



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force

Date: September 20, 2021

Time: 9:30-11:30 am

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting**
- 2. Executive Director update**
 - The next Commission meeting will be in-person on Wednesday, October 20th from 10:00am-12:00pm.
 - The Family and Youth Engagement Summit will be virtual Oct 22nd -23rd
 - There is a new interim study committee that is looking at child fatality.
 - Just a reminder, the Governor makes a decision at the end of every month to extend the public health emergency. Once the public health emergency is over, we will have to go back to in-person meeting.
- 3. Subcommittee reports including prior action items, review of objectives, progress, etc.**

Mobile Crisis: Serrilla Blackmon & Jennifer Tackett

Not in attendance. David Berman spoke about the concern of 9-8-8 and what the youth part will look like.

Prevention: MeriBeth Adams Wolf

Not in attendance. No update.

Parity: Steve McCaffrey

DOI pushed back their reporting date. May have more during the next week.

EBPs: Gabriela Rodriguez

- Gabriel to possibly present on MST in October's meeting.
- Met with Ty about what their ongoing roll with the subcommittee would be.
- They could be focusing in on leading evaluation component for the MST implementation. Similar to what New Mexico is doing.
- Ty is reaching out to New Mexico to learn more about how they run their program.

Suicide/Gap Analysis: Jason Murray, David Berman, & Chris Drapeau

- Jason gave an update on the grant DOE received. Information is below:
- *MHAT Grant: Indiana's Journey to Be Well Proposal* will increase: mental health awareness, early identification, and student/family access to mental health supports through school-based and community-based initiatives. Primary target populations to be served are rural, suburban and urban K-12 students and community stakeholders. The goals and objectives of the proposal are:

- Goal 1: Train individuals to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental disorders, particularly serious mental illness (SMI) and/or serious emotional disturbances (SED)
- Goal 2: Establish linkages with school-and/or community-based mental health agencies to refer individuals with the signs or symptoms of the mental illness to appropriate services.
- Goal 3: Train emergency services personnel, law enforcement, fire department personnel, veterans, and others to identify persons with a mental disorder and employ crisis de-escalation techniques.
- Goal 4: Educate individuals about resources that are available in the community for individuals with a mental disorder.

Workforce Issues: Cathy Boggs & David Reed

- The two subcommittees have met twice.
- One on policy and one on funding.
- We have seen the comparison of it being hard to find staff.

- 4. Data Needs (identify any needs for data sharing or mapping, determine if someone in the Task Force has access to the needed data, if not, forward request to Data Sharing and Mapping Committee)**
- 5. Set or remind next meeting date, time, location**
Monday, November 15, 2021, 9:30 am-11:30am -Virtually
- 6. Review action items identified in today's meeting**