



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Task Force:	Child Health & Safety		
Meeting Date:	1/31/2022	Meeting Time:	10:00 am – 12:00 pm ET
Minutes By:	Kate Schedel <i>MCH Programs Director, IDOH</i>	Location:	Microsoft Teams

Committee Members		
Name:	Organization:	Attendance: (where x is present)
Sarah Sailors: <i>co-chair</i>	DCS	
Kate Schedel: <i>co-chair</i>	IDOH	X
Angela Reid-Brown	ISC	X
Sandy Runkle	Prevent Child Abuse	X
Carey Michels	FSSA	X
Elizabeth Wahl	FSSA	X
Hannah Robinson	FSSA	
Mark Fairchild	Covering Kids & Families	X
Rachael Fisher	Community Health Network	
Kristen Dauss	DOC	
Christina Commons	FSSA	X
Chris Daly	IARCA	
Susan Elsworth	INOFAS	X
Maureen Greer	IPQIC	X
Terri Lee	IDOH	
Brittany Winebar	Prevail, INC.	X
Angela Smith-Grossman	DCS	X
Deanna Szyndrowski	SCAN, Inc.	X
Julie Whitman	CISC	X
Shannon Schumacher	The Villages	<i>*Is not getting invites to meetings</i>

Agenda & Notes

1. Welcome

2. Subcommittee Reports

1.1 Increase access to and use of community-based collaborative efforts that promote wellness in the first year of life, especially in the black communities.

Team Lead: Dr. Kristen Dauss

- Emailed 2/1 for notes on the subcommittee

1.2 Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect in Indiana (primary prevention)

Team Co-Lead: Sandy Runkle and Hannah Robinson

- The framework is officially finished!
- Next step - deciding on marketing, implementation, and rollout phase
- When disseminated - want to try to get as many data points as possible. For example, if it is shared on a website, can we collect information on who is downloading the framework, what are they using it for, and would they provide contact information for follow up?
- PCA is helping with implementation helping with a lot of counties.
- Will identify approximately four pilot communities – want these four be diverse. Each pilot community will receive technical assistance to have more monitored rollout of the Framework.
 - Pilot Timeline: end of February, beginning of March
 - Group found alternate funding with DCS – could use help with any matching funds
- Framework is on the agenda for the February Commission meeting to endorse the toolkit and support implementation. The subgroup will stay together (it is a small group) to keep the Commission informed on the implementation process.

1.3 Reduce the number of substantiated reports of abuse of children in state care.

Team Lead: Chris Daley

- Will reach out with Julie & Sarah

1.4 Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising models for reducing the sexual victimization of adolescents.

Team Leads: Brittany Winebar, Director of Mission Achievement at Prevail, INC. & Terri Lee, Director of Women's Health at IDOH

- This is the newest subcommittee on the block!
- Brittany and Terri got an overview of the Task Force & will meet to sort through data, think about committee members, and a goal for the next year
- Overall, we are thinking about how we prevent a first-time incidence from occurring?
- Will start by looking over some data resources even though they will not be perfect with delayed/underreporting:
 - Brittany located the 2015 IACEST report that has a lot of recommendations for prevention and intervention services. This could be a good place to start as some recommendations are still relevant (*presentation and slides attached*)
 - Kate will share 2021 YRBS data (before publication) related to sexual victimization
 - Does DCS collect any data – *check with Sarah*
 - Hospital reporting data
 - CAC's
- Open to subcommittee members: will consider cultural diversity (Latino Coalition Against Sexual Assault), IMHC, law enforcement, etc.

1.5 Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising ways to support adults caring for vulnerable children.

Team Lead: Shannon Schumacher/Angela Smith Gross

- In November – decided to look at kinship caregiver benefits and will focus on childcare and education system barriers
 - Are there disparities in First Steps? Angela will look into this.
- Will host some independent meetings in December & January
 - Added Melaina Gantt to conversation for education and- the crossover with DCS – where do we want to break down barriers without guardianship. The meeting requirements of school systems can be really challenging for kinship caregivers.
 - Also trying to engage Carrie Gray from OECOSL – would like to walk through CCDF vouchers for childcare but have not been able to connect with her yet.
- This work aligns with some of the legislative movements and serve the families we are serving
 - SB410 – effort to give kinship caregivers the same rights as foster parents to intervene – just in Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) proceeding
- Not all kinship caregivers are within the DCS system, so we will not only focus on DCS cases,
 - Good news overall: Indiana has increased relatives with foster care licenses (up from 700 to 800), and this will continue to be a part of their goals in 2022.
 - Kinship Caregiver Mentorship? DCS has a team of staff that support and meet needs of relatives. This has been going on since 2008 and offers support for the first 30 days.
 - Julie asked that The Commission be updated on this work

1.6 Increase access to healthcare and developmental screens by decreasing the child uninsured rate.

Access to healthcare Team Lead: Mark Fairchild

- Still waiting on 90-day CHIP package to go through, Dr. Dan is keeping up on it but there is no timeline to implementation
- Next issue: looking at 5 year waiting period for lawfully residing children and pregnant woman – was introduced in legislature this year. HB1197 did not get a hearing, but once the bill is considered dead we will move forward.
 - Great news: fiscal analysis and codes have already run in session and is helpful in a lot of ways
 - There are no code citations that need to change, nothing that needs to be taken out of code – it is an existing federal position BUT states *must* opt in.
 - Without care can be very bad for pregnant people and children. A lot of folks do not qualify for social services when they immigrate but they might now be impacted by the pandemic.
 - As of now they only qualify for emergency Medicaid.
- Estimate the cost to be around \$3.5 – \$5 million, which is less than 2/10ths of state Medicaid budget if the uptake rate is 100%
 - Less than 600 kids,
 - 600 more in the 18 – 21 population
 - 500 – 650 pregnant people
- Currently Medicaid expansion will be extended for up to 1 year postpartum, once this is in place, the addition of this population would also qualify them for coverage up to 1 year postpartum.
- The subcommittee will connect about this with FSSA, the new CHIP Director, Clarissa Lovell, and the CMO at FSSA Maria Finnell
- Also thinking about a future issue in changing Indiana tax forms. Hoping to add a check box for anyone asking for assistance with health insurance or other benefits program for you or your family

Development Screening Team Leads: Christina Commons and Kristi Linson

- Took a hiatus at end of 2021 but reconnected last week
- Christina is co-chairing the new IPQIC Infant Wellbeing Task Force (alongside Dr. Peck)
 - Will be thinking about priorities in the first year of life and developmental follow up
 - CISC Subcommittee will also think about beyond year 1... ideally the 0 – 8 age group
- Will be sure to connect with Indiana family practice docs and pediatricians on developmental screenings

IPQIC – Indiana Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative Updates – Maureen Greer

- IPQIC has assessed data and reports over the past six months to guide their new strategic plan. Will plan on a more proactive approach instead of reactive.
 - Infant wellbeing is new group - looking forward to report from Dr. Dauss
 - Still seeing huge issues of EMS/Hospital Staff shortages and the impact on their work.
 - As of 11/2, there are 10 new Perinatal Centers – working on education and data analysis capacity
 - Continue to work on perinatal substance use & the new Alliance for Innovation in Maternal Health (AIM) bundle.
 - Looking broadly at women’s health issues
 - Also have a new group looking at access to care
- Great news, have a lot of new members who haven’t been a part of IPQIC.
- We are being very intentional about equity and multicultural approach and lived approaches – figuring out a stipend for time.

Pregnancy PROMISE – updates by Elizabeth Wahl and Carey Michels

- A reminder that PP is for Medicaid beneficiaries with substance use disorder.
 - There are currently enrollees in over 60 counties across the state.
 - Recently partnered with OESCL with Carrie Gray to develop a process for enrollees to prioritize enrollees for CCDF funds so that the parent can continue with their healthcare plan.
3. Division of task forces between Sarah (2/3/5) & Kate (1/4/6)
 - We will divide and conquer, so please reach out if you need any support or assistance
 - We are also happy to attend subcommittee meetings if you want to add us to your calendar invites
 4. Additional committee members?
 - Please think about increased diversity in our task force and subcommittees, include those with lived experiences, and continue to think about the work we are doing and the impact (refer to CISC website for great equity checklist)
 5. Executive Director Updates from Julie Whitman
 - Next Commission meeting is on 2/23/2022 at the Indiana State Library from 10 am – 12 pm ET, also on webcast
 - Today is last day of public health emergency. At some point will return to in-person meetings for meeting transparency
 - Every Friday Julie is posting updated bill summaries on the website that impact youth. You can download this as an Excel document and sort by topic and more.
 - CISC is ready to embark on evaluation and will be selecting an evaluator soon
 - Once they start, they may reach out to understand the impact of The Commission has
 - Will also seek to understand how we can have a stronger impact.
 - A new strategic plan will be in place by the end of this year.
 - Sarah’s 4-year term ends in May – we will need to think about who will step into that role and co-chair with Kate. It is a two-year term with option for renewal.
 6. 2022 Meeting Times
 - Last Monday of every other month, 10am – 12pm ET
 - 1/31, 3/28, 5/23*, 7/25, 9/26, 11/28
 - *Adjusted for Memorial Day
 - Kate will send out invites with Teams link for now to hold all dates, stay tuned for transitioning back to in-person.
 7. CISC Teams Channel
 - Please join the Teams Channel to find all updates and documents
 - We can also monitor the strategic plan progress there and view work of other task forces
 - Julie will send invites if you do not have a way to access the site.