



# Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

<b>Task Force:</b>	<b>Child Health &amp; Safety</b>		
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>11/29/2021</b>	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>9:00 am – 11:00 am ET</b>
<b>Minutes By:</b>	<b>Kate Schedel</b> <i>MCH Programs Director, IDOH</i>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Microsoft Teams</b>

<b>Committee Members</b>		
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Organization:</b>	<b>Attendance: (where x is present)</b>
Sarah Sailors: <i>co-chair</i>	DCS	X
Kate Schedel: <i>co-chair</i>	IDOH	X
Angela Reid-Brown	ISC	
Sandy Runkle	Prevent Child Abuse	X
Mark Fairchild	Covering Kids & Families	X
Rachael Fisher	Community Health Network	
Kristen Dauss	DOC	
Christina Commons	FSSA	
Chris Daly	IARCA	
Susan Elsworth	INOFAS	X
Maureen Greer	IPQIC	X
Terri Lee	IDOH	
Angela Smith-Grossman	DCS	
Deanna Szyndrowski	SCAN, Inc.	X
Julie Whitman	CISC	X

## **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
    - Group will meet one more time this year to discuss transportation barrier.
    - Dr. Dauss will provide a written update to co-chairs today.
  - 1.2 **Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect in Indiana. (Primary Prevention)**  
 Team Co-Lead: Sandy Runkle and Hannah Robinson

- Presented child abuse framework during October Commission meeting
- The toolkit will have a few changes left to make, but the final draft is almost complete
- Applied for a \$50,000 grant to pilot the framework in a few communities – will know on 12/3 if awarded
  - If not awarded, will not be able to do a rigorous pilot in a few areas across the state, but will continue looking for other funds that could support this work.

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

Team Lead: Chris Daley

- *No update – Chris was not on the call. Sarah will meet with him later this week to determine next steps for this group.*

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

- New co-chairs: Terri Lee (IDOH) and Brittany Winebar (Prevail, Inc.)
- Terri and Brittany will convene for the first time later this week to strategize and plan for the next year

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

Team Lead: Shannon Schumacher

- Presented on Kinship Caregivers
  - Estimated about 5,500 involved with DCS and 55,000 that are just kin
- Going to focus on child care vouchers and educational enrollment
- Goal is to help both populations of caregivers; both within and outside of DCS system

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

Team Lead: Mark Fairchild

- Continuing to look at health coverage for children who are lawfully residing immigrants
  - Currently, there is a 5-year wait to be enrolled into CHIP
  - Adding these youth could cost the state about \$10,000
  - Also looking at pregnant women – who have some other options for coverage, but this may cover an additional 500 women.
  - There is ability to change state legislation (29 other states have done this) which would clarify these kids can be covered without the wait period instead of using the default legislation.
- These children/families can enroll in SNAP, will explore WIC enrollment, and other examples where we are already supporting them
- Will continue to have conversations with legislators and others about this coverage.

**Commented [WJ1]:** I don't remember this specific figure. I do remember him saying that it is generally inexpensive to cover kids, since we are mostly talking about preventative visits. Oh, did he say it was about 10,000 children?

### 3. 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.

### 4. Commission Proposal Review Form

- Please continue to use the form to anticipate if you will present at an upcoming Commission meeting
  - Currently no one is scheduled for December from this task force.

### 5. Executive Director Updates

- Next Commission Meeting: December 15 from 10 – 12pm
  - Plan is to meet in-person at the Government Center
  - Volunteer appreciation reception immediately following Commission meeting
- First meeting of 2022 will be February 23
- Will be working with the Casey Family Foundation to evaluate the work of The Commission
- Late 2022, will revisit the strategic plan

6. 2022 Meetings

- Will be in-person starting in January
- Will change times to 10 am – 12 noon ET
- Sarah and Kate will work to book rooms