

**MONROE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAI)
STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 15, 2023**

In Attendance: Amanda VanLeeuwen, Amy Matney, Becca Streit, Cailin Parsch, Christian Carlisle, Christine McAfee, David Weil, Jeff Hartman, Jeff Holland, Leigh Grundhoefer, Lily Albright, Linda Brady, Liz Grenat, Nancy Weaver, Nick Philbeck, Russell Brummet, Ruth Aydt, Sky Kilpatrick, Troy Hatfield, Vanessa Schmidt

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT

On **February 26-28, 2023** committee members visited the **Vigo County Juvenile Detention Center** for a facility assessment. There were 17 committee members that participated and reviewed the following standards: Classification, Health and Mental Health, Access, Programming, Training, Environment, Restraints and Safety. The facility met 333 of the 471 standards. The facility capacity is 19 but they can double bunk two rooms to increase capacity to 21. Residents have access to books from the library. The director of the facility celebrates successes with residents, by allowing them to invite guests and providing their food of choice for the celebration. While no critical findings were found, some suggestions for improvement were privacy for restroom use in double bunk rooms and more training for staff related to **LGBTQI**.

3. GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

The grant for fiscal year **2022-2023** was \$70,000. The bonus grant received was \$99,695. Since **Monroe County** became a **JDAI** county, \$879,010 in grant funds have been received. All funding received has been used to serve youth in **Monroe County**. No funding has been used for staffing purposes.

Grant funding was used for care bags, community outreach, community partnerships and youth and family engagement. There were 67 care bags provided to youth we serve and additional bags for some of their siblings. There were two community outreach events, one at Switchyard Park and the other at Seminary Square Park. Water, snacks, personal hygiene items, reflective vests and sports equipment were handed out at both events. Community partnerships with the Warehouse, Criminal Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM), Law Enforcement, City of Bloomington, Youth Services Bureau (YSB) and Centerstone were all supported by grant funds. For youth and family engagement workgroups, continued efforts are being made to recruit 18-25 year olds with juvenile justice system experience.

4. TABLEAU DATA

5. COMMUNITY UPDATES

- A.** The **Monroe County Youth Summit** will be held **November 1, 2023**, from **11:00am to 1:00pm** at the Monroe County Convention Center.
- B.** The **Monroe County JDAI Book Club** will begin in September.
- C.** There is an **Adult Basic Education** open house on **August 16, 2023**, from **5:30-7:00pm**.
- D.** **CJAM** will have a free 40-hour mediation training on **September 7, 2023**.
- E.** The **Truancy Termination** program at **YSB** is in year two. They will soon begin to include **Richland Bean Blossom Community School Corporation (RBBSC)**. Additionally, new programming including **Seeking Safety** will begin soon.

6. 2023 MEETING DATES AND LOCATION

November 14, 2023

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

Respectfully submitted,
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