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Policy Team Mission/Purpose: The policy team was formed for the purpose of obtaining technical assistance to examine current criminal justice system practices, identify gaps in research based practices, and to collaboratively implement an action plan to address these gaps. The vision of the team is:

“The criminal justice system of Grant County promotes risk and harm reduction by the consideration of collaborative decision-making and interventions founded on evidence based research.”

The mission of the team is:

- To deliver justice with procedural fairness and collaboration. Through collaboration, we remain informed of research and address gaps in evidence-based interventions at each decision point. Collaborative decision-making is performed within the context of the individual roles that fulfill the duties of our office as defined by state and federal constitutions, and protect the rights of victims, offenders, and citizens.
- To increase positive outcomes by considering research, the circumstances of the crime, the risk factors of the criminal, and the unintended consequences of decisions. Positive outcomes mean one less victim, one less offender, one less mis-spent tax dollar, and one less missed opportunity to effect positive change.
- To be accountable to the public for the performance of our jobs and to hold offenders accountable for change. The measurement of identified outcomes aids us in assessing effectiveness. Offenders are accountable to make restitution to their victims, the public, and to reduce their risk to reoffend.

Policy Team Activities: An action plan or “Roadmap” has been developed, defining the objectives and action steps the policy team will undertake. The action plan will be reviewed at each policy team meeting to ensure that tasks are completed as anticipated, and, updated as needed. The action plan is attached as Appendix 1.

Meeting Frequency and Duration: To accomplish its work, the policy team will meet on a regular schedule. Policy team meetings will be held on the first and third Friday of every month. If accomplishment of the action plan requires more or less time, the policy team will utilize sub-committees and readjust this schedule as necessary.

