

Idaho Association of Counties Juvenile Justice Administrators

Meeting Agenda—December 9, 2021

Ada County Juvenile Detention

400 N Benjamin Suite 103

Boise, Idaho

9:00-12:00pm

Open Meeting & Welcome by President: Brian Walker

Introductions: Brian Walker

Dixie Tate, Elda Catalano, Debbie Nadeau, Skye Taylor, Roy Bullington, Ron Stultz, Nicky Chavez, Ashley Lezamiz, JT Taylor, Stacy Brown, Ivy Smith, Amanda Leader, Tim Howley, Lael Hansen, Aleta Straub, Alicia Baptiste, Allison Tate, Mario Umana, Scott Johnson, Monty Prow, Jessica Barrowed, Jason Dye, Dahlia, Shawn Hill Carol Johnson, Brian Walker, Darin Burrell, Mark Gough, Skip Clapp, Zlata Myr, Joe Langan, Leahann Romero, Jason Stone, Jose Martinez, Karen Skow, Kevin Sandau, Kimber Janes, Lindsay Anderson, Mark D., Matt Olsen, Nadine McDonald, Shane Boyle, Stace Gearhart, Trent Bodily, Todd Mauger, Linda Hoss

Action Items:

Review/Approval of September 2021 Meeting Minutes –Brian Walker

- Mark Gough motioned to accept the September minutes, Tim Howley seconded, all approved.

Approval of meeting expenses- Brian Walker

- \$508.38 for food, split with Misdemeanor. Motion to pay for lunch Tim Howley, seconded by Mario Umana. All approved.

Non-Action Items:

IGT – Lael

- Jessica Barrowed will take Lael's seat on IGT. They are seeing the same struggles as others with workforce, and the needle is moving to get more youth in services faster. IGT meets monthly, subgroups also meeting. Go to YES website for month to month and quarterly reports.
- 4 people in leadership, trying to ensure representation for families as well as professionals. Leadership will write up what structure will look like going forward.

Discussion on length of meeting

- Travel for a half day meeting is tough to justify at times, appreciation for Zoom. Current system works well for those attending both juvenile and misdemeanor meetings.
- Discussion about trainings, possibly every other meeting combine training with misdemeanor. Sometimes it is difficult to make training happen.
- Appreciation from Brian Walker about participation in person and virtually to make the meetings productive and share information across the state. Will continue to use virtual option, and ensure good use of time.

Rule of 80 discussion-Brian Walker

- Met with Rep. Erickson and connected him to PERSI. Legislation being drafted now by Rep. Erickson's staff. Brian will meet with him and Sen. Cook once it is drafted. Please keep in contact with legislators and commissioners about this, it helps if they understand the main cost is to the employees if Rule of 80 is adopted.
- Appreciation for all the work being done on this and contacts being made.

Judicial Rule Revisions-Jason Dye

- **IJR26** – Discretionary Waiver of Jurisdiction under JCA – going out for public comment in January.

- **3(b)** goal to make waiver hearing more similar to Evidentiary Hearing. Concerns about hearsay being admissible. Propose criminal records and other information not subject to hearsay, Waiver Report can still have hearsay. Anything you don't want rules of evidence to apply to needs to be in the report.
- **IJR27** – Transfer to Juvenile Court
 - **(a)** change to match 2505 and 2506 so criminal charges and infractions can be moved over. Statute already allows this, updating rule to match. It would still be at jurisdiction discretion.
 - Concern about allowing traffic and fish and game charges into JCA and possible impact on caseloads. This won't be automatic, jurisdictions can decide what they want to do.
 - Please email Jason Dye with concerns to take to the committee.
 - Possible impacts to status offense violations if these youth end up in juvenile system and detention.
 - Will there be a diversion option, or will it go straight to court? Current processes in counties will remain unless courts decide to change it.
- **IJR54** – goes along with 20-511A
 - Due to improved relationship between the Courts and H&W, want to make the rule reflect that by removing the word “modified” so judge can either approve or disprove the plan and refer on. Acknowledges only mental health professionals should make modifications, so judges can refer it on to another professional.
 - Updating some references to forms as all are available in Odyssey.
 - Review Hearings held within 100 days – adding the structure in rule that exists in statute.
 - Also allows CMH funds to continue paying for treatment even if 20-511A is closed.
 - Question about impact to this process as H&W Behavioral Health is planning to reduce their workforce by 25%. There are conversations about this between the Courts and H&W. Case Management will continue whether by H&W or contracted out.
- Future revisions possible, but waiting for IDJC's legislation this session to make decisions.

IDJC Updates-Director Prow/Scott Johnson

- Juvenile Justice Summit in October covered Racial and Ethnic Disparities and Length of Stay, including discussion about reception centers.
- IDJC will send a survey out related to Length of Stay (EPIC) asking about YLSI done in custody prior to release and some other collaboration pieces. Administrators support this idea, as well as shorter and more frequent updates.
- IDJC census is at 151, lowest ever! Lewiston is now keeping some sex offenders for treatment. There is no evidence of adverse effects mixing sex offenders in with conduct disorder youth, so looking at possible consolidation of groups to help with supervision with the lower numbers.
- Removing some dorm style cottages at JCCS and building single use rooms with funds received from legislature.
- SmartVault – see attachment sent out prior to meeting
 - Some historical issues with packet submissions, decision to provide a more secure, online drop box for commitment orders and community packets. This also removes the barrier of document size limitations in email.

- Hope to start using in January, will still accept packets in other forms as this rolls out. This process has been used between IDJC and schools for a couple of years with great success.
- Rule Reviews
 - Probation Rules Review – Chelsea will head this up and has a group working on it, contact her if you would like to join.
 - Detention Rules Review – Karen will head this up, she is putting a group together, contact her if you would like to join.
 - Director assured Chelsea and Karen are delightful to work with.
- Working on hiring in facilities – asking legislature for raises for Rehab Tech positions.
- Legislative Update
 - See attachment sent prior to this meeting. 3 pieces of legislation from IDJC on the front page of the update.
- POST for IDJC facility staff – first week long session will be in March 2022. It will be an advanced training experience to enhance skills. Working on the agenda.
- Idaho Behavioral Health Council Strategic Action Plan
 - State and Federal funds available to support this plan.
 - IDJC’s budge will include \$11M to support initiatives. See page 11. About half of funds will be to aid in standing up reception centers and half will go toward juvenile crisis centers.
 - Ada County is bringing Jack Martin from Nevada to share his experience in assessment/reception centers 2/10, hoping to schedule a second session to open up the opportunity for more to hear him speak. 92% of youth coming to the reception centers in Nevada do not end up in the JJ system.
 - Crisis centers would be separate from mobile crisis. One time startup costs.
 - Concerns about how these models will serve frontier counties. Hopeful to find solutions from other states that have adopted these models.
 - Look at national assessment center website for data from other states.
- IDJC policy changes to parent reimbursement. Looking at offering to reduce or waive fees for participating in youth treatment and contacts with their youth. Will start shortly with notifications to parents.
- IJOS 2.0 – please send feedback to ensure new system will work for counties.

Juvenile Detention curriculum review - Karen Skow

- Curriculum updates, please let Karen know if you would like to help or provide input.
- Juvenile Detention Academy starts May 22nd and will go through Memorial Day to June 10th 2022. Juvenile Probation Academy was moved so it doesn’t overlap with Misdemeanor Academy, dates are August 14th to September 2nd 2022.
- Still in need of instructors, please reach out to Karen with suggestions.

IJOS 2.0 Board Openings - Nadine McDonald and Lindsay Anderson

- Shared a draft of 2.0 – it will be web-based, so no software updates
- Please send questions and recommendations to Nadine, Lindsay, IJOS Support, or anyone on the IJOS Board.
- IJOS Board has had retirements and has openings as a result. Currently looking for new additions, particularly from D1, 3, and 6. Reach out to Nadine with names questions.
- Will there be more room in IJOS 2.0 to save documents? IJOS hopes so, and not to that point in the design yet.

DSO - Chelsea Newton

- Idaho has been out of compliance with DSO requirement since 2017. Through many initiatives there have been reductions and Idaho should be back in compliance. Dropped from 30 violations to 7 violations in a year!

- Of the 7, 2 were held more than 24 hours prior to initial hearing. A couple were held pre-adjudication.
- There is some money available and a grant opportunity will put out next week with \$50K available to specifically target DSO.
- Survey went out last week for information on court holding facilities for juveniles. Please answer what you can and return to Chelsea – reach out with questions.

Idaho Resilient Project – Kevin Sandau and Shannon McGuire

- Provided history leading up to 503c status and grant to bring services to youth 5-13 across the state. Focus right now is on engaging regional partnerships.
- Will provide trainings now through June on mental health and how to support front line workers in order to support youth.
- Overall goal to support resilience and access to services across the state.

“Non PREA Disclosures” - Darrin Burrell, Kimber Janes, Ashley Stallings, Scott Johnson

- This is to address disclosures youth make about abuse that occurred prior to commitment. A workgroup of stakeholders from around the state has been meeting to develop a standard approach.
- Concern about impacts on youth. Prosecutors have been involved in conversation and part of this is how to correctly do the forensic interviews and limit retraumatizing youth, as well as opening up resources for them in the community as victims.
- Data shows youth disclose an average of 9 events. Virtual interviews allow for PAs and LE to join from jurisdictions where incidents occurred. 77% of victims CAC interviews in custody in Idaho are male, national data is 82% female. Idaho data is limited right now, and hope to have more to share in the future.

Lowering the employee age requirement (Detention) - JT Taylor

- Discussion came up in discussion at POST. Would lowering the age help increase applications? Detention Administrators, please send comments to JT.
- **IJJA- Jose Martinez**
- 174 attendees, need reps from D1, D5, and D6. Send Jose topic ideas by July '22.
- Plan to hold conference in person in Coeur d’Alene 9/12-14/22.

Other Business

- February business meeting will be short at Riverside, then will move to POST for demonstration of ARCON. Brian will bring 15 passenger van to help with transportation for those coming from out of town.
- Darin will be point to help with trainings for IACJJA meetings – please reach out to him with ideas.
 - Suggestion to have probation simulation training when the next meeting is in Northern Idaho.
 - Darin sits on ICADD, plan to be in person in Boise May 2022. Plan to have probation simulation training there, need 18 volunteers 5/12, invitation for people to attend this session if they can’t attend all of ICADD.
- VCHECK app to use phone GPS to help with youth supervision. Doesn’t take the place of EM. Helps with supervision of lower risk youth – Fremont County is using it right now.

Motion to adjourn Skip Clapp, seconded by Tim Howley.

Important dates:

Next IACJJA Meeting February 3, 2022-Boise, Id.
Juvenile Detention Academy #44 May 22-June 10, 2022
Juvenile Probation Academy #22 August 14-September 2, 2022

IJJA

September 12-14, 2022 – Coeur d’Alene, ID