



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health Work Group

Minutes (October 4, 2022)

I. MEETING DETAILS

October 4, 2022 from 1pm-3pm ET

IGCS Harrison Center, Room 14

Minutes By: Nick Parker, Staff

II. ATTENDEES

Members present in-person: 12

- Bartnick, Cheryl – Allen County Probation
- Baumer, Keena – Indiana Medicaid (FSSA)
- Blackmon, Serrilla – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA)
- Daus, Dr. Kristen – Indiana Department of Correction
- Davis, Ann – Indiana Association of Resources & Child Advocacy
- Drapeau, Dr. Chris – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA)
- Frantz, Zoe – Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers
- Frazer, Rebekah – Indiana Department of Education
- Harlan-York, Jessica – Division of Disability & Rehabilitative Services (FSSA)
- James, Waylon – Indiana Department of Child Services
- Mehta, Dr. Crystal – Indiana Department of Correction
- Simmons, Brittany – Indiana Office of Court Services

Members present electronically: 1

- Becker, Amber – Division of Mental Health & Addiction (FSSA)

Members absent: 3

- Hulvershorn, Dr. Leslie – Indiana University School of Medicine / DMHA (FSSA)
- Pratt, Alicia – Tippecanoe County Public Defender
- Welker, Judge Mary – Pulaski County Circuit Court

Staff present: 2

- Nick Parker, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Mindy Pickett, Indiana Office of Court Services

Guests or speakers present: 0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 13 minutes approved by vote of committee (13-0)

Posted to Teams Site (Meeting 3)

IV. INTRODUCTIONS

- New members were introduced to the group (Davis, Frazer)

V. PRESENTATIONS

- None

VI. GROUP DISCUSSION

Strengths and Opportunities (Continued from 9/13 Meeting)

- Medicaid – supplying benefits to inmates – suspended benefits when incarcerated, but presumptive eligibility – discussion on process in Ohio and other states where Medicaid has continued benefits for inmates
- Lack of beds for kids – sleeping in offices – DCS is looking into facilities in other states to help with this while also not overwhelming the system
- School input – DOE sees opportunity to help youth transition after they leave corrections and mental health inpatient care

- IARCA – community and foster/residential providers – work force crisis is an issue (members want to fill in gaps and be supportive, but lack of staffing overall) – working on stabilizing youth they have while trying to resolve staffing challenges
- Discussion on services needed – do we need licensed care, or can we expand services to non-licensed entities?
 - Depends on what is being addressed and the level of licensure required
 - Conversation turned to how to keep children out of the justice system – by the time they reach DOC, it is likely too late to utilize staff to prevent justice involvement
 - Considering the landscape – children coming from home situations that might not have been that positive, disconnection from peers, anxiety and depression – perhaps bifurcating response to provide lower-level help once stabilized
 - Some felt that teams should be led by licensed therapist/case manager/job coach, but that more intensive wrap-around services are needed
 - Issue of quality – is it enough that a licensed person would supervise? Finding the amount of case management home-based services that could help would be an issue
 - Focus on schools – when seeing acting-out behaviors, how can schools be used as resources to identify? Grants are coming from DOE to help with this issue (comprehensive school counseling) – making sure these programs take all kids, not just Medicaid kids
- Role of diagnosis in tracking for early interventions – DOC states that diagnosis often missed is ADHD and PTSD – if there is an opportunity to educate on the affect of interventions for these children, that is a gap that could be addressed – also seeing disruptive mood dysregulation disorder (DMDD) and treatment is up in the air for that
- Services in detention centers – children admitted with MAISI-II testing; diagnostic staff meet in the caution/warning areas to make recommendations on assessing mental health and substance abuse evaluations; lots of testing (psycho-social; prison treatment); youth can sign up for diagnostics, but because of short staffing, could take 3-4 weeks, which affects the court schedule – issues where younger children housed with older children and not enough staff for units to cover – competency testing is sometimes not done in-house – virtual and MRT therapies to help children think differently on morals and recognitions

- Detention centers were sometimes seen as a place that might exacerbate behaviors and are being used as psychiatric treatment facilities – role of trauma and impact in manifesting future behaviors – we might end up seeing behaviors that are not the result of delinquency but instead are the result of trauma
- Understanding reasons for youth being denied in facilities to move forward on recommendations – also looking at workforce issues and consistency of delivered services
- 988 update – national suicide prevention hotline – youth model could help
 - Mobile response stabilization services could focus on stabilizing youth and families – for detention centers in particular, it could be a diversion from criminal justice system – DMHA may have leftover funding from a national association to use funds for programs for kids
 - Looking into home-based delivery standards and what other counties are doing for crisis response or equivalent services, as well as the impact this service could have on helping kids stay in their communities and with their families (peers and telehealth services to help until they get in to see someone)
 - Ohio has a model for MRSS to possibly look into

Creation of Sub-Committees

- Members were placed into sub-committees and given tasks to complete before the next Behavioral Health Work Group meeting on December 8, 2022
- The November Work Group meeting was cancelled to allow sub-committees to meet
- Reminder – members of the public and sub-committee members must attend the Work Group meetings in person, and the virtual link is only available to members of the Work Group (and only for 50% of the meetings in a calendar year)
- Sub-Committee folders will be created on Teams site

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, December 8, 2022 from 1pm-3pm

IGCS Conference Center