



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Meeting Minutes

Committee/Task Force: Child Health and Safety Task Force

Date of Meeting: 3/20/24

Time: 10:00am

Location: Microsoft Teams

Minutes Prepared By: Kate Schedel and Blane Cook

Meeting Objectives:

- Recap of January objective leads meeting
- Strategic objectives updates
- Other updates

Standing Members:

Name	Organization	In Attendance (X indicates present)
Kate Schedel (co-chair)	Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)	X
Sonya Rush (co-chair)	Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS)	X
Jack Turman	Indiana University, Grassroots MCH Initiative	X
Hannah Milner	Foster Success	X
Christina Commons	Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA)	X
Carey Michels	Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA)	X
Olivia Clark	Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)	X
Kristi Linson	Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)	X
Tammie Carter	LifeSmart Youth	X
Willie Taylor	Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS)	X
Jeffrey Whitman	Prevent Child Abuse Indiana	
Sam Mundt	Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)	X
Derika Parris	Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana	X
Angela Smith-Grossman	Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS)	

Staff/Guests:

Name	Organization	In Attendance (X indicates present)
Mark Fairchild	Commission on Improving the Status of Children (CISC)	X
Blane Cook	Commission on Improving the Status of Children (CISC)	X
Erin Reynolds	Commission on Improving the Status of Children (CISC)	X

Agenda and Notes:

Introduction and Check-In:

- Sonya asked people to share something they are looking forward to with this task force and thanked members for joining.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- N/A

Updates/Old Business:

- Kate recapped a January 2024 meeting where objective leads met to discuss this group’s objectives, which are extremely broad compared to most other groups.
- Objective leads
 - Kinship care
 - Angela Smith Grossman couldn’t make it, but informed Kate and Sonya that she didn’t have an update.
 - Housing stability
 - Jack Turman reminded members of the Grassroots MCH two interventions.
 - Housing vouchers
 - Housing justice- Aug 29- conference
 - Court procedural tool to help with housing law discrepancies.
 - Jack also shared an example story about a family in eviction court.
 - Kate reminded the group about Jack being scheduled to present data updates on these programs to the Commission in October.
 - Power & voice in state care
 - Hannah shared that she is looking to have a young person on this group by next meeting.
 - Blane recapped the February 19 “Day of the Child” event.
 - Mark shared the desire to convene Health, DCS, DMHA youth advisory boards.
 - Healthy relationships
 - Tammie shared that she is compiling existing programs involving the many aspects of healthy relationships and looking at other states communication plans.
 - Kate shared that relevant YRBS data is scheduled for presentation at the June Commission meeting.
 - Early intervention
 - Developmental screening

- Prevention
 - Willie informed Mark he will be busy during the scheduled prevention presentation on April 17, but hopes to have someone from IYSA instead.
 - Mark explained that Commission members are hoping to get Family Resource Center updates, and Willie said he could reach out to Firefly.
 - On behalf of Jeffrey, Willie informed the group about an upcoming panel regarding transportation barriers for people in rural areas.

New Business/Presentations:

- Mark discussed suicide and bullying prevention ideas for the next CISC meeting.
- Early intervention conference
- Covering kids and families conference
- Pregnancy Promise annual report June 3 and 4
- DOH Labor of Love

Action Items:

- Blane to follow up with Hannah.
- Willie to reach out to Firefly for April 17th presentation.
- Willie to send panel flyers and strengthening IN families conference information.

Adjournment:

- 11:01am

Next Meeting:

Date: 5/20/2024

Time: 10:00am

Location: virtual (Teams)

Topics/Objectives: