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Indiana Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Working Group Meeting #1: Public Summary

Meeting Logistics:

- **Date:** Friday, May 30th, 2025
- **Time:** 11:00AM-1:00 PM EST
- **Working Group Attendees:** Eric Miller (Chair), Adam Burtner, Christina Commons, Susan Crowell, Jim Dalton, Rachel Deaton, Kim Dodson, Katrina Etter, Jill Fodstad, Jessica Green, Robb Greene, Lori Goss-Reaves, Stephen Kitts, Jill Lambert, Jason McManus, Tara Morse, David Reed, Chad Sims; Absent: Kelsey Peaper
- **Meeting objectives:**
 - Kickoff Working Group and introduce members
 - Share overview of ABA and landscape in Indiana
 - Introduce the lever framework
 - Gather initial perspectives
 - Discuss way forward

Annotated Agenda:

- **Kickoff Working Group and introduce members**
 - Eric Miller opened the meeting, welcoming the Working Group members for volunteering their time for this important initiative
 - Mitch Roob (FSSA Secretary and Interim Medicaid Director) echoed Eric's thanks and emphasized the importance of the task ahead for the Working Group: to recommend sustainable, evidence-based strategies that address unsustainable spending growth while ensuring the sustainability of the benefit for residents who depend on ABA
- **Kickoff Working Group and introduce members**
 - Eric shared the high-level path forward for the Working Group, including the dates and objectives for upcoming meetings in June and July, and expectations of members
 - Eric provided an overview of the:
 - History of ABA utilization and spending growth in Indiana
 - Findings of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) report on Indiana's ABA spending, released in 2024
 - Recent changes made to the ABA program, including the rate standardization in 2024
 - Current ABA State Plan Amendment (SPA) provisions
 - Executive Order leading the Working Group (EO-25-31)
 - Working Group members introduced themselves, highlighting their professional and personal experience with ABA, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and the perspectives they bring to the Working Group
- **Share overview of ABA and landscape in Indiana**
 - Eric shared an overview of ABA and the landscape in Indiana to level set the Working Group's understanding, including:
 - Definition and scope of ABA
 - ASD prevalence nationally and in Indiana
 - Treatment journeys including ABA
 - ABA provider landscape in Indiana
 - ABA payment landscape in Indiana
 - Initial findings on spending growth drivers

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- **Introduce the lever framework**
 - Tara Morse introduced the lever framework to be used to understand the drivers of spending growth and consider potential recommendations for cost containment, focusing on:
 - Quality and outcomes
 - Eligibility
 - Utilization
 - Rate and reimbursement management
 - Provider oversight
 - Clinical care models
 - Coordination and transitions
- **Gather initial perspectives**
 - Working Group discussion over the course of the meeting:
 - Emphasized the importance of offering flexible ABA delivery models, including center- and home-based care, considering the role of complementary services like occupational and speech therapy to meet individual need
 - Flagged the vital role of commercial insurance in funding ABA coverage, highlighting Indiana's high rate of self-insured health plans
 - Discussed the need for clear, evidence-based diagnostic guidelines and provider qualifications, while also ensuring access to assessments and care is not delayed, especially for children with higher needs or younger ages
 - Mentioned a few potential approaches to service limits and medical necessity tools, including models used in other states
 - Stressed the importance of using data and evidence to inform decisions, carefully weighing potential trade-offs and unintended consequences, and considering broader systemic factors driving demand for ABA services
- **Discuss way forward**
 - Eric thanked the Working Group for their time and engagement, and asked members to share their questions and perspectives ahead of future meetings