

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC)

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Jennings County Courthouse

24 North Pike Street

Vernon, Indiana 47282

Present: Ellie Bright, Carey Calhoun, Madysn Harsh, Jeff Jones, Jason Judd, Carin Hurt, Jason Judd, Shawn Minton, Amanda Lear Donna Marsh, Shana Richmond, Alex Zimmerman.

New Business:

1. System Map: process of monthly meeting with Jason Judd, Ellie Bright, and Andy Judd. Lakiesha Fisher will assist us, she is with court services technical assistance and based in Indianapolis now. This will be a process that can be unique to Jennings County, and also will be in person at some JRAC meetings.
 - a. To be working on mission statements, had sent some examples.
 - b. Data collection: another large piece of what we will do. Lakiesha will assist with what issues we truly have with data. This will drive the evidence-based decision making.
2. SIM (Sequential Intercept Model) mapping: JRAC as a whole vs what the system looks like for a community member involved in the justice system. SIM group will keep JRAC updated, training will occur in 2024. Will be starting in October to start planning meetings. Parties involved: Shana Richmond, Carin Hurt, Ellie Bright, Natasha GOines, JL Brewer, Madysn Harsh, and more may be included.
3. CIT Training: Good amount of attendance from the county for at least 10 in attendance with probation, Sherriff Department, and 911, SRO with schools. Located at Seymour Police Department Training Facility. Occurs September 18-22, 2023. This will re-start Jennings County CIT Team after the training and eventually open to attorney, education/schools.
4. Amanda Lear, Child and Family Services Manager. Amanda introduces self and also shares updates in the school and in the community in general. Amanda will complete threat assessments in the schools to see if they are a danger to self or others, and then assist in facilitating inpatient if needed. Schools have provided space to work in each school with several staff available. Referrals come due to behavior, not necessarily IEPs. Contacts in school includes all principles and mostly counselors and teachers as referral sources. All mental health and substance use issues are addressed. JC Schools know students well and provide wonderful care of children; Centerstone has a good working relationship. Services include in the schools, home and in the community: life skills training (coping skills) and therapy. Both include working towards reducing symptoms of diagnosis, for example, for anxiety will have an individual treatment plan. The team can refer to Centerstone psychiatric services for medications if needed. Amanda discussed some options for one-time treatment education for some school offenses, for example marijuana, cigarettes or vape, SAFE program which can be individual or group. Amanda will send staff members in each school.

5. ATLAS Treatment Locator: Carey shared that the launch is September 29 and is a treatment locator database. This will assist in quickly locating treatment providers and also help search by criteria what level of care is needed. Shana shares that the treatment locator can be used everywhere by anyone. Reviews can be completed. This is helpful because it is more accurate than any internet search. Treatment providers will need to complete the survey to be listed.

Old Business: change in date to the 4th Wednesday of the month.