

Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Education Outcomes Task Force

July 17th, 2020

10am – Noon

Virtual: TEAMS

Agenda

1. Review and approval of minutes from May 15th 2020, meeting – a copy of the draft minutes are uploaded into TEAMS files.
2. Status update of action items from last meeting

Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)		
Action	Responsibility	Due Date
Subcommittees, please try to get something scheduled and get together to run through objectives prior to the next EOTF meeting	Subcommittee chairs and co-chairs	ASAP
Fill out your templates and send annual reports to Julie Chairs/Co-Chairs	Christy and Melaina	done
Christy/Melaina to send DOE/DCS foster youth annual report	Christy and Melaina	done

Subcommittee reports – To be conscientious of time, all co-chairs should be prepared to present their updates in less than 10 minutes.

a. Education Passport Model Update:

- i. Notes from Gina: After committee discussion and a call with Julie Wittman to better identify focus for our work, we will be targeting access of educational records by partner agencies. There was some discussion regarding
 - 1) potentially identifying the information that is cross-collected and
 - 2) a review of the systems being used by all agencies to attempt to identify overlap

A. Considerations for the group on transitions moving forward:

- a. **We will be focusing on the transfer of information separately from transfer or records**
- ii. Transfer of permanent records is guided by statute and includes some “paper barriers” that negatively impact service provision in schools and supporting youth serving agencies

- iii. Transfer of information can and should be immediate and follow the student. MOST of the time information needed is available electronically – the issue is access
- iv. The transfer of historical student information will require further discussion (what is not available electronically but needed immediately)
- b. We will be identifying a reasonable timeline and process for schools and guidance for partner agencies to articulate HOW to more effectively transfer information:**
- v. 85% of Indiana schools use 1 of 3 (Powerschool, Harmony, Skyward) student management systems (SMS) – we can contact the SMS and request assistance coaching schools on the access of need-to-know student info
- vi. ID recommendation to schools who do NOT use one of these 3 SMS regarding the development of a process for need-to-know info sharing
- vii. Educate service providers effectively in HOW to access available information (PD)
- c. We will identify potential barriers to the transfer of student information school-to-school and school-to-agency (and hopefully develop strategies to address them)**
- viii. Regulation for records transfer (in many cases the entire record may not be needed “immediately”) – as a committee, let’s ID what is needed immediately and ID how to access that info in a more timely way
- ix. Time / manpower – waiting on the school to physically transfer a record creates a potentially unnecessary delay
- x. Priority – the agency NEEDING the information has no control of the process to receive it
- xi. Local-control – this process currently looks different for each district and community partner
- d. IN Info Sharing App**
- xii. Critically eval what is available and what isn’t available but needed
- xiii. Create a plan to promote the app for use with s schools and community partners

Next Steps:

- xiv. Committee members are invited to participate in a ZOOM call with Debbie Dailey from the IDOE to discuss the LINK initiative – there is potential with the upgraded info sharing system at IDOE to better collaborate with partner agencies on info sharing and Debbie will discuss LINK and how we may use it to eliminate some of these challenges. **The call is scheduled for July 24th 2pm-3pm – Gina will forward calendar invite with Teams link**

b. School Discipline and Climate Update:

- i. Bart Doan (DWD) and Kwalfle Bradley (Gary Comm. Schools) have officially accepted to take the lead as co-chairs

c. Mental Health Support in Schools Update:

- i. Status Update: Bethany Ecklor

d. Post secondary education options

- i. Brianna Morse is working to get members on this team

1. How is COVID affecting our vulnerable youth and families? What supports could the Taskforce provide?
 1. Bethany could you share Change of Frequency at Home?
2. Executive Director Update – Julie will share out annual report and any other topics.

3. Communications (items CISC would like you to communicate out to your stakeholders, and items you would like communicated out to others)
4. Next meeting date, time, location – September 18th 10:00-12:00pm EST TEAMS
5. Review action items identified in today's meeting