

**MONROE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAI)  
STEERING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR February 13, 2024**

**In Attendance:** Amy Matney, Becca Streit, Becky Rose, Christian Carlisle, Christine McAfee, David Weil, Judge Holly Harvey, Jeff Hartman, Jennifer Feiner, Leigh Grundhoefer, Linda Brady, Liz Grenat, Morgan Richardson, Nick Philbeck, Ody Ekwonwa, Ruth Aydt, Sky Kilpatrick, Troy Hatfield, Tyler Mason, and Vanessa Schmidt.

**1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Welcome by **JDAI** Coordinator, Christine McAfee.

**2. CONDITIONS OF PROBATION**

In 2020, JDAI began reviewing data, 25% of admissions to a secure juvenile facility were due to probation violations and warrants and not to new offenses. In 2021, Monroe County became the first county in the State of Indiana to launch a pilot program to revise juvenile conditions of probation with best practices and youth development in the forefront. After dissection, the new revised terms were set to three standard conditions and up to five specialized conditions. If needed, the specialized conditions will be added from a multi-assessment system and can be individualized. The Court, the juvenile and the families will know in advance what the proposed order of probation conditions are. In 2024, the pilot program went live. As of this meeting, only two juveniles had used the new probation conditions. Christine McAfee shared that new data from the pilot program will be reviewed. Discussion will be held if additional changes are needed.

**3. ANNUAL REPORTING DATA**

Monroe County started utilizing JDAI in 2014, however 2013 is considered the baseline year for data information. In 2013, the secure detention data averaged three juveniles in a facility at any time, with 66 admissions and the average stay was 16.6 days. In 2023, the secure detention data averaged one juvenile in a facility at any time, 23 admissions and the average stay was 17 days. The slight increase in length of stay was not unexpected. Discussions are being held concerning juvenile admissions to secure facilities that are less than five days and how the admission could be prevented. Utilizing JDAI tools, Monroe County has become more intentional and finding the most appropriate action for the juvenile.

**4. GRANT UPDATES**

Grant cycles are July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The grant funding allowed for Monroe Circuit Court Juvenile Division to partner with community agencies. Below are several examples:

- A. City Church hosted a healing hands outreach center in August 2023 at Switchyard Park. Over 800 people in attendance ranging from kids, parents, grandparents, and great-grand parents. Grant funding helped provide backpacks, school supplies, school clothes, food, and haircuts.

- B.** The City of Bloomington hosted two youth summits. The first summit focused on African American and Latino male high school age youth and was held in September 2023. Thirty-Two youth attended and 78% felt more connected to their community following the event. The second summit focused on African American and Latino female high school age youth and was held in November 2023. Forty youth attended and 95% of them reported feeling more connected to the community following the event. Topics in both summits included social media, mental health, hair, and skin care products. Grant funding helped provide swag bags and giveaways, which included anything from funky socks, from snacks to drones.
- C.** The Youth Service Bureau (YSB) has a Truancy Termination Program. YSB has 18 active youth in the program, and they are divided between middle and high school students. The waitlist for the program is currently at 16 youth. Grant funding helps provide items such as alarm clocks, backpacks, transportation, food and beverage items and other incentives.
- D.** The Monroe County Childhood Conditions (MC3) hosted their annual summit in November 2023. The summit included 25 presenters and several sessions. Grant funds improved audio and visual accessibility and the facility was able to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Grant funds, along with other sponsorships, allowed for the summit to be free of charge to over 150 people.
- E.** The Warehouse conducted over 80,000 visits within the last year. The Warehouse grant funding has helped provide transportation, food, a new weight room and a new aquaponics program.
- F.** Grant funding allowed for Lakeview Elementary staff to be trained in Trust based relation intervention (TBRI) in August 2023. Principal Dr. Sue Lanham stated Lakeview staff showed significant improvement in their relations with school enrolled juveniles. This resulted in 68% fewer referrals to school administration, 90% of staff feel they are more equipped to handle a dysregulated student(s) and 100% felt TBRI helped meet the needs of the dysregulated student(s). Through the new grant cycle, we hoping to partner with Clear Creek Elementary and Tri North Middle School.

## **5. COMMUNITY NEWS**

- A.** Purdue Extension, Ody Ekwonwa, help provide community education programs. The focus is family, food, health, and money.
  - i.** Parents Forever – educational program for families experiencing in divorce, separation or change in child custody. Cost is \$50 per person, the 4-hour session is held in person or online.
  - ii.** Strengthening Families – promotes strengthening families. Participants meet for 2 hour each session for 8 weeks; the average age is 10-14. Incentives include meals for the family and childcare.

6. **2024 MEETING DATES AND LOCATION**

May 14, 2024

August 13, 2024

November 12, 2024

*All meetings will be offered both in-person and virtually from 12:00pm to 1:15pm, at Community Corrections, 405 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.*

Respectfully submitted,

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