



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force

Date: July 20, 2020

Meeting Minutes

1. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting

2. Executive Director update

August 19th is next meeting for Children Committee.

If anyone did not watch the June commission meeting, there was a great presentation from the equity committee on racial equity. They have turned this into a two pager you may find here:

<https://www.in.gov/children/files/Commission%20Equity%20Guide.pdf>

The annual report will be digital only this year.

Family YES has been postponed until sometime in 2021.

In place of that we are coming up with a virtual online youth led event. This will be an eight week training to let youth build up their own skills for presentation and self-awareness to will also plan a virtual meeting with policy makers.

This will happen October 23, 2020.

3. Subcommittee reports including prior action items, review of objectives, progress, etc.

Mobile Crisis: Serrilla Blackmon & Jennifer Tackett

We meet the first Wednesday of the month with our subcommittee. We have finalized our survey and are working on a distribution plan to get it out. The plan for the survey is to get a family voice and wanting to see if this is something people will use.

Prevention: MeriBeth Adams Wolf

MeriBeth is new to the group and does not have anything to present at this time.

MeriBeth is the Director of Our Place, Drug and Alcohol Education Services located in Floyd County. The agency serves 5 counties with prevention services but also does outpatient treatment. MeriBeth has been in the field of prevention for about 25 years with a background in probation as well.

Parity: Steve McCaffrey

Our subcommittee had a meeting and invited plans on what they were going to do with parity and implementation. IDOI spoke about what they need to do as far as statute.

We have a meeting July 29, 2020 to speak about if the parity committee can become the stake holder committee and how we can identify the priorities for parity.

EBPs: Gabriela Rodriguez

Ty is now co-chair of this committee. Rebecca Humphrey who was formally in the MST program in Tippecanoe County has also joined us. We met with folks at MST to discuss some things they found affective in other states. One thing we spoke about was trying to get Medicaid to fund this.

We are speaking on getting these services expanded in other states. We are also trying to get a presentation together so we present to the commission of the other similar rural states.

Our big goal is focusing on the financial aspect of it.

Suicide/Guardian Refusal: Julianne Guist/ presented by Leslie Hulvershorn

Julianne will not be chairing the subcommittee anymore

Leslie spoke with Julianne about some of the findings they come up with:

One is mental health neglect is not defined in Indiana Code anywhere and is very hard for DCS to take action around this issue.

We would also like for DCS to organize if mental health was part of the allegations when doing a case/report.

Make it aware that this is happening in other states and it's very rare that this is even a founded source of child maltreatment.

People are nervous about using the commitment statute in Indiana.

Suicide/Gap Analysis: Jason Murray & David Berman

David shared his screen of the top seven GAP Analysis. Pick the three top priorities from David Berman GAP Analysis.

Workforce Issues: Cathy Boggs

We will be reaching out to add team members. Cathy has spoken with Ball State about the MSW curriculum and has advanced their course work to include SUD.

IU school of social is also working to make sure they can include all the right courses to their online student.

DMHA is looking to include in their SOR grant, no cost extension to use some of those funds for intern stipends.

DMHA has also presented a RFI about substance abuse. You may find that document here:

<https://www.in.gov/idoa/proc/bids/rfi-21-001/>

4. Data Needs (identify any needs for data sharing or mapping, determine if someone in the Task Force has access to the needed data, if not, forward request to Data Sharing and Mapping Committee)

Data request to find out Medicaid claims for conduct disorder.

5. Set next meeting date, time, location
Monday November 16, 2020 9:30-11:30 a.m. EST (if everyone is okay with this)
Microsoft Teams Meeting
6. Review action items identified in today's meeting

EPP team preparing for October presentation.

Leslie will send Meribeth a copy of the CPT codes.

Send MeriBeth recommendations for her subcommittees.

Pick the three top priorities from David Berman GAP Analysis.