



# Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Task Force

## NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

The Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Task Force met in person on Thursday, October 24th, 2024, at 9:00 am (ET) – 10:45 am at the Indiana Government Conference Center Room 18, 402 West Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204. Live streaming of the meeting will be available at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/FSSAIndianavideos>.

### **I. Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch Calls the Meeting to Order**

Lt. Governor Crouch was unable to attend the meeting. DDRS Director Kelly Mitchell, with designation by Governor Holcomb, chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order.

### **II. Introduction of Task Force Members**

Members present in-person: Kelly Mitchell, Kim Dodson, Shawn Fulton, Jan Kulik, Senator Shelly Yoder, Representative Ed Clere, Katherine Barrow, Lindsay Dempsher (David Reed), Amber Becker (Jay Chaudhary)

**Online:** Representative Chris Campbell, Pat Cockrum, Jason Meyer, Katy Stafford Cunningham, Danie'l Mize. **Absent:** Brian Gilbert, Dr. Nancy Holsapple, Leslie Huckleberry, Joe Langerak, Senator Bohacek.

### **III. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2023, and January 29, 2024**

Meeting Minutes from September 27th, 2023, were approved.

Meeting minutes from January 29th, 2024, are approved with edits.

### **IV. Discussion and Recommendations from Sub-Committee on MEDWorks**

Subcommittee Chair Shawn Fulton read the MEDWorks recommendations to the subcommittee. Kim Dodson, Shawn Fulton and Katy Stafford Cunningham all stated their appreciation for all the work of the Subcommittee and specifically Kyle Ingram and LaRisha Ratliff with OMPP. Clarifying advocates and advocacy includes lived experience, ID/D, family members, allies and professionals - all of these groups and their perspectives. Representative Clere will support recommendations that require legislation. Knowing that Medicaid will be a "hot topic" coming up, it was important to be aware of impact to all populations and study committee recommendation was born from this. Study committee would help to ensure unintended large fiscal impact would not happen. Representative Clere volunteered to write a letter. Ongoing advocacy will



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be critical to ensure these recommendations are prioritized in the next legislative session.

Kim Dodson asked Kelly Mitchell to speak a bit more about IPP Grants and how they are weaved into future initiatives for the FSSA.

Kelly Mitchell spoke about IPP (Innovation Pilot Projects) that are supported by American Rescue Plan Act dollars received. This funding is being used to inform efforts to reset/redesign Home and Community Based Services. Currently gathering data from these projects. The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services / Vocational Rehabilitation are working on some projects that involve peer support and job seeking.

Senator Yoder asked if it is possible to do prep work in return on investment in keeping people in the MEDWorks and what savings would that provide for the state? Kim Dodson mentioned people are not working because of fear of losing their benefits and thus being underemployed.

Representative Clere stated that consistency is needed with legislature and policy and how we treat the states most vulnerable.

Kyle Ingram added what's not reflected in the recommendations but part of the discussion - this part of the program is targeted to individuals who are trying to work and creating specific policies to help with access to workforce while acknowledging impact on other Medicaid groups is noted.

There was a motion to approve recommendations, and they were unanimously approved.

## **V. Discussion and Review of DDRS Advisory Council oversight of Task Force Recommendations (as specified in HEA 1067)**

Representative Clere asked that the full recommendations spreadsheet sent out to the Task Force for reference. DDRS Advisory Council had moved into the new year referencing the recommendations from the Task Force and recognizing its responsibility moving forward. Kelly Mitchell covered highlights from the division. Vocational Rehabilitation announced that it is officially out of Order of Selection. There have been historic rate reviews and increases in programs withing DDRS. Bureau of Child Development Services was able to review and raise rates for provider rate thus increasing the number of providers available. Waiver redesign that resulted from recommendations from the Task Force. The initial goals of waiver redesign



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began in April 2019, the initial concept paper was released in January of 2020 and the efforts were paused in March of 2020 due to COVID.

The Initial goals of the redesign include:

- Increase in person-centered planning
- Improved coordination of care
- Increase in community engagement
- Provide an enhanced member experience
- Maintaining qualified providers and improving capacity
- comply with the HCBS rule and promote efficiency

## **Future State: Waiver Reset**

Post November 2025, efforts will be focused on Waiver Reset with the goal to create a set of NEW cross-disability waivers to better meet needs with greater flexibility. This builds on and expands the goals of Waiver Redesign to reflect post-covid reality and new populations being served by BDS. It will incorporate the feedback received and all waiver enhancements completed through 2025. More information will be shared broadly before the end of 2024 including opportunities for input. These changes are in the very early planning stages and will need extensive input from the community: individuals, families, providers, advocacy organizations, etc.

## **VI. Task Force Final Comments**

The group shared final thoughts and thanks to all who contributed to the work of the task force. Recognition of the Task Force membership and leadership. Meeting minutes will be submitted to Kim Dodson and Kelly Mitchell for approval.

Representative Clere underscores the need for advocacy. As the author of the original 1102 Legislation, he thanked everyone who worked on the Task Force, Subcommittees, members of the public. Although the Task Force is coming to an end, the work is not finished. Kim Dodson shared her thanks to the contributions of the Lt. Governor and task force members and self-advocates. Special thanks to Christine Dahlberg, Steve Cook and Kylee Hope and Kim Opsahl for their contributions.

## **X. Meeting Adjourns and the Task Force officially has ended.**