



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Meeting Minutes

Committee/Task Force: Mental Health & Substance Use

Date of Meeting: March 20, 2024

Time: 9am-11am

Location: Microsoft Teams

Minutes Prepared By: Erin Reynolds

Meeting Objectives:

- Executive Director Update
- Subcommittee reports
- Data needs

Standing Members:

Name	Organization	In Attendance (X indicates present)
Karin Gilbert	Bring Change to Mind	
Jeannie Bellman	Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA)	X
Jason Murrey	Indiana Department of Education (DOE)	X
David Reed (co-chair)	Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS)	X
Bridget McIntyre	Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS)	X
Tanya Merritt-Mulamba (co-chair)	Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA)	X
Sirilla Blackmon	Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA)	X
Ty Rowlison	Choices Coordinated Care Solutions	
Jay Chaudhary	Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA)	
Kaylee May	Community Representative	X
Gabriela Rodríguez	Indiana University School of Medicine	X

Cathy Boggs	Community Health Network	
Steve McCaffrey	Mental Health America of Indiana	
Jennifer Tackitt-Dorfmeier	Choices Coordinated Care Solutions	
Julianne-Marie Guist	Indiana University School of Medicine	
Michelle Bulington	Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA)	X
Steve Viewheg	Indiana University School of Medicine	X

Staff/Guests:

Name	Organization	
Blane Cook	Commission on Improving the Status of Children (CISC)	X
Erin Reynolds	Commission on Improving the Status of Children (CISC)	X
Mark Fairchild	Commission on Improving the Status of Children (CISC)	X
Norman Jackson	Guest	X

Agenda and Notes:

Introduction and Check-In:

- Task force members introduced themselves to the new members, Kaylee May and Stephan Viehweg. Stephan introduced himself as an LCSW with the Department of Pediatrics/IU School of Medicine, and that he specializes in early childhood and infant mental health. Kaylee mentioned that she is a representative with lived experience in DCS and works with the Indiana Center for Recovery.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- David requested a motion to approve the minutes from March’s meeting. Jason Murrey motioned, and Jeannie Bellman seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

Updates/Old Business:

- For the Executive Director Update, Mark shared that there will be presentations from DCS on prevention initiatives and programs in the state, as well as suicide and bullying prevention from FSSA and DMHA. Mark acknowledged the Commission will discuss the formation of a group around bullying and suicide prevention but wanted insight from the task forces whose goals cross over with these issues. Task force members mentioned they have subgroups that are doing work within these areas, and that it may make sense to create a task force that unifies those subgroups or find ways to communicate and share information regarding efforts devoted to these issues.

New Business/Presentations:

- Mark asked the task force members if the use of “substance abuse” in its title is still preferred, to which members said “substance use” is the more acceptable terminology. Mark noted he will communicate that preference to the Executive Committee of the Commission.
- Gabriela shared that the evidence-based practice subcommittee is comprised of only herself, and that she will continue to advocate for MST regardless of the subcommittee’s status but is wondering the approach the subcommittee should take regarding EBP’s. The group discussed that it may be best to

widely promote the use of existing EBPs across the board and that steps should be taken to incorporate the economics of EBP implementation.

Action Items:

- No action items.

Adjournment:

- Jason motioned to adjourn, which Gabriela seconded, and the meeting ended at 10:30am.

Next Meeting:

Date: May 20th

Time: 9:00am-11:00am

Location: Microsoft Teams

Topics/Objectives: