



Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Task Force

MEETING MINUTES

The Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Task Force met on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. (EDT) at the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room B. The meeting recording is available at: [1102 Task Force - YouTube](#).

I. Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch Called the Meeting to Order

II. Public Comment

Public comments were made by Tony Kruer and Susan Rinne.

III. Introduction of Task Force Members

Members present: Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Representative Ed Clere, Kim Opsahl, Kelly Mitchell, Brian Gilbert (Allison Taylor), Jay Chaudhary, Shawn Fulton, Jan Kulik, Kim Dodson, John Barth, Joe Langerak, Jason Meyer, Amy Rapp (Vanessa Convard), Lindsay Dempsher, Danie’l Mize (virtually attended)

Member(s) not present: Dr. Nancy Holsapple, Jonathan Burlison, Senator Mike Bohacek, Senator Shelli Yoder, Representative Chris Campbell

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2021 Meeting

Minutes from the June 14, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved.

V. 988 Overview and Update

DDRS Associate Director Kelly Mitchell introduced an overview of the federally mandated 988 crisis response and suicide prevention line and how it connects to the 1102 Task Force recommendations. A more detailed overview was provided to Task Force members by Jay Chaudhary, the Director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction. All are working to ensure the integration of individuals with I/DD into the planning and program design of 988 crisis response and suicide prevention line and funding effort.

- Task Force Discussion
Task Force members discussed the materials presented.



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VI. Employment – Overview and Discussion

Task Force members were provided with current data on employment of Hoosiers with disabilities in general and of Hoosiers with I/DD in particular. The Task Force engaged in a discussion on ways to bring together the right parties at the state and local levels to ultimately increase the employment rate of Hoosiers with I/DD

- Vocational Rehabilitation Update

Theresa Koleszar MS, CRC, Director of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

VR Services continued during the pandemic. Some service providers did experience delays in their service delivery. Federal timeline guidelines have continued to be maintained. Staff retention continues to improve. Turnover was 8% and in 2016 there was 56% turnover. Systems modernization happened 2 years ago.

A comprehensive HEA-1488 update was provided to the Task Force members.

Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Marilyn Pitzulo, Associate Chief Workforce Strategy & Design gave an overview of DWD, data on Hoosiers with disabilities and specific details around Hoosiers with I/DD was presented to the Task Force.

- Task Force Discussion

Task Force members discussed the materials presented.

VII. Waiver Redesign Update

- The Task Force was given an update on waiver redesign by Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services Director Cathy Robinson.

- Case Management Innovation

The project status of the case management innovation transition, including selected case management organizations and plans to support individuals impacted by the transition were presented to the Task Force. The timeline for this project was also closely reviewed. Federal approval from CMS is needed before changes can be implemented is pending.

- Task Force Discussion

Task Force members discussed the materials presented.

IX. Priority Waiver Category Overview and Discussion

Kim Opsahl, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services Director. Provided a comprehensive legislative history of priority categories as well as providing a deeper look at how decisions can be made for individuals and with emergency placements and when health and safety determinations.

- Task Force Discussion

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X. Legislative Update / Discussion

Task Force members discussed topics that might be brought to lawmakers in the next session. Including vehicle modifications and lemon law; ARP funds and utilization plans, education, 988 crisis line; parent protections; managed care; employment initiatives.

XI. Business Items for Next Meeting

- The Task Force plans to continue conversation around the waiver priority category and future needs.
- Fiscal needs for items that will need legislative action.

XII. Adjourn Meeting

The next meeting must be prior to June 15th.