

ICJC Rider Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

April 1, 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, ~~Holly Keele-Reheltz~~, ~~Representative Bruce Skaug~~, Jason Spillman, Christine Starr

Guest: Robin Cornwall, IDOC Data Innovation Group

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 4:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes

- Moved by Judge Simpson, Second by Christine Starr to approve the minutes of December 17, 2025. Motion Carried at 4:03 PM.

Review of Defense and Prosecutor Survey Results on Rider Program

Robin Cornwell provided the results of a survey of Defense and Prosecuting Attorneys.

- *Overall responses from Defense Attorneys*
 - *Most commonly recommend for substance abuse/co-occurring behavioral health problems and related charges*
 - *Often recommended as a substitute for inpatient treatment*
 - *Often recommend for people who have been unsuccessful on probation*
 - *Generally perceive better outcomes for those with behavioral health concerns*
- *Overall Responses from Prosecutors*
 - *Most commonly recommend for substance abuse/co-occurring behavioral health problems and related charges, and those who have been unsuccessful on probation*
 - *Less likely to recommend for property, sex or violent crimes*
 - *Less likely to recommend for people with current mental health problems*
- *Shared concerns between both groups*
 - *Rider is an intermediate step between probation and prison*
 - *Provides short term sobriety and structured environment*
 - *Concerns about recidivism, weak long-term outcomes and lack of accountability*
 - *Recommendations for more structured programming, stronger aftercare and expansion of Treatment Courts*
- *Responses largely aligned with Judge Survey responses*

Additional Analyses Needed: Next steps

IDOC continues to work on previously identified data analyses, including common characteristics of successful rider participants

- Risk Level
- Gender
- Crime type
- Number of rider sentences

Other suggestions for further review:

- *Data by geographic location (county or judicial district)*
- *Impact of longer indeterminate sentences on Rider outcomes*
- *Data by criminogenic risk level*
- *Outcomes by violation type (technical versus new crime)*
- *Cost differences between rider and termor*
- *Outcome differences based on the number of riders ordered*

Next Meeting: June 17, 2026, 4:00-5:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.