

Indiana Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Working Group
Meeting #6: Public Summary

Meeting Logistics:

- **Date:** August 25, 2025
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST
- **Format:** Hybrid
- **Attendees:**
 - Eric Miller, Tara Morse, Katrina Etter, Scott Berghoff, Christina Commons, Rebecca Roy, Susan Crowell, Jim Dalton, Rachel Deaton, Kim Dodson, Robb Greene, Jill Lambert, Jason McManus, Jessica Green, Camille Svendsen, Adam Burtner, Jill Fodstad, Cari Neal
- **Meeting objectives:**
 - Provide updates and objectives for the session
 - Discuss remaining recommendations
 - Walk through next steps for report review

1 Key takeaways from discussion

Annotated Agenda:

- **Updates, & objectives**
 - Eric Miller opened the meeting, recapped the July Working Group discussion, and covered objectives for the day's meeting
 - Eric also provided a status update on Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) enrollment
 - Members were encouraged to share feedback on the wording of the five overarching recommendations when the draft report is shared for offline feedback
- **Discussion on remaining recommendations**
 - Tara Morse walked through the remaining recommendations and implementation strategies (i.e., suggested near-term priorities) within them
 - **Aligning ABA utilization with clinical evidence; members:**
 - Tara recapped the previous proposal shared on utilization, highlighting the Working Group members' request for additional flexibility in the proposal
 - Tara shared two options for the implementation strategy with Working Group members, with pros and cons for discussion
 - Working Group members aligned on a proposed implementation strategy, with some feedback on additional inclusions around targeted therapy
 - **Ensuring high quality care provision and better clinical outcomes for children; members:**
 - Working Group members discussed ways to effectively oversee the growth of ABA therapy providers while the accreditation process is being developed
 - This would be to ensure that ABA therapy providers expanding in the state are delivering high quality care
 - **Paying fair and sustainable rates for ABA therapy to incentivize evidence-based care provision:**
 - Tara shared an overview of Indiana's ABA therapy rates, including the rate standardization exercise done in 2024 and a comparison of Indiana's rates with other states

- Working Group members discussed what a fair and sustainable rate for individual therapy could look like, considering the balance of ensuring high-quality are adequately reimbursed and the need to contain costs
- **Strengthen foundations for effective end-to-end ABA therapy management:**
 - Tara shared the proposed recommendation to ensure that FSSA has sufficient capacity and capabilities to effectively manage ABA therapy going forward, including to ensure appropriate enforcement of transitions included in treatment plans
- **Building the broader ABA therapy ecosystem beyond Medicaid:**
 - Working Group emphasized the importance of ensuring group health insurers reimburse ABA therapy at sufficient rates and having strong Third Party Liability (TPL) tracking
 - Members highlighted the need for the Department of Education and schools to take accountability for ensuring that children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) are adequately accommodated in the classroom to ensure their access to education
- **Next steps**
 - Eric highlighted that feedback from members would be incorporated into the draft report, which would be shared with Working Group members by mid-September for review
 - Eric reminded the Working Group that the report was due to the Governor's Office before the end of November