

## **Update on Other 2022 Behavioral Health Commission Report Recommendations**

Indiana has made significant progress on most of the Commission's 2022 Report Recommendations. The Commission recommends building upon the progress and continued examination of several 2022 recommendations. Below is a summary of the progress to date on the 2022 recommendations.

### **Progress underway**

Progress is currently underway on the below 2022 recommendations, as detailed throughout this 2024 BHC Report.

1. Invest in and connect 988 (see section 1.1)
2. Take action to establish CCBHC as the primary behavioral healthcare model statewide (see section 1.1)
3. Increase enforcement of mental health parity requirements (see section 1.2)
4. Workforce
  - a. Targeted study of Medicaid reimbursement rates and corresponding increases in those rates (see section 1.2)
  - b. Reduce administrative barriers such as a cumbersome professional licensing process to allow more qualified individuals to work as behavioral health professionals (see section 2)
  - c. Fund a long-term student loan/tuition reimbursement program for behavioral health professionals, including coordination with and help navigating existing programs (see section 2)
  - d. Increase capacity of psychiatric consultation programs for primary care providers (see section 2)
5. A series of criminal justice-focused strategies, including increasing the number of mental health courts and competency restoration
  - a. Criminal justice-focused strategies are not addressed in this 2024 BHC Report; however, Indiana has made targeted investments to increase the number of mental health courts and decrease the average wait time for competency restoration services.

6. Reducing administrative burdens and improve data- sharing capacity (see section 1, 2, and 3)
7. The 2022 BHC Report recommended follow up examination on the following, all addressed in the 2024 Commission meetings and section 3 of this 2024 BHC Report:
  - a. Unique challenges and complexity of components of the mental health system serving children, including the DCS-run residential care system (see section 3.1)
  - b. Addressing the increasing mental health needs of Indiana's senior citizen population (see section 3.2)
  - c. Services to individuals with dual diagnoses of Intellectual Disabilities and Mental Illness (see section 3.3)

**No significant progress to date**

Indiana has not yet made significant progress on the following 2022 recommendations.

1. Establishing a Medicaid waiver to allow for federal reimbursement of some costs of behavioral health care for individuals while they are incarcerated
2. Other strategies to improve Hoosiers' mental health literacy
3. Using Medicaid to pay for housing supports and other Social Determinants of Health