



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force

Date: July 17, 2021

Meeting Minutes

1. **Review and approval of minutes from last meeting**
2. **Executive Director update**
 - August 18th is the next Commission meeting at the State Library from 10:00am – 12:00 pm.
 - Julie is reaching out to the youth that did not get selected to be on the committee and letting them know that if they are interested in a subcommittee, she will help them get connected. If a youth expresses interest in your subcommittee, Julie will reach out and let you know.
 - Family and Youth Family Engagement is being planned. Invitations will be sent once plans are complete. Looking at first weekend in Oct. This is a 2-day event that will be held on a Friday and Saturday.
 - August 16th is the next Task Force Meeting that will kickoff the Juvenile Justice Reform Work. There will be four work groups forming that will help propose policy changes. The work groups will be:
 - How to prevent kids from coming into the system? /How do kids come into the system?
 - How are decisions made on where kids are placed?
 - Service Matching/ Service Outcomes
 - Looking at the whole data process
3. **Subcommittee reports including prior action items, review of objectives, progress, etc.**

Mobile Crisis: SIRRILLA Blackmon & Jennifer Tackett

Not in attendance. No Update.

Prevention: MeriBeth Adams Wolf

Not in attendance. No update.

Parity: Steve McCaffrey

- Parity is working with IDOI on an evaluation. The goal is for IDOI to be done over the summer and then another meeting will be set to go over the evaluation.
- Steve is working on trying to pair equity and parity. As of right now, there has been a lot of individual meetings with people on many levels. But he has not come across anyone that has ever done this before. Parity will wait for the IDOI evaluation to come out and see what information/data shows about equity.

EBPs: Gabriela Rodriguez

- There has been a request submitted for COVID funding to be used statewide around 8 different sites for MST through DMHA. That request has been accepted.

Suicide/Gap Analysis: Jason Murray, David Berman, & Chris Drapeau

- Be Well Crisis helpline will be used until March 2023. It has been moved under MHAI. It will also be turned into a text line similar to 211.
- Suicide prevention has been working on the 9-8-8 focus. The large 9-8-8 focus has been broken up into multiple work groups that meets bi-weekly until August.
- We just finalized the 2021-2023 suicide prevention plan. It is currently being edited by FSSA.
- Waiting in SAMSA to respond to see if the IMPACT Grant will be granted.
- Working on the Stop School Violence Grant.
- In-person suicide prevention training is being done. By the end of July, there will be 350 teachers and state personnel trained in QPR

Workforce Issues: Cathy Boggs and David Reed

- There will be a two focus groups in August. These groups will be focusing on:
 - Innovated ways to create a diverse mental health and substance abuse workforce.
 - The group was provided the following questions in advance:
 - What are creative ways to create the diverse workforce? Do you know of any programs that are underway to create such workforce? What barriers existence?
 - The use of funding and legislation.
 - This group will be asked questions around the use of funding that the state will be receiving.
- 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)**
N/A
- 5. Set or remind next meeting date, time, location**
Microsoft Teams, Monday September 20, 2021
- 6. Review action items identified in today's meeting**
N/A