

Minutes of the JRAC Advisory Board

November 16, 2023

Jeff Hansard conducted the meeting. The following were present at the meeting: Judge Thomas Cannon, Sheriff Tony Skinner, Jeff Hansard, Jessica Piper (phone), Sherry Riggan, Dr. Lynn Witty, and Eric Cross (proxy for Jayne Meranda). A quorum was met.

Meeting was called to order at 12:09 pm.

Minutes from the September 28, 2023 meeting were presented. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Judge Cannon. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Skinner. Minutes were approved.

Old Business

Jeff looked into the JRAC Technical Assistance Grants. He submitted a request to the State JRAC shortly after the last meeting in September. He has not heard back but hopes to shortly. The request was for the 2nd tier support, including meeting with consultants to work on goals, objectives, and direction.

New Business / Open Discussion

Jeff reported that Jayne will be working on the SEA 9 Quarterly Detention Report when she gets back from her conference.

The Pre-Trial Release Committee will be starting up again. Emily Anderson has sent out an email to potential parties to get dates. Jeff spoke with Indiana Office Of Court Services personnel and there is money (\$4 million) allocated by the state that is not be utilized. Jeff feels we may be able to apply for and use some funds locally. Judge Cannon stated that is important for the Pre-Trial Release Committee to adopt local policy and standards for all 5 courts to follow. He reported the majority of cases are Level 5 and Level 6 cases.

Sherry Riggan discussed the bus route to the Justice Center. MITS said it would take approximately \$40,000 to run the route every 30 minutes. Jeff reported he has heard some limited discussion about difficulties for clients. Jeff suggested that a shelter for bus riders could be helpful with the extended wait times that clients are experiencing.

During discussion regarding grants, Dr. Witty stated that the Addictions Coalition of Delaware County (ACDC) could possibly help with writing and even administering grants for a small fee. She also mentioned that the Delaware County Prevention Council (DCPC) grant is open currently. She discussed the importance of collecting data and how that data can make grant writing much easier. Jeff asked if the grant writer for the county was approved by Council. Jessica Piper reported she believed that it was not approved but she would double check if money might have been moved to a contract line.

The Overdose and Fatality Review Committee needs to get back operational. It was discussed that problems included stakeholders not seeing results of the work they were putting in, and reluctance of the local healthcare system to share information.

Dr. Witty recently worked on a Sequential Intercept Model Evaluation in Rush County. They had 40 people involved. These evaluations take at least a day and half. The suggestion was made that Delaware County look at holding a training/evaluation in the spring.

Announcements

Dr. Witty announced that the new CEO of Meridian Health Services will be at the upcoming Rotary Club meeting.

Next meeting is January 4, 2024 at 12 pm. Meeting dates for next year are set for the first Thursday of each quarter. Those dates are January 4th, April 4th, July 11th (holiday) and October 3rd.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Sherry Riggan. Motion was seconded by Eric Cross. Meeting was adjourned.