dialog. The forum will take place in the fall, 2011.

Marion County has increased evening reporting sites from four to seven. Local churches have also been invited to partner in providing centers.

Marion County hosted two peer-to-peer learning opportunities their JDAI “sister-sites.” Clark, Howard and Elkhart Counties visited on May 17, 2011, with 27 people in attendance; Lake and Porter conducted their visit on June 7, 2011, with 21 people in attendance. Tippecanoe and Johnson Counties are scheduled to visit June 21, 2011. State Steering Committee members have been present at each event and are encouraged to attend on June 21, 2011.

Clark County:

Clark County is working to build a foundation for the JDAI Project. Contact has been made with local community groups such as the Absence Review Panel, Community Corrections, Youth Roundtable and their Advisory Board to educate them on JDAI. In addition, three school systems are willing to participate and supportive of the initiative.

Staff attending the site visit in Marion County on May 17, 2011, found it very helpful and informative. This has provided additional ideas for next steps in this process toward scaling up for implementation.

Clark County is unique as a JDAI community as they receive many youth at their detention facility from the surrounding counties, especially Floyd and Harrison counties. Collaboration will need to take place with these counties as the initiative moves forward.

Howard County:

The collaborative held a Local Administrator Meeting with school corporations, DCS and law enforcement in which Michelle Tennell and Laurie Elliott also participated. This meeting provided additional information and resources to stakeholders.

Howard County representatives attending the Marion County site visit found it to be very beneficial.

Howard County has begun looking at data and their detention risk assessment tool, and will develop a data subcommittee.

Elkhart County

Elkhart County has begun working with the local collaborative and meeting with the statewide JDAI Coordinator to move forward in the JDAI State Expansion Process.

For over seven years, the county previously had plansto build a 120-bed juvenile facility; expanding from the current 17-bed facility. The county is now focusing on giving the smaller

facility a “face lift.” Currently many youth are being held for technical violations, not new charges. Instead of holding low risk offenders, Elkhart County is looking at other options and alternatives.

Much appreciation was also given by those in attendance from Elkhart County at the “sister-site visit” in Marion County on May 17, 2011. Participants stated that it was outstanding.

Elkhart County has a good working relationship with seven school corporations. The Five Step Attendance Policy has been implemented and very few youth make it beyond steps 4 – 5 and then to detention. This has also shown reduction in school violence in the past year and successful collaboration between the school systems and the detention center. Mr. Bob Girard will forward Michelle Tennell the Five Step Policy for the other counties as a resource.

Tippecanoe County:

Members of the collaborative were unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts. The Statewide JDAI Coordinator reported on behalf of the county. Judge Rush appreciated being able to participate in the Systems Assessment. Tippecanoe County is very unique in the JDAI Statewide Expansion Project because they do not have a detention center.

Tippecanoe County will also participate in the June 21, 2011, site visit in Marion County with Johnson County.

III. JDAI Statewide Expansion Activities—State Update

Ms. Ashley Barnett reported on behalf of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) stating the CJJ Conference which was to occur in July, 2011 has been cancelled due to low attendance rates and travel restrictions. The conference will be postponed with the date to be determined. In addition, Indiana has been notified of a 24% reduction in federal funding; however, JDAI and DMC will remain priority purpose areas in both the Youth Division and Drug and Crime Control Division. The 3-year Juvenile Justice System Improvement Plan for Indiana has been submitted by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) and the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) are listed as priority purpose areas. Mr. Mark Massa, ICJI Executive Director, will be involved in the JDAI Statewide Expansion Process. ICJI is working with the Burn’s Institute to “fine tune” involvement with JDAI.

Monthly JDAI Expansion Site Coordinators’ Conference Calls have been conducted and are arranged for the third Wednesday of every month from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST.

Ashley Barnett, Tashi Johnson, and Michelle Tennell continue with regular visits to each expansion site to assist with the JDAI expansion and DMC efforts locally.

IV. State Steering Committee Activities

Annie E. Casey Foundation Inter-site Meeting will likely not take place in the fall, but may be rescheduled for early 2012. More information will follow.

Justice David suggested scheduling bi-monthly conference calls with the three lead agencies and members with Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Judge Harper discussed the preparation for disseminating information regarding the JDAI Statewide Expansion Project or a press release. The Indiana Department of Correction and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute are working in collaboration to complete a press release. Justice David suggested there be a public relations message developed introducing JDAI.

The Indiana JDAI Statewide Expansion will conduct the Systems Assessments in Howard, Clark and Elkhart counties in the late fall 2011. Time to be determined based on Annie E. Casey Foundation's availability.

Training on Assessing Facilities' Conditions of Confinement, to be conducted by Mark Soler and Dana Schoenberg of the Center for Children's Law and Policy, is in the planning stages. The training will be taped to use as a resource at a later date.

Judge Mary Harper will lead an ad-hoc committee to finalize the mission and vision statement for the Indiana Statewide Expansion Project. Additional research will be done regarding other state's mission and vision statements. Justice David stated this could be of value to both JDAI communities and communities not currently engaged in the statewide expansion of JDAI. All suggestions and edits should be emailed to Judge Harper by June 20, 2011. After receiving the edits, a conference call will take place and the statements will be finalized by the August 12, 2011 Kick-off and Systems Assessment Review.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has developed a new data reporting system. There has been a request made for Indiana to be able to utilize this system. Additional discussion will take place with Gottlieb and Wertz regarding the Quest Data System's data capacity and utilization.

Next Steps

1. Create draft mission and vision statement based upon Annie E. Casey Foundation's mission and commentary.
2. JDAI Statewide Expansion Kick-off and Systems Assessments Review by August 12, 2011.
3. Annie E. Casey Foundation Fundamentals Two-Day Training for four communities tentatively scheduled for September 14-15, 2011.
4. Conduct Systems Assessments in Clark, Howard, and Elkhart Counties.
5. Conduct Conditions of Confinement training.
6. Determine funding/resource availability.
7. Revise timetable as state structure and expansion sites are updated.
8. Identify and develop work groups.
9. Annie E. Casey Foundation Collaboration
 - Continue to work with the Foundation regarding next steps for Indiana's JDAI Statewide Expansion.
10. Burn's Institute Collaboration
 - Work in collaboration with Annie E. Casey Foundation to utilize Burn's Institute expertise in JDAI/DMC Statewide Expansion.

Respectfully submitted by:
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