

May 31, 2023
Indiana Government Center South
Conference Room C





Agenda

- I. 2:00 PM - Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch Calls Meeting to Order & Introduction of Task Force Members
- II. 2:05 PM - Review and Approval of Minutes from 08-23-2022
- III. 2:10 PM - DDRS Update- Significant Achievements
- IV. 2:30 PM -Discussion & Prioritization- Task Force Recommendations
- V. 2:50 PM -Next Meeting & Adjournment
- VI. 3:00 PM -Adjournment



2:10 PM - DDRS Update- Significant Achievements



- **Historic HCBS Waiver Rate Increase w/ Annual Adjustment Codified in Budget Bill- (23.3% overall rate increase) [Rec 4.5](#)**
 - Alignment of DDRS and Division of Aging Rates
 - Adjustment in FSW Cap & CIH Annual Budgets to Avoid Loss of Services
- **Plan for Waiver Redesign with Timeline Drafted- [Recommendation 1.1](#)**
 - Transfer of A&D Waiver (Health and Wellness) under 60 and TBI Waiver Operational Authority to DDRS/BDDS in 2024
- **DDRS System Transformation Plan- Develop Waiver Array of Employment Supports- [Recommendations 1.6, 4.3](#)**
 - Employment Leadership and Employment Learning Collaborative Operational to Support Transition from Subminimum Wage to Competitive Integrated Employment -- 33 Providers Involved
 - 27 providers hold 14c (Sub-minimum wage) Certificates- May 2023
 - Launch of Transformation Grants to Support Providers transitioning from sheltered work
 - Employment Summit- Cross Agency –[Rec 4.3, 1.7](#)
 - Transition/DOE Projects



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- Peer Mentoring/Leadership Network Project with ARC of Indiana- [Recommendation 3.2, 3.9](#)
- LifeCourse Innovation Collaboratives -Support Individuals & Families-[Recommendation 3.10](#)
- SEA284 Telehealth Legislation- [Recommendation 2.5, 3.8](#)
- SGL/Group Home Modernization Project- **FSSA/DDRS working with Providers to Convert SGL Support Levels and Transition Individuals to HCBS Waivers- [Recommendation 1.10](#)**
- **Plan and Timeline Developed for Implementation of Self-Directed Options for HCBS Waivers- [Rec 3.3](#)**
- **DDRS/BDDS Drafting Definition and Guidelines re: Provider Owned & Controlled Settings- [Rec 4.2](#)**
- Streamlining of the BDDS Gateway\on-line application to increase accessibility and ease of use by those seeking BDDS services and supports- [Recommendation 2.1, 3.2](#)
- Innovation Pilot Projects (IPP) Funding Demonstration Projects for Waiver Redesign
 - Support Through Technology- [Recommendation 3.7, 3.8](#)
 - Shared Living & Residential Support Approaches- [Recommendation 1.9](#)
 - Community Partnerships/Culture Change
- **First Steps Rate Increase & Expansion of Provider Network [Recommendation 3.1](#)**
- **Increased Reimbursement for SPOE Contracts- [Recommendation 4.1](#)**



2:10 PM - DDRS Update- Significant Achievements



- **BRS receives and implements 1 of 13 RSA grants focused on supporting individuals to move from sub-minimum wage to competitive integrated employment-[Recommendation 1.6](#); [4.3](#); [1.7](#)**
- **Priority Category 2 will open in July 2023; Priority Category 3 first release targeted for October 2023 with **End of Order of Selection in 2024 Anticipated**-[Recommendation 4.4](#)**
- **BRS/VR Reimbursement Rate Increase for Employment Services, April 2022- [Recommendation 1.5](#)**
- **BRS/VR Conducting Study on Provider Payment Approaches to Incent Quality Outcomes- [Rec 1.5](#)**



1102 Recommendations- FSSA/DDRS in Progress



- DMHA Crisis Response Pilots & 988 Implementation- [Rec 3.5](#)
- HCBS Spend Plan to Enhance Quality of Incident Reporting- [Rec 4.7](#)
- HEA 1364 DSP Training and Registry- [Rec 4.6, 4.7](#)
 - HCBS Spend Plan to Explore & Plan DSP Registry- [Rec 4.7](#)
 - DDRS Working with Direct Service Workforce Initiative and Bowen Center Training and Career Pathways Workgroup; Plan Drafted for Statewide Training Approach; Stakeholder Engagement to Begin in Coming Months- [Rec 4.6](#)
 - DDRS Working in Alignment with Direct Service Workforce Initiative to Draft a Plan to Research and Develop Strategy for DSP Registry- [Rec 4.7](#)



1102 Recommendations- Limited Progress



1.2	An appropriation, to be known as the 1102 IDD Task Force Community Living Expansion Initiative, to fund Medicaid HCBS waiver slots for non-emergency priority placement using criteria developed by the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services to allow some level of expansion of individuals seeking to live in the community, away from their family, while creating the opportunity for families to support individuals in making this transition to living away from their family.
2.3	People with IDD, or their interests, are included in the state's initiatives related to the development and use of driverless vehicle technology in Indiana, to ensure it advances freedom and connectivity to community for people with disabilities.
4.8	Appropriations for DDRS and other state agencies sufficient to develop, plan, and implement Task Force recommendations in keeping with timelines specified in this report or, in the absence of a specified timeline, at the earliest date possible.
2.4	Developing transportation strategies promoting independence and employment through collaborative efforts of key stakeholders and public-private partnerships across rural and urban areas. This may include addressing multijurisdictional issues; encouraging more funding for public transportation models; working with state and local transportation boards to ensure representation of individuals with disabilities; improving existing infrastructure to be fully accessible; facilitating the use of private ride sharing systems; and encouraging the development of innovative options such as driverless vehicles.





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2:30pm Discussion and Prioritization of 1102 Task Force

Recommendations/Outcomes

- Sunset of Task Force -2025
- Semi-Annual Meetings (Next Meeting October 2023)





The **34 recommendations** of the Task Force were informed by public comments from over 200 stakeholders and concept white papers developed by Task Force members. They are structured around four overarching goals.

- **Goal 1:** Prioritize community settings and individualized approaches.
- **Goal 2:** Advance and maximize community and state resources and programs to be inclusive to all Hoosiers.
- **Goal 3:** Respond to individual and family needs.
- **Goal 4:** Include a wide array of supports and services that are sustainable, equitable, and available across all communities.





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2:50 PM - Items for Next Meeting & Adjournment

- Next Meeting, October 2023, Establish Date
- 3:00 PM - Adjournment



Thank you for attending the



Appendix



Past Achievements

- 2021 Increase in Reimbursement Rates (14%)- [Rec 4.5](#)
- HCBS/ICF Relief/Sustainability Grants- [Rec 4.5](#)
- OBRA Day Service Sustainability Grants- [Rec 4.5](#)
- HCBS Provider Stabilization Grants- 8.1% of annual waiver revenue
- Case Management Innovation Grants, January 2023- [Rec 4.5](#)
- Partnership with FSSA Direct Service Workforce Initiative- [Rec 4.5](#)
- Remote Supports service definition and provider qualifications clarified- [Rec 2.5](#)
 - Separation of vehicle modification & specialized medical equipment & supplies, separate cap limits
 - Vehicle modifications include \$15,000 cap every 10 years with expanded modification allowances
- First Steps Recruitment and Retention Grants- [Rec 3.1, 4.1](#)
- DDRS Advisory Council Workgroups (Stakeholders)- [Rec 4.3, 1.7](#)
 - Action-oriented system transformation plan
- DDRS Position to Focus on Employment and Person First Initiatives -[Rec 1.6](#)
- SELN Learning Collaborative- Internal Assessment and Plan to Improve Employment- [Rec 4.3, 1.7, 1.6](#)
- Money Follows the Person Grant Renewed- DDRS Administers [Rec 1.10](#)
- Adults receiving HCBS Waiver services be allowed, through informed choice, to receive direct services and supports from one or more family members to meet their assessed needs- [Recommendation 3.4](#)
- Created a priority status on the Medicaid HCBS waivers for children of active duty and veteran military families.- [Recommendation 3.6](#)

