

**MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD/LOCAL
JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 2024**

MEMBERS	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	Present by Designee	YTD PRESENT	YTD ABSENT	YTD Present by Designee
County Sheriff (or designee)	Ruben Marté			X	-0-	1	3
Prosecuting Attorney (or designee)	Erika Oliphant		X		2	2	
Department of Child Services (DCS) Director (or designee)	Amanda Vanleeuwen		X		-0-	3	1
Public Defender (or designee)	Michael Hunt	X			4	-0-	
City Mayor Representative	Chief Michael Diekhoff		X		2	2	
Juvenile Judge	Hon. Holly Harvey	X			3	1	
Criminal Judge (or designee)	Hon. Darcie Fawcett		X		1	3	
Criminal Judge (or designee)	Hon. Mary Ellen Diekhoff	X			3	1	
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative	Anthony Williams	X			4	-0-	
Juvenile Correctional Facility	Victoria Thevenow	X			4	-0-	
Victim or Advocate (or designee)	TBD (Vacant)				N/A	N/A	
Ex-Offender	Donna Crawford		X		-0-	4	
County Council Member (or designee)	Kate Wiltz	X			4	-0-	
Probation Officer	Linda Brady	X			4	-0-	
Juvenile Probation Officer	Jeff Hartman	X			4	-0-	
Educational Administrator	Miriam Northcutt Bohmert	X			2	2	
Private Corrections	Mark DeLong	X			2	2	
Mental Health Administrator	Linda Grove-Paul	X			3	1	
Lay Member	Jeff Holland		X		3	1	
Lay Member	TBD (Vacant)				N/A	N/A	
Lay Member	Dr. Chris Finley	X			2	2	
Lay Member	Dirk Ackerman		X		1	3	
President of County Executive (or designee)	Lee Jones	X			3	1	
CCAB Secretary	Keri G. Walden		X		3	-1-	
C.C. Director	Becca Streit	X			4	-0-	

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS.** Welcome by the Chair, Judge Mary Ellen Diekhoff, and introduction of members. No guests attended this meeting.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Motion to approve minutes from the August 12, 2024, Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB) meeting. Linda Grove-Paul moved for approval of the August 12 2024 minutes. **Motion carried.**

3. **CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON NOMINATIONS.** Judge Diekhoff and Linda Brady are nominated for positions of chairperson and vice-chairperson, respectively. No additional nominations were made from the group. Election will occur in January 2025.

4. **LOCAL AND STATE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (JRAC) ELECTRONIC MONITORING REPORT.** Becca. **SEE ATTACHED.** The third quarter (July 2024 – September 2024) electronic monitoring report is attached. This will be submitted to the State JRAC by the deadline. Motion to approve the third quarter electronic monitoring report. Linda Grove-Paul moved for approval of the electronic monitoring report. Viki Thevenow seconded. **Motion carried.**

5. **2025 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING DATES.** **Motion to approve the JRAC/CCAB meeting dates for 2025.** All meetings are on a Monday beginning at 5:00 PM:
 January 27;
 April 28;
 August 11; and
 October 13

 Mark DeLong moved for approval of 2025 JRAC/CCAB dates. Linda Grove-Paul seconded. **Motion carried.**

 Becca will send Outlook calendar invites to all members tomorrow.

6. **FUTURE JRAC MEETINGS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA).**

Our Local JRAC Technical Assistance (TA) advisors, Cyndi Mausser and Denise Symdon, have continued to meet with Judge Diekhoff, Linda Brady, Anthony Williams, and Becca Streit to discuss plans to move forward with Local JRAC TA work.

Members agreed to have a stand-alone meeting where the focus is solely on our Local JRAC with our TA advisors. Becca will work with Judge Diekhoff to create a Doodle Poll of date options.

Judge Diekhoff advised that she has been having conversations with the County Attorney, Molly Turner-King, about the possibility that this CCAB/Local JRAC Board be responsible for reviewing community applications for the opioid settlement money since all members of the county executive body, financial body, and criminal justice stakeholders are already represented. Judge Diekhoff also stated that the Mayor of Bloomington has also expressed interest in potentially allowing this Board to serve as the review committee for the City's opioid settlement funds.

Commissioner Lee Jones advised that while a County opioid advisement committee does already exist, it is not operational.

Mim Northcutt Bohmert stated she knows researchers at IU who have expertise in opioids who can also assist as advisors when reviewing applications.

7. **PRESENTATION: JUSTICE COUNTS.** Amy Horton, Deputy Program Director attended the meeting in-person and Esteem Brumfield, Project Coordinator, attend the meeting via Zoom. Both provided an overview of Justice Counts. Highlights included:

A. **Date Challenges.** Amy asked members what some of the current data challenges are in the county. Lee Jones shared that the commissioners can only have one individual present at a time during agency meetings so not all commissioners get data reports unless the agency appears at a regularly scheduled commissioners' meeting.

B. **Data Platform.** Amy advised that Justice Counts is a data presentation platform, not a software company, and all services provided by Justice Counts are at no cost to the users. The data is owned, viewed, kept, and analyzed by the county/signing entity only. Justice Counts employees can view data but only for the purposes of providing technical support.

C. **Justice Counts Work with Indiana.** Amy advised that Justice Counts is currently working with Local JRACs in Indiana counties (Cass, Putnam, Tipton, Clark, Monroe, and soon Owen). Justice Counts is also working with 29 agencies across Indiana. Amy advised that Indiana is a "founding" state which means Indiana is eligible to receive all three (3) Justice Counts services: 1) recruitment services to find agencies to opt-in; 2) technical assistance to configure individual agency's data; and 3) technical assistance to help counties figure out their "data impact."

D. **Monroe County.** Has "opted in" to Justice Counts, via Judge Diekhoff, under the Local JRAC umbrella. At this time, only Probation/Community Corrections is in an agreement with Justice Counts to receive technical assistance. Each Local JRAC stakeholder would need to opt-in individually (ex: prosecutor, public defender, sheriff/jail) in order to add their data to the Monroe County Local JRAC Justice Counts account. Esteem explained that once opted-in, stakeholders should engage in conversation that will help define commonly used concepts across different stakeholder entities so that data are similar (ex: a shared definition of recidivism).

E. **Justice Counts Services.** Esteem advised a few things that Justice Counts provides including: it can work with individual agencies no matter where the agency is in the data process; Justice Counts can work with an individual agency's database; Justice Counts does not assess data for accuracy but can assist in helping an agency think through the correctness of the data. Esteem advised that no personal information is entered into Justice Counts (ex: probation cases are not entered into justice counts with identifying information).

F. **Data Visualization.** Esteem demonstrated how data is visualized in the Justice Counts publisher platform. He showed how an agency would identify the metrics it would use in each section and advised that while an agency cannot add its own metrics, it can decide how it will use the current metrics available.

G. **Links To Justice Counts Information.**

- (1) [Justice Counts' Overview.](#) Includes a list of 21+ national partners as well as the mission behind this work.
- (2) [Link to Metrics.](#)
- (3) [Technical Implementation Guides \(TIGs\).](#) Guides are sent to every agency that opts in, to ensure their data is clear, consensus driven, and catered to their specific needs. The guides are also specific to the different sectors within the justice system. If the specific metrics don't necessarily align with our local definitions, the data team will work with us to ensure that they do.

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) can provide technical assistance with database reconfiguration, grants, and other services for criminal justice agencies.

8. **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

A. **Personnel Update/Hired: Piper Majors - Field Officer.** Piper was previously a Probation Officer Assistant for our Department. She has her master's degree in criminal justice from Indiana University.

THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS FULLY STAFFED! Becca advised members that this is no longer the case due to a resignation of an Enhanced Supervision Unit probation officer.

B. **PROJECT INCOME STATUS.** See the Project Income (PI)/Community Corrections User Fees cash balance at the end of each quarter below.

Reminder that the Indiana state budget for 2023-2025 did not include any increase in the Community Corrections Grant line item. The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) did not award our Program any increases for 2024 or 2025. Because of this, the PI fund (Community Corrections User Fees) has been absorbing increases in health insurance, Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) plus the corresponding increases in FICA, PERF, and County Longevity pay. Because of this, as noted in the chart below, Project Income ended 2023 with a cash balance of **\$385,085**, which is \$115,166 less than year-end 2022, **a 23% drop** which is significant.

For 2024, the Monroe County Council generously approved a COLA of 8.5% for all County employees and also added a 59 cents per hour raise for employees classified as COMOT which includes all our Legal Secretaries and Probation Officer Assistants (POAs). These increases plus the corresponding FICA and PERF have been paid primarily from Project Income. This fiscal impact for 2024 has been closely monitored to keep the PI fund sustainable.

January 1, 2024 was the start of the new Community Corrections grant year. Therefore, many Community Corrections expenses were transferred back to the grant from Project Income, allowing the Project Income cash balance to improve from year-end 2023 balance of **\$385,085** to **\$478,683 at the end of September 2024**. While this is an improvement, the past 2 years, the PI cash balance was more than \$600,000 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

<<Project Income (PI)/Community Corrections User Fees fund balance is stable at this time but we need to keep a close watch on the revenues (user fees paid) versus expenditures. >>

	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
2024	\$433,342	\$477,229	\$478,683	
2023	\$544,924	\$597,707	\$605,073	\$385,085
2022	\$488,949	\$559,415	\$609,679	\$500,251
2021	\$371,550	\$409,158	\$494,041	\$425,863
2020	\$302,412*	\$349,237*	\$416,460	\$330,910
2019	\$234,600	\$218,810	\$245,263	\$232,652
2018	\$249,571	\$195,360	\$173,650	\$202,267
2017	\$342,897	\$356,648	\$374,837	\$344,830
2016	\$457,418	\$432,782	\$425,438	\$456,454
2015	\$411,201	\$400,014	\$463,431	\$451,155
2014	\$405,345	\$392,985	\$411,441	\$389,545

* Fee collection in the Probation Department was suspended during COVID-19 Emergency Closing (March 17, 2020 - June 1, 2020).

9. CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REPORT

A. **Interim Study Committee on Corrections and Criminal Code.** In 2023, Linda Brady was re-appointed to this legislative committee for a 2-year term. She has served as a member of this committee since 2014. The final report from the committee must be filed by Nov. 1st.

B. **People and Animal Learning Services (PALS) Opportunity for Adults on Community Supervision.** PALS is offering a 20-week program FREE of charge to any **adult** who is on community supervision (no pretrial clients due to the length of the program). They cannot take clients who have a conviction for sex or violent offenses. During the program, clients will be working with (not riding) horses. The purpose of this program is to help individuals with emotional, cognitive, and social growth. PALS is also providing the opportunity for full-time Probation employees to participate in this same program.

C. **PALS Programming for Youth and Parent/Caregiver.** Program sponsored by our JDAI grant funds. We are starting a new 12-week session, beginning **October 25, 2024.**

- **Fridays 5:30 – 6:30 pm.**
- Programming is for youth (age 12 – 17) AND caregiver/parent
- Participants will attend Wednesday *OR* Friday (not both or switch days)
- Participants must commit to attending all 12 sessions (1-hour per week)

Participants do NOT need to be system-involved (but can be)

- **No cost to participants**
- Close-toed shoes are required, but available at PALS, if needed
- Space is limited
- Registration is required
- Please email Christine McAfee cmcafee@co.monroe.in.us for more information or to register

D. **2025 Grants from Indiana Office of Court Services / Indiana Supreme Court.**

1. Pretrial Grant:

2024 Award: \$207,345

2025 Award: \$228,772 , **increase of \$21,427 (10% increase)** (Requested \$239,948 for 2025)

Budget:

Case Manager/PO salary \$70,692

Public Defender Salary \$83,289

POA Salary \$10,000

Fringe benefits (3 positions) \$64,791

TOTAL \$228,772

2. Problem Solving Court Grants.

Three (3) PSC received the same amount of **\$17,620** (Mental Health, Reentry, and Drug Court)

Training	\$5,000
Incentives	\$2,000
Participant Needs	\$720
<u>Drug Test Supplies</u>	<u>\$9,900</u>
TOTAL	\$17,620 X 3 = \$52,860

3. Veterans Court Grant.

Case Manager/PO	\$61,974 (capped)
Fringe benefits	\$25,000 (capped)

[Remaining items same as all other PSC grants, \$17,620]

Training	\$5,000
Incentives	\$2,000
Participant Needs	\$720
<u>Drug Test Supplies</u>	<u>\$9,900</u>
TOTAL	\$104,594

GRAND TOTAL 2025 IOCS GRANTS: \$386,226

E. **2024-2025 Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Grant.** This grant funds the Centerstone employee who conducts assessments in Probation Department office primarily for persons re-entering the community from incarceration. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) will continue to receive this federal award. They cut funding for Indiana Supreme Court/IOCS over \$600K. Monroe County was still recommended to be awarded **\$55,459** of the \$60K we requested. We were not funded for supplies or administrative costs.

F. **9th annual Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit.** MC3 registration is open. Wednesday, October 30th. Doors Open at 8a. MC3 Program 8:30a-4:00p. In Person at Monroe Convention Center, 302 S College Ave. **Free of Cost. Breakfast & Lunch Provided.** [Registration Link](#)

10. **ADJOURNMENT.** Next quarterly meeting will be **Monday, January 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM IN-PERSON.**

*Terms for all Commissioners appointments expire 12-31-2026.

*Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson are elected for a two-year term. The next election is January 2025.