

**MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR APRIL 26, 2021**

MEMBERS	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	Designee	YTD PRESENT	YTD ABSENT	YTD Designee
County Sheriff (or designee)	Brad Swain		X		0	2	
Prosecuting Attorney (or designee)	Erika Oliphant	X			2	0	
Department of Child Services (DCS) Director (or designee)	Charlisa Davis		X		0	2	
Public Defender (or designee)	Michael Hunt	X			2	0	1
City Mayor Representative	Joe Qualters	X			2	0	
Juvenile Judge	Hon. Stephen Galvin	X			2	0	
Criminal Judge (or designee)	Hon. Darcie Fawcett		X		1	1	
Criminal Judge (or designee)	Hon. Mary Ellen Diekhoff	X			1	1	
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative	Troy Hatfield	X			2	0	
Juvenile Correctional Facility	Victoria Thevenow	X			2	0	
Victim or Advocate (or designee)	David J. Weil		X		0	2	
Ex-Offender	James Fender		X		0	2	
County Council Member (or designee)	Peter Iverson		X		1	1	
Probation Officer	Linda Brady	X			1	1	
Juvenile Probation Officer	Jeff Hartman	X			2	0	
Educational Administrator	Miriam Northcutt Bohmert		X		1	1	
Private Corrections	Mark DeLong	X			2	0	
Mental Health Administrator	Linda Grove-Paul	X			2	0	
Lay Member	Jeff Holland	X			2	0	
Lay Member	Jeff Carson		X		0	2	
Lay Member	Dr. Andrea Mobley	X			2	0	
Lay Member	Phillip Dart	X			1	1	
CCAB Secretary	Keri G. Walden	X			2	0	
C.C. Director	Becca Streit	X			2	0	

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS.

Meeting held via Zoom. Welcome by the Chair, Judge Mary Ellen Diekhoff and introduction of members and guests.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion to approve minutes from the January 25, 2021 Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB). Jeff Holland moved for approval of minutes. Victoria Thevenow seconded motion. **Motion carried.**

3. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. COVID-19 Altered Operations - Probation officers/case managers are rotating between working from home and working in the office to reduce the number of staff and clients in the buildings.

(1) Problem Solving Court (PSC) participants are still reporting for daily reporting but staggering report times.

PSCs have resumed urine drug testing on a limited basis. Saliva drug testing is still the only method of collection for all other clients. This is due to only one restroom that is able to accommodate observed urine drug testing with social distancing for the safety of staff and clients.

(2) Home Detention intakes are still occurring as directed by the Court.

(3) CC Field Officers (FOs) are now permitted to get out of their cars and stand outside the doorway of the residence during field contacts. The collection of saliva drug tests in the field is currently suspended due to COVID-19 concerns.

(4) Portable breath testing for alcohol is not being used at this time due to safety concerns.

B. Personnel

- (1) Field Officer Sarah Haluda resigned and her last day was April 16, 2021. Probation Officer Assistant Danny Thomas has been promoted to field officer. He graduates from IU in May and is a Sergeant in the Army National Guard. Currently there is one unfilled CC Field Officer Position. Becca Streit reports the Department will be opening up advertisements for this position.
- (2) Becca Streit reports the DOC announced they are planning to, once again, extend the grant award for the rest of this year (2021) and DOC will be sending out a letter soon. Grant instructions for 2022 are still pending therefore, an Ad Hoc meeting may be necessary.
- (3) **Financial Status** - User fee collection in the Probation Department was suspended during the COVID-19 Emergency Closing (Tuesday March 17, 2020 until Monday June 1, 2020). Project Income (Community Corrections User Fees) trust balance at the end of each quarter have been as follows:

	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
2021	\$371,550			
2020	\$302,412	\$349,237	\$416,460.62	\$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
2013	\$332,152	\$340,145	\$350,880	\$389,718
2012	\$416,049	\$358,804	\$350,040	\$349,588
2011	\$433,750	\$438,281	\$495,949	\$497,779

4. CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REPORT

- A. **Reducing Revocations Challenge (RRC) Grant.** Troy Hatfield. The RRC grant from Arnold Ventures being completed with researchers from IU, IUPUI, and George Mason is evaluating common pathways that lead to revocation of probation. Data analysis is ongoing. Strategy proposals are due May 17th. Troy Hatfield reports that the final report for the first phase should be publicly available by July 1, 2021.
- B. **Problem Solving Court (PSC) Recertification.** Indiana Office of Court Services (IOCS) has recertified all four (4) Problem Solving Courts. Congrats to Judge Diekhoff and the PSC team members and staff.
- C. **Pretrial Services Program Recertification.** IOCS scheduled recertification April 21 & 22. IOCS staff will be interviewing Pretrial Stakeholder Team members. The Monroe County Pretrial Stakeholder Team met on Thursday April 8th to prepare for re-certification.
- D. **Housing Insecurity Committee.** Probation Officer Leah Baker will be serving on this local committee. The committee was created as a result of the Seminary Park issues.

E. **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Grant FY 2021 – 2022.** AWARD \$55,000.

Program Coordination \$10,000 + Programming \$45,000.

Coordination \$10,000 – \$2,320 meals for meetings; \$4,500 six (6) Quest licenses; \$1,740 travel expenses for community stakeholders to attend JDAI events/trainings; \$840 Tableau software license; \$600 office supplies.

Programming \$45,000 –\$13,800 STEP-UP Family Violence Intervention Program Training and Quality Assurance reviews; \$6,160 Community Education event (Interrupting Racism for Children – Child Advocates); \$6,600 Continued support of Trust-Based Relational Intervention implementation; \$3,000 Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit Accessibility Services; \$6,000 Care Packages for Youth and Families; \$3,800 Community Engagement Events and Support; \$2,500 Incentives for Youth and Family Engagement; \$3,140 Virtual Work Shop Resource Bags and Virtual Book Club Support.

Jeff Hartman reports that the members of the Monroe County JDAI team and staff are very grateful for this opportunity to help address some of the community needs through programming. One of the most valued new program is hoped to be the STEP-UP program which will help address a data point the JDAI committee has found in their data collection involving family discord. Hopefully the STEP-UP program will be available for all community members to make referrals to, and will be used as a diversion program so that all referrals will not come solely from justice-involved youth.

Linda Brady reports that more training will be available for Interrupting Racism. This training is being provided through Zoom for now due to COVID but the Court hopes to have in-person training for staff next year if possible.

F. **Legislative Update.** The 2021 legislative session is a long/budget session.

HB 1001 State Budget. Community Corrections grants, JDAI funding, Veterans Court grants, and probation officer training funding at same levels as last state budget.

HB 1068 Local or Regional Justice Reinvestment Advisory Councils. (Attachment below)

Establishes a local or regional justice reinvestment advisory council (local or regional advisory council) in each county in Indiana. Provides that the purpose of a local or regional advisory council is to review local or regional criminal justice systems, policies, and procedures. Provides that the justice reinvestment advisory council shall assist local or regional advisory councils with promoting: (1) the use of evidence based practices; and (2) certain best practices of community based alternatives and recidivism reduction programs. Sets forth duties of local or regional advisory councils.

The bill allows local Community Corrections (CC) Advisory Boards to serve as the local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (local JRAC).

(d) The community corrections advisory board may vote to serve as the local or regional advisory council described in this section. Meeting agendas may include business related to both community correction advisory board and local or regional advisory council duties.

The required membership of these councils mirrors much of the CC Advisory Board. (Attachment below)

DUTIES OF LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (all new statutory language)

SECTION 4. IC 33-38-9.5-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 5. A local or regional advisory council shall promote:(1) the use of evidence based practices; and (2) the best practices of community based alternatives and recidivism reduction programs, including:(A) probation services;(B) problem solving courts;(C) mental health and addiction treatment and recovery services;(D) pretrial services;(E) community corrections; (F) evidence based recidivism reduction programs for currently incarcerated persons;(G) other rehabilitation alternatives; and (H) the incorporation of evidence based decision making into decisions concerning jail overcrowding.

SECTION 5. IC 33-38-9.5-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 6. A local or regional advisory council shall do the following:(1) Review, evaluate, and make recommendations for local:(A) criminal justice systems and corrections programs;(B) pretrial services;(C) behavioral health treatment and recovery services;(D) community corrections; and(E) county jail and probation services.(2) Promote state and local collaboration between the advisory council and the local or regional advisory council.(3) Review and evaluate local jail overcrowding and recommend a range of possible overcrowding solutions.(4) Compile reports regarding local criminal sentencing as directed by the advisory council.(5) Establish committees to inform the work of the local or regional advisory council.(6) Communicate with the advisory council in order to establish and implement best practices and to ensure consistent collection and reporting of data as requested by the advisory council.(7) Prepare and submit an annual report to the advisory council not later than March 31 of each year.

Most Indiana CC Directors plan to request that their CCAB serve as the local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council. That is Becca Streit's recommendation.

Troy Hatfield who has been involved in the state JRAC reports that the Governor's office has pledged some funding for training the local councils and he hopes this training will be provided in the near future (late summer, early fall). Troy reports that our CC Advisory Board has all the necessary/statutory members for a local JRAC. Therefore, if the Monroe County CC Advisory Board served as the local JRAC, this would not necessarily add additional meetings, just expanded agendas allowing for broader discussion of criminal justice matters. Linda Grove-Paul states that she believes this would be a good opportunity to expand the current CC Advisory Board to include local JRAC responsibilities in order to have additional discussions and open up a forum to address some of the things that are going well in our community such as the STRIDE Center or, not going well such as funding issues.

Linda Brady moved to approve the Monroe County Community Corrections Advisory Board to serve as the local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council. Victoria Thevenow seconded. **Motion carried.**

5. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: Next quarterly meeting will be MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021 at 5:00 PM via Zoom

*Terms for all Commissioners appointments expire 12-31-2022.

*Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson are elected for a two -year term. The next election is January 2023.

HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1068

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 33-38-9.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.161-2018, SECTION 99, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:

- (1) "Advisory council" means the justice reinvestment advisory council established by section 2 of this chapter.
- (2) "Board" means the board of directors of the judicial conference of Indiana established by IC 33-38-9-3.
- (3) "Local or regional advisory council" means a local or regional justice reinvestment advisory council established by section 4 of this chapter.**
- (3) **(4)** "Office of judicial administration" means the office of judicial administration established under IC 33-24-6-1.

SECTION 2. IC 33-38-9.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.34-2020, SECTION 3, AND P.L.48-2020, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 3. **(a)** The purpose of the justice reinvestment advisory council is to review policies, promote state and local collaboration, and provide assistance for use of evidence based practices and best practices in community based alternatives and recidivism reduction programs, including:

- (1) probation services;
 - (2) problem solving courts;
 - (3) mental health and addiction treatment and recovery services;
 - (4) programs providing for pretrial diversion;
 - (5) community corrections;
 - (6) evidence based recidivism reduction programs for currently incarcerated persons;
 - (7) pretrial services;**
 - (7) **(8)** other rehabilitation alternatives; and
 - (8) **(9)** the incorporation of evidence based decision making into decisions concerning jail overcrowding.
- (b) The advisory council shall assist local or regional advisory councils, as established by section 4 of this chapter, in implementing and executing the purposes described in subsection (a).**

SECTION 3. IC 33-38-9.5-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 4. (a) A local justice reinvestment advisory council is established in each county in Indiana. The local advisory council of two (2) or more counties may vote to consolidate into a regional advisory council. Membership of a regional advisory council must consist of the members listed in this subsection, which can be filled by a representative from any of the participating counties. A local advisory council consists of at least the following members:**

- (1) In counties with a chief public defender, the county chief public defender or the county chief public defender's designee. In counties without a chief public defender, a public defender who practices public defense within the county appointed by the local public defense board. If there is no local public defense board, then a public defender who practices public defense within the county appointed by the circuit court judge.**
- (2) The elected prosecuting attorney or the elected prosecuting attorney's designee.**
- (3) In counties with a local community mental health center, the director of the center or the director's designee.**
- (4) The county sheriff or the county sheriff's designee.**
- (5) In counties with a community corrections program, the director of the county's community corrections program or the director's designee.**
- (6) The chief probation officer or the chief probation officer's designee.**
- (7) The president of the county executive (as defined in IC 36-1-2-5) or the president's designee.**
- (8) The president of the county fiscal body (as defined in IC 36-1-2-6) or the president's designee.**
- (9) A circuit or superior court judge exercising criminal jurisdiction in the county, selected as follows:**
 - (A) If only one (1) circuit or superior judge exercises criminal jurisdiction in the county, that judge serves as a member of the council.**
 - (B) If more than one (1) circuit or superior court judge exercises criminal jurisdiction in the county, the judge selected by a majority of the circuit and superior court judges exercising criminal jurisdiction in the county shall select a judge exercising criminal jurisdiction to serve as a member of the council.**
 - (C) If the judges exercising criminal jurisdiction in the county are unable to select a judge to serve as a member under clause (B), the chief justice of Indiana shall appoint a judge exercising criminal jurisdiction in the county as a member of the council.**
- (b) The members of a local or regional advisory council shall annually elect one (1) member as chair and one (1) member as vice chair.**
- (c) A local or regional advisory council shall meet at least quarterly.**

(d) The community corrections advisory board may vote to serve as the local or regional advisory council described in this section. Meeting agendas may include business related to both community correction advisory board and local or regional advisory council duties.

SECTION 4. IC 33-38-9.5-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 5. A local or regional advisory council shall promote:**

- (1) the use of evidence based practices; and
- (2) the best practices of community based alternatives and recidivism reduction programs, including:
 - (A) probation services;
 - (B) problem solving courts;
 - (C) mental health and addiction treatment and recovery services;
 - (D) pretrial services;
 - (E) community corrections;
 - (F) evidence based recidivism reduction programs for currently incarcerated persons;
 - (G) other rehabilitation alternatives; and
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SECTION 5. IC 33-38-9.5-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 6. A local or regional advisory council shall do the following:**

- (1) Review, evaluate, and make recommendations for local:
 - (A) criminal justice systems and corrections programs;
 - (B) pretrial services;
 - (C) behavioral health treatment and recovery services;
 - (D) community corrections; and
 - (E) county jail and probation services.
- (2) Promote state and local collaboration between the advisory council and the local or regional advisory council.
- (3) Review and evaluate local jail overcrowding and recommend a range of possible overcrowding solutions.
- (4) Compile reports regarding local criminal sentencing as directed by the advisory council.
- (5) Establish committees to inform the work of the local or regional advisory council.
- (6) Communicate with the advisory council in order to establish and implement best practices and to ensure consistent collection and reporting of data as requested by the advisory council.
- (7) Prepare and submit an annual report to the advisory council not later than March 31 of each year.

SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The justice reinvestment advisory council established by IC 33-38-9.5-2 shall conduct a review of community corrections code provisions in the Indiana Code and make recommendations to improve operations with evidence based practices.

(b) The justice reinvestment advisory council shall submit a final report containing its findings to the department of correction not later than December 1, 2021. The report to the department of correction must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(c) This SECTION expires January 1, 2022.

SECTION 7. An emergency is declared for this act.

**MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD
LOCAL JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

March 29, 2021

CCAB STATUTORY MEMBERS	LOCAL JRAC STATUTORY MEMBERS A local advisory council consists of at least the following members:
County Sheriff (or designee)	County Sheriff (or designee)
Prosecuting Attorney (or designee)	Prosecuting Attorney (or designee)
Chief Public Defender (or designee)	Chief Public Defender (or designee)
Department of Child Services Director	
City Mayor (or designee)	
CIRCUIT COURT APPOINTMENTS	
Juvenile Judge	
Judge w/Criminal Jurisdiction (or designee)	Judge w/Criminal Jurisdiction (or designee)
Judge w/Criminal Jurisdiction (or designee)	
Juvenile Correctional Facility Representative	
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Representative	
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENTS	
Victim or Advocate	
Ex-Offender	
County Council member	President of County Fiscal Body (or designee)
Probation Officer	Chief Probation Officer (or designee)
Juvenile Probation Officer	
Education Administrator	
Private Corrections	
Mental Health Administrator	Community Mental Health Center Director (or designee)
Lay Member (Minority)	
Lay Member	
Lay Member	
Lay Member	
	President of County Executive (or designee)
STAFF	
Community Corrections Director (non-voting)	Community Corrections Director (voting member)
Community Corrections Office Manager/CCAB Secretary (non-voting)	

*Terms for all CCAB Commissioners appointments expire 12-31-2022.

**CCAB Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson elected for 2-year terms. Next election is January 2023.

By Indiana law, CCAB and Local JRAC must meet at least quarterly. Local JRAC to select Chair and Vice-chair annually.