



WELLS COUNTY

Local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council

The inaugural meeting of the Wells County Local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (LJRAC) was held on December 14, 2021. Those in attendance were Andrew Antrim, Andrew Carnall, Scott Holliday, Karen Thompson, Jeffrey Steinburg, Blake Poindexter, and Gregory Werich. Invited but absent for the meeting were Blake Gerber, Steve Huggins, Kent Kiracofe and Jinny Broderick.

Those present reviewed the statutory provisions for a LJRAC. The first order of business was election of a chair (Werich) and vice-chair (Antrim) for the council. Following the election, the members present discussed prospective additional members, and invitations will be made to Bluffton's and Ossian's police chiefs. Finally, those present scheduled future 2022 meetings for March 15, June 14, September 14 and December 13. Unless otherwise directed, all meetings will be held in the Wells Superior Court Jury Room on the 3rd floor at 11:30 AM. Werich will post a meeting schedule/location for purposes of compliance with Indiana's Open-Door Law. Reminders will be emailed to council members before meetings. The meeting adjourned by consensus of those present.

* Activity since the December 2021 council meeting:

- Werich learned that the email address for Broderick was incorrect and after sending a new invitation about the LJRAC she agreed to be a participant.
- Telephone and email with Gerber and 2022 Commissioner president Michael Vanover to determine who will represent the Commissioners on the LJRAC: Vanover replied he would be the representative.
- Invitations were emailed to Kyle Randall and Dave Rigney of the Bluffton and Ossian Police Departments respectively. Rigney agreed to participate.
- A training was held for LJRAC members on December 15, 2021, and the 2022 format of the 2021 report was provided. Werich will coordinate with Poindexter and Thompson for work on specific questions related to their respective agencies and hopefully minimize discussion to the topics required of the council in general at the March meeting. All questions will be relayed to the council member via email prior the March meeting.
- The Indiana Office of Court Services requested answering a brief survey of our county's council including current membership and the designated contact person for future communication (Werich).