

ICJC Rider Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2026 | 4:00–5:00 PM

Members: Bree Derrick, Co-Chair, Judge Darren Simpson, Co-Chair, Jaime Calderon, Anthony Geddes, Sandy Jones, Jay Logsdon, Kari Nussgen, ~~Representative Bruce Skaug~~, Deena Layne, Christine Starr, Dan Dinger for Holly Koole-Rebholz

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve the minutes from April 1, 2026

- Moved by Director Derrick, Second by Director Starr
- Outcome: Motion carried at 4:13 pm

3. Review of IDOC Data

Director Derrick and Kari Nussgen reviewed IDOC Retained Jurisdiction (Rider) Sentencing Outcomes

Key findings

- Rider recidivism is higher than overall recidivism
- Riders are most common in drug cases. Recidivism for this group is 50%
- Frequency of Rider sentences varies by Judicial District
- Rate of recidivism is proportionate to the number of rider sentences.

After one Rider, recidivism is 29%

After two Riders, recidivism is 56%

Women (39%) recidivate less than men (44%) following a Rider

Jaime Calderon provided an overview of Rider programs and practices

Key points

- Explanation of Reception and Diagnostic Unit (RDU) and classification

- Available menu of programs includes interventions for behavioral issues and decision making, substance abuse, sexual offending and aggression
- Advanced practice programs are required only once all other IDOC programs have been completed.
- Reentry planning is impeded by limited time between review hearing and release

4. Additional areas for review

- IDOC Data Innovation team will provide the following by way of a follow up email:
- Recidivism for probation and treatment court
- Recidivism for successful riders followed by a later term sentence
- Gender differences in successful completion of probation

5. Next Steps

Ideas for additional exploration:

- Enhance reentry services for Rider program
- Restructure Rider programming to provide inpatient treatment level of care
- Create a community-based Rider
- Individualize interventions and increasing dosage for Rider participants
- Limit eligibility for and/or number of Riders, with better alignment with evidence-based practices

IDOC presentation will be provided to ISC Felony Sentencing Committee

6. Next meeting

August 26, 2026 at 1:00 PM MT

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.