

# Pretrial Release/JRAC Program Committee Meeting

October 20, 2023 at 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Superior Court: In Person

In attendance: Denise Symdon, Judge Welker, Judge Kocher, Carmin Ruff, Michelle Mitchell, Katie Surma by Video, Kelly Gaumer, Jen Shafer, AJ Ennis, Chris Schramm, Christine Allen, Lee Ann Wright, Beck Clark (4C), Sandy Lucas

## **Pretrial Services**

1. Pretrial Services/JRAC July meeting minutes were approved. A brief update on Pretrial Release was provided. Confirmation of Pretrial Certification meeting on November 21, 2023.

## **JRAC**

Welcome and Introductions

Carmin Ruff & Denise Symdon, CEPP

A review of the Pulaski County JRAC work to date was discussed. Denise reviewed the history of Evidence-Based Decision Making and asked questions of team members to make sure all members understand EBD. Denise provided a history EBDM in Indiana and HB1068: This important legislation is known as the "Local JRAC Statute." It passed unanimously by both houses of the Indiana General Assembly and established a Local JRAC in every Indiana County. Denise explained the role of Technical Assistance.

A discussion was had about the length of time and meeting frequency. It was decided by group majority that meetings will remain quarterly, but we can extend the meeting length to two-hour session with both Pretrial Services and JRAC combined. All members were asked to think other members in the community that can contribute to JRAC team make up.

Denise opened a discussion for what team member think success in Pulaski County would look like and created a vision board.

Members provided the following goals:

1. Improve Pulaski County as a whole.
2. Justice systems adhere to evidence-based practices.
3. Use data (evidence) to inform changes and assist in application for grants/funding.
4. Demonstrate a model for how citizens can engage in changes/interventions earlier than when involved in the legal system.
5. Strengthen the existing resources (i.e. coaching) in the county.
6. Programs in the county are “reliable” (available and not restricted based on ability to pay); including housing.
7. Grant manager.
8. Greater education and engagement in the community and the legal system and the need to financially support its success.
9. All county stakeholders take ownership and accountability for JRAC responsibilities.
10. Those with lived experience and their families have a voice in the legal system change process.

11. Victims and others harmed by crime have support and programs in the county.
12. More successful discharges from probation.
13. Improved access to programs for justice-involved individuals.
14. Reduce recidivism

### **2024 meeting dates**

January 31<sup>st</sup> 1:30-3:30

April 22-23 System Mapping: This will be done over two days and will be broken out into approximately 2-hour sessions with each of the steering committee members. I will be contacting each of the members to find a time that works best for each of you during this two-day window.

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30

October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30-3:30

A motion to adjourn was made at 3:30pm by Judge Welker second by Judge Kocher, all in favor.

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