



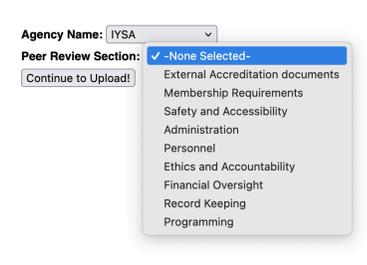
February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

**Hilton Indianapolis Hotel and Suites**

120 West Market Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Below is the link for individuals to book their reservations:

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<p>Business Meeting: Hilton Indianapolis Hotel and Suites – 3rd floor Corydon Room – Wednesday 1 pm – 4 pm</p>
<p>Welcome Introductions/Checking in: Kim Grizzel, Tauhric Brown, Chuck Kime, Marion Collins, PJ Corwin, Jeremy Nichols, Heather Law, Kendee Kolp, Jennifer Feaster, Lisa Antrim and Becky Eliis, Jodi French (Perry), Brandon Halleck and Emilee Roberts, Michelle Crone, Nia Parillo, Leah Pezzarossi, Laura Fleming-Balmer and Meridith Rodriguez, Jim Ward, Lori Harrington, Karen Branch, Viki Thevenow, Danielle Rowzenski(Jefferson), Nik Sloan, Rijenna Murray          Absent: Amy Just, Steve Bernth (excused), Lakisha Johnson          IYSA Staff – David Westenberger, Kenneth Allen, Robin Donaldson, Michele Whelchel, Laura Sanchez, Steph Putt, Ashley Moore, Anthony Dumas, Kate Bathon</p>
<p>Membership Committee Report:          2026 Peer Reviews – The database is now set up to upload your documents into the individual peer review tool categories. Go to Survey Tools, select Upload documents, then there’s a new dropdown box for uploading your document into the right section.</p> <p>Please remember <b>NOT</b> to use any special characters when naming your documents for uploads into the database. No commas, no periods, no apostrophes. Nothing but letters and numbers, please. The database has a quirk and doesn’t like special characters. I’ve also attached the peer review Member Standards tool and in the far left-hand column, there are suggestions for which documents might be used for each item.</p> 
<p>Program Committee Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Committee Updates – The committee prior to the Quarterly and based on the Strategic Goals Action Steps identified by the IYSA Board, will focus on identifying Needs and Service Gaps</li> <li>b. Program Updates:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. YSBs – YJOC October award provides additional funds for 9 YSB in 10 counties and the new application will provide funding for all but seven of the 26 YSBs, five of which had no funds available in the counties, two declined to participate.</li> <li>2. Safe Place update – YJOC October award provides additional funds for 6 of the 14 Safe Place programs to provide funding for Safe Place personnel costs. The new application</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

will provide funds for all but the two agencies that declined to participate, through some flexibility in DCS funds.

3. The Journey updates - started 2026 cohorts with 55 new fellows and the regional groups are doing a great job coordinating opportunities for past fellows to network and support one another
4. ITVAP updates – The ITVAP team is working on submission of two grants for victim service provision, both due by or before March 11<sup>th</sup>. HT101 Training of Trainers (TOTs) are back and will occur at least twice a year with one coming up in March. If you need to send someone, please reach out to Ian Hurst at [ihurst@indysb.org](mailto:ihurst@indysb.org). Please remember that per the signed Facilitator agreements, HT 101 presenters are NOT allowed to train others to do presentations. HT 101 trainers must complete the ITVAP sponsored TOTs.
5. MGD updates - Social media campaign will include a kit for YSB and will go live April – June 15<sup>th</sup> to cover good decisions around proms and such. Laura Sanchez is the event coordinator and has brought in 3 brand new sponsors for the Golf Outing on May 14 and the Grand Royale is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Finance Committee Report – (PJ)

The December balance sheet shows an overall higher cash position in December compared to November. We received the new Journey grant funds in December.

December receivables were slightly higher than November driven by a slightly higher VOCA and DCS invoices. December payables were much lower than November reflecting 2 payments of YSB funds.

The lines of credit were at 100% usage at the end of December and will be at 100% with the month end payroll this week.

Net profit for IYSA in December was \$54,800 driven primarily by year-end adjustments, releasing the remaining DOE funds into income and creating a receivable for YSB CYC for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the grant year. YTD net loss is \$(137,170). We ended the year with revenue at 95% and expenses at 98% of budget.

#### Discussion

YJOC - The YJOC grants were executed and the first invoices have been submitted. We submitted applications for another round of YSB Diversion and Safe Place Community Alternatives on 2/13.

2026 Budget was approved by the Board on 2/5.

The financial system transition is ongoing; reporting for 2026 will likely be delayed.

Stephanie, IYSA's controller, mentioned that IYSA has updated their financial software system and be on the look out for emails from Steph with instructions.

Communications and Marketing Committee – (Heather) The committee is working to get the legislators more involved and would like the agencies to invite their legislators to the Agency Update portion of the peer review for the 13 being reviewed this year. Chuck asked a clarifying question and the YSB Directors are the ones who will do the invitations to the legislators.

Board Development Committee - Revised the by-laws, changed David's title, made provisions for virtual meetings, updated the Board Committees and the new member vetting process, made requirements for the Board Members to include an annual donation and

Jennifer made the motion to accept and Michelle second the motion.

Leah asked a clarifying question – Advocacy committee became the Communication and Marketing committee. Jim asked if the financial commitment is same for Member Directors, the answer is yes but there is no minimum give amount.

Vote taken and motion passed.

Fund Development Committee – February 9<sup>th</sup> started a consulting project and in the preliminary stages of putting together a calendar and materials for the Major Gift Campaign. David said the major gifts campaign is to develop the support for the State Office so awards can go to the YSBs. The consultant is funded through IYSA’s Lilly Endowment grant. We are planning an event for Fall 2026 and the major ask will come in the spring of 2027. From the ask event, we will be able to go back and ask for a three-year pledge for significant gift amounts.

The consultant has experience working with intermediaries in the past.

The consultant is putting together a list of potential donors, many of whom have already donated to IYSA in the past.

#### State Office Updates –

1. IYSA 2026-2029 Strategic Plan – Consultant-driven – The IYSA Board Retreat spent a day identifying potential action steps for the five “pillars” in the goals section of the plan. Committees will get more information about the goals and action steps they can focus on in the next three years.
2. This session, advocacy work focused on the state statute that requires Emergency Youth Shelters notify DCS when an unaccompanied youth asks for overnight stays, regardless of no allegations of abuse or neglect. Changes to this statute were included in a bill and it went through to the last hour of a vote when the Senate attorney said the change wasn’t relevant to the bill and the changes were taken out. The good news is that this has provided the opportunity for IYSA to be in front of legislators.

#### Agency Updates -

1. Kim Grizzel– 4<sup>th</sup> of July 5K Marathon and two miles are underground in Merango. Kim had 500 runners last year and expecting 1000 this year. Last year the runners were from nine different states.
2. Michelle Crone - YSB Huntington opened an office in Whitley County and will be doing Skills for Life in Whitley and Wabash.
3. Bauer – Celebration of Youth on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Stables Event Center. Received a grant for Literacy
4. Crisis Center – Community -based grant from DCS to add four new programs.
5. CASY – Will be opening their new childcare facility in June 2026 – raised 6 mil for the center.
6. Bashor – 11 independent living apartments for 18 – 24 youth and still has openings.
7. BGC Wayne County – new CEO of BGC of Wayne County – John York – was a BGC kid and staff at Wayne County, was Rush County CEO and is now coming home. Wayne County may be expanding into surrounding counties, including Rush.
8. Montgomery County – May 9<sup>th</sup> Dancing with Montgomery County Stars – Karen is retiring at the end of 2026 and will have someone in place for June 2026 so Karen has time to train them.
9. Hillcrest – Jim – looking into a GED or High School program and wanted information on programs. Looking for translation services that are HIPPA compliant – Becky suggested Globo but Jim said that their DCS person discouraged them from using it. Viki made a recommendation for a piece of equipment that is not connected to the cloud. Forms have to be interpreted through a certified translator. Viki recommending checking with your local court for translation services.

Dinner - Harmony Steak House and Hibachi - 220 N Meridian Indianapolis – 6 pm

Top Golf – Hilton Indianapolis Hotel and Suites – 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Quarterly Training: Thursday 9 – 12 pm Hilton Hotel Corydon Room

Kim Grizzel, George White, Chuck Kime, Marion Collins, PJ Corwin, Jeremy Nichols, Heather Law, Kendee Kolp, Jennifer Feaster, Lisa Antrim and Becky Ellis, Jodi French (Perry), Brandon Halleck and Emilee Roberts, Michelle Crone, Nia Parillo, Leah Pezzarossi, Laura Fleming-Balmer and Meridith Rodriguez, Jim Ward, Lori Harrington, Karen Branch, Viki Thevenow, Danielle Rowzenski(Jefferson), Nik Sloan, Rijenna Murray

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Brandon Randall and TRU Colors youth – Engaging Youth Voice

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Suggested Resources from the Training:

Ted Talk – From At-Risk to At-Promise: Supporting Teens to Overcome Adversity – Victor Rios  
DBT House Activity

Jeffrey Duncan- Andrade – Note to Educators: Hope Required When Growing Roses in Concrete  
Healing Centered Engagement

CARMA – Culture, Agency, Relationships, Meaning, Aspirations

Ted Talk - Rita Pierson – Every Kid Deserves a Champion

Description: The Power of TRU Colors- This session will highlight the importance of meeting young people where they are, creating opportunities for their voices and experiences to guide the direction of programs and policy, and providing real-world examples of what has worked in Indianapolis. This session will incorporate concepts around Healing-Centered Engagement, Critical Hope Theory, and Positive Psychology. This session will be facilitated by Brandon Randall, founder of TRU Colors Consulting, LLC. and two of his most active students: Brandon Spivey and Duran Bell.

Bios:

Brandon Randall is a resident of the near Eastside in Indianapolis. Brandon holds both Associate's and Bachelor's degrees in Criminal Justice. Brandon's background is in Juvenile Justice, Education, Nonprofit Leadership, and Youth Engagement. Over the last eighteen years, Brandon has held a variety of professional and volunteer roles within the community, both locally and nationally; while also being a highly-sought after public speaker around the topics of youth development, mentoring, and supporting systems-impacted youth. He currently operates under his own LLC, Tru Colors Consulting, where he focuses on school and community-based programming, professional development for youth workers and youth-serving organizations, and creating platforms for youth-led leadership development. Brandon's focus areas include social and emotional development, advocacy and leadership, and community organizing.

Brandon Spivey is a recent graduate of Arsenal Tech High School. Despite his age, Mr. Spivey has quickly taken on the role as a leader and active learner in the community. Over the last several years, he has completed a variety of leadership programs, including the Power and Promise Leadership Development Program, Indy Peace Leaders Leadership Development Program, and the Power of TRU Generations Leadership Development Program. He has also spent quite a bit of time using his voice to advocate for change in the community. He has worked with various community programs in Indianapolis and has also spent some time in Baltimore speaking on the importance of youth-

led violence reduction programs. He has previously served as a table captain for the youth-led forum, TRU Dialogue and will be a panelist for the next installment in February. He also helped lead a Violence Prevention Conference that took place this past September, where he served as a panelist. Mr. Spivey currently works with the Peace Learning Center as a Program Assistant with the Indy Peace Leaders program, where he serves as a co-facilitator and peer mentor at Arsenal Tech High School, Belzer Middle School, and Longfellow Middle School. In his spare time, Mr. Spivey likes to play video games, eat tacos (Carne Asada!!), and go on road trips!

Duran Bell is a recent graduate of Arsenal Tech High School. Upon first meeting Mr. Bell, he may come across as quiet and reserved; however, he is very observant and intentional with his words and energy. He has taken the initiative to participate and complete several leadership programs within the last year, including the Indy Peace Leaders program, which is a part of the Peace Learning Center's Restorative Justice umbrella. Due to his high level of engagement in that program, he was also selected to be a part of the Power of TRU Generations Leadership Program, where he was able to travel to Baltimore to learn more about violence prevention strategies and share his experience. He also helped lead a Violence Prevention Conference that took place this past September, where he served as a panelist. In February, he will be a panelist for TRU Dialogue 10, a youth-led forum that brings together youth and adults from the community to discuss collaborative solutions. Mr. Bell currently serves as a Program Assistant with the Indy Peace Leaders program, serving as a peer mentor and co-facilitator at Arsenal Tech High School, Longfellow Middle School, and Belzer Middle School. In his spare time, Mr. Bell likes to play video games, travel, and learn about different ways to better himself.