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# Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

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## **Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force**

**Date: January 11, 2021**

**Time: 9:30-11:30 am**

**Location: MS Teams**

## **Meeting Minutes**

1. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting
- 2. Executive Director update**

The December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting has been posted. There were a lot of mental health discussions in that meeting. Every recommendation has been approved. A lot of the recommendations were legislation and those will be goals to work toward for next. The things that are not legislation we will move forward with.

### Upcoming Events:

- The Juvenile Justice Reform Taskforce will have a meeting that will be webcast on Friday January 15, 2021.
- State of the Child which is the first release of the Kids Count data book. This will be January 26, 2021 at noon.
- The next Commission Meeting is February 17, 2021. These meetings are held on even months and the third Wednesday every year from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST.

Julie has also been tracking legislation and putting together a spreadsheet of everything that will impact children & families.

- 3. Subcommittee reports including prior action items, review of objectives, progress, etc.**

### **Mobile Crisis: Sirrilla Blackmon & Jennifer Tackett**

Our last subcommittee meeting we reviewed the presentation and looked at all recommendations. The next meeting we will take the recommendations and make those into action steps. And they will then be distributed to individuals in the subcommittee to follow up on.

### **Prevention: MeriBeth Adams Wolf**

We are going through recommendations have them narrowed down to about ten. The recommendations are centering on data and resources. One big topic was that schools participate in YRBF and in the off years INYS is required.

Other recommendation was school mental health data and seeing it separated out, professional development hours for social workers, and recognizing crosswalk from the social emotional programs being done from substance abuse prevention.

Also, another recommendation is regarding DCS service standards. Will there be a possibility in the future to create additional service standards for early intervention.

**Parity: Steve McCaffrey**

No update.

**EBPs: Gabriela Rodriguez**

Gabriela wasn't on the call today. David Reed helps update and has called Connor and spoke with him about EBP's and MST's. The topic has been about getting a Family Preservation contract with EBP's and making a plan working with the families.

**Suicide/Guardian Refusal: Julianne Guist**

This group has stopped. The only follow up item has been handled by Leslie.

**Suicide/Gap Analysis: Jason Murray & David Berman**

After the presentation, David has gotten a few media request and will follow up. A lot of people has been interested in the data.

The biggest thing being looked at is the endorsement for the coordinated crisis response.

Also, if there is anyone interested in the Mental Health American screening data David has the ability to get county level data.

**Workforce Issues: Cathy Boggs**

Stephanie Lyons presented to the commission and was great. Eric, who is the legislation liaison for IPLA and Cathy spoke about Eric reviewing the proposed changes with other IPLA workers and they are all supportive.

David Reed, Cathy, and Stephanie will meet with the new member of their workgroup. Jocelyn

- 4. Data Needs (identify any needs for data sharing or mapping, determine if someone in the Task Force has access to the needed data, if not, forward request to Data Sharing and Mapping Committee)**

N/A

- 5. Set or remind next meeting date, time, location**

**May 17, 2021 9:30 a.m. EST**