

**IACCAC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 21, 2013**

The committee members present were Ralph Watson, Dave Heath, J.L. Brewer, Bob Hinojosa, Tom Rhodes, Chris Cunningham and Bill Dishman. Unable to attend were Blake Poindexter, and Brad Barnes.

The committee welcomed a special guest, Linda Brady. Linda is the Chief Probation Officer of the Monroe County Probation Department. She is also the President of the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana (POPAI) and guides the association's legislative effort.

This meeting is being held in the evening following the 2nd day of the IACCAC Annual Training Institute in Indianapolis, Indiana. .

OLD BUSINESS

Ralph reported on the most recent activities of the Criminal law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee. They have two meetings remaining prior to the 2014 legislative session. They are scheduled for December 10th and December 19th at 10 AM in Room 130. It is expected that they will approve the final language of any amendments for HEA 1006 at their meeting on the 19th. Linda Brady is a member of the study committee and she reported on some specific activities and provided Ralph with electronic copies of relevant information. He plans to forward the information to other legislative committee members.

There was discussion concerning a recent amendment concerning funding for mental health treatment. Ralph and representatives of the Department of Correction are concerned with the language. After discussion many committee members also expressed concern. The study committee had already accepted the language, so the association will need to express their concerns during the legislative session.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion concerning the possibility of having a legislative reception similar to the one IACCAC held during the 2013 session. The committee wants to once again plan such a session. Ralph is going to work on a date to use the atrium at the state house. It was determined that tentative dates to explore would be January 22nd & 29th. Ralph will also explore the option of providing an ice cream sundae bar similar to last year. J.L. Brewer agreed to begin designing an invitation and will finalize it once a date has been determined. Chris Cunningham will work to prepare a power point presentation similar to last year's presentation. The committee has data for FY 2012-13. The committee expressed a desire to have a basic brochure about the Association to distribute. Bill Watson is going to plan work with the IACCAC Executive Committee to prepare a brochure.

There was additional discussion concerning possible changes to the electronic monitoring language in current statute. There is a belief among committee members that we need to propose revisions as to the types of authorized releases for those individuals on electronic monitoring. At the October meeting committee members were asked to bring back possible language that could be proposed. There were no alternatives presented. Tom Rhodes volunteered to draft some possible language and send it to committee members for review.

Ralph notified committee members of some information concerning community corrections funding that had just come to the attention of the IACCAC leadership. It appears that the entire \$43,262,752 budget for community corrections in FY 21013-14 will not be appropriated in its entirety. It has been explained that the Department of Correction will be reverting \$3,000,000 of the community corrections budget. There was significant discussion following the delivery of the information. Most centered on why such a decision was made and who made the decision. The answers were not known. The committee decided that they would ask specific questions of DOC representatives during the Town Hall meeting on November 22nd that is part of the closing session of the IACCAC Training Institute.

The next meeting of the committee will be **December 20th at 10 AM** at Hamilton County Community Corrections.