



Mobile Integrated Healthcare Advisory Committee

Date: July 14, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m. EST

Location: via Microsoft Teams online

Members present: Kraig Kinney, State EMS Director  
Dr. Michael Kauffman, State EMS Medical Director  
Steve Davison, Municipal MIH-CP Program  
Chad Owen, Non-municipal MIH-CP Program  
Laura Schwab-Reese PhD, College/University  
Shane Hardwick, MIH-CP Provider  
Keith Mason, Insurance Industry Representative  
Dr. Eric Yazel, EMS Medical Director

Other Present: Brittany Fortinberry, Lucille Uffelman, Sara Brown, Kacey Copeland

Absent Members: Dr. Lindsay Weaver, Dr. Sullivan, Andy Van Zee, Nate Metz, Robin Stump and Chief Doug Randell.

Chief Paul Miller, previously contacted stating he would not be attending due to his affiliation with Crawfordsville fire department and their application for the MIH grant.

Roll Call

Chairperson Kinney welcomed everyone and called roll and announced quorum.

Adoption of Minutes

Chairperson Kinney ask if there were any corrections to the minutes from May 12, 2021. **Motion to approve the minutes from Dr. Kauffman and second by Dr. Yazel. Roll was taken for approval.**

**Kraig Kinney Yes**

**Dr. Michael Kauffman Yes**

**Steve Davison Yes**

**Chad Owen Yes**

**Laura Schwab-Reese PhD Yes**

**Shane Hardwick Abstained**

**Keith Mason Yes**

**Dr. Eric Yazel Yes**

Chairperson Kinney introduces the new Mobile Integrated Health Coordinator, Brittany Fortinberry. Brittany will be helping to move mobile integrated health forward in Indiana and has been visiting programs around the state.

### Reports

Dr. Kaufmann also welcomed Ms. Fortinberry to the organization and ask the committee to help her with any questions she may have.

Dr. Kaufmann also discussed that we now have grant funding for SEA 498. He also stated that he attended the EMS Eagles Conference and some of the highlights from the conference were many different types and styles of mobile integrated health programs around the country.

Keith Mason announced that a film crew from United Health Group was in town conducting interviews for people associated with the Project Swaddle and will be putting together a video for review.

### New Business

Chairperson Kinney explained that the main business for today was the mobile integrated health grant. With SEA 498 put in place initially there was no funding. With the new budget in effect there was \$100,000 placed in the fund for programs. He updated the committee that the EMS Commission did approve the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and that had been sent out with a deadline of application of July 9, 2021. We did receive eight applications, with one that was received past the deadline and one that did not qualify. That leave us with six proposals to review.

MIH Grant Overview / Review of approved NOFO

NOFO attached for reference.

MIH Grant Applications Review & Recommendations

The following are the organizations that applied on time and met the requirements. Below is information from each applicant and their program.

1. Crawfordsville Fire Department (Montgomery County), District 4
  - a. Proposal: expansion program to provide MIH via in-home visits to patients for monitored health as a facilitation for tele-health services.
  - b. Application Request: \$25,000
  - c. Recommendation for approval: \$15,000

2. Elkhart Fire Department (Elkhart County), District 2
  - a. Proposal: coordinated effort to address homelessness challenges in the coverage area.
  - b. Application Request: \$20,000
  - c. Recommendation for approval: \$20,000
3. Monticello Fire Department (White County), District 4
  - a. Proposal: continuum of care in the patient residence in conjunction with medical oversight to reduce hospital visits and admission.
  - b. Application Request: \$15,000
  - c. Recommendation for approval: \$15,000
4. Muncie Fire Department (Delaware County), District 6
  - a. Proposal: Addiction response and behavioral health initiatives
  - b. Application Request: \$15,000
  - c. Recommendation for approval \$15,000
5. Noblesville Fire Department (Hamilton County), District 5
  - a. Proposal: Behavioral health, substance abuse, fall assessment and prevention, vaccinations and other basic health services.
  - b. Application Request: \$27,000
  - c. Recommended for approval: \$20,000
6. Vincennes Township Fire Department (Knox County) District 10
  - a. Proposal: Grow Up with Good Samaritan. Reducing minor suicide ideation and substance abuse rates.
  - b. Application Request \$15,000
  - c. Recommended for approval: \$15,000

There was discussion regarding different ways to divide up the money between the organizations.

**Keith Mason made a motion to approve Chairperson Kinney’s recommendation presented with the amount for each organization and second Steve Davison.**

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Kraig Kinney Yes</b>    | <b>Dr. Michael Kauffman Yes</b>   | <b>Steve Davison Yes</b>  |
| <b>Chad Owen Abstained</b> | <b>Laura Schwab-Reese PhD Yes</b> | <b>Shane Hardwick Yes</b> |
| <b>Keith Mason Yes</b>     | <b>Dr. Eric Yazel Yes</b>         |                           |

| Organizations           | Amount applied for | Amount approved |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Crawfordsville          | 25,000             | 15,000          |
| Monticello Fire         | 15,000             | 15,000          |
| Noblesville Fire        | 27,000             | 20,000          |
| Elkhart Fire            | 20,000             | 20,000          |
| Muncie Fire             | 15,000             | 15,000          |
| Vincennes Township Fire | 15,000             | 15,000          |

Chairperson Kinney explained that with the grant there are reporting requirements and will share that information with the committee. He also stated that he would let our legislative staff know that we had several hospitals that applied but were not eligible. There may be a need to expand the eligibility for future funding.

Chairperson Kinney stated that once the public health emergency ended the committee will need to start meeting in person. With the next meeting coming up on September 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., the EMS Commission will be meeting the next week and wanted to know if the committee would like to move the next meeting to the same day as the EMS Commission meeting. Committee agreed to move it to September 16, 2021 at the same location of the EMS Commission meeting.

Steve Davison made a motion to adjourn, second by Shane Hardwick. Motion approved, meeting adjourned at 11:36a.m.

**NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY  
Mobile Integrated Healthcare Grants**

**Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22)**

**Award Information**

|                       |                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Competitive Projects: | \$15,000 target award        |
| Performance Period:   | July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 |

**Application Deadline**

Grant applications must be received by July 9, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. EDT.

**IDHS CONTACT INFORMATION**

If applicants have any questions about the information contained within the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or need technical assistance in completing a grant application, please contact Kraig Kinney at [kkinney@dhs.in.gov](mailto:kkinney@dhs.in.gov)

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

The Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Grant Program provides support for communities to develop and implement a mobile integrated healthcare program consistent with IC 16-31-12-4.

A mobile integrated healthcare program is one that is a community-based health care in which paramedics and emergency medical technicians employed by an emergency medical services provider agency function outside of customary emergency response and transport to do the following:

- (1) Facilitate more appropriate use of emergency care services.
- (2) Enhance access to:
  - (A) primary care for medically underserved populations; or
  - (B) underutilized and appropriate health care services.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible applicants are any EMS Commission certified provider organization operated by a municipality. If the grant funding will benefit more than one EMS provider organization, each entity must be identified within the application.

The basic eligibility requirements:

- Must be a currently certified EMS provider organization (BLS non-transport, BLS transport, ALS non-transport and ALS transport—including Advanced EMT).
- Must be a city, town or township operated provider (see IC 16-31-12-4(c))
- Must be an approved MIH program (may be approved concurrently with approval of the grant).

Other Eligibility requirements include (see Appendix B for more information):

- Supplier/Vendor registration with the State of Indiana
- Bidder registration with the State of Indiana

## **AWARD LIMITS**

Applications through the MIH Grant program will be up to \$100,000 issued in ALL total grants for this cycle. The EMS Commission has not established a maximum award for any single applicant/entity, but the goal is to reach a handful of provider organizations with supplemental funding so a likelihood range of up to \$15,000 to \$20,000 per award is reasonable to anticipate, although the Commission could adjust if there are applications that merit higher funding for ingenuity, collaboration among organizations or meeting several of the priorities of this notice of funding opportunity.

Funding availability will be subject to a grants contract and contract approval with IDHS with the entire grant funding issued yet in 2021 followed by status updates from the recipient for the total grant period.

## **FUNDING GUIDELINES**

Existing funds for a project may not be displaced by funds awarded through the MIH Grant program and reallocated for other organizational expenses.

Funding requests may be for any costs related to a MIH program including personnel costs, equipment, or vehicle.

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

Funds made available through the MIH Grant program may only be used for and must be consistent with the development and implementation of a MIH program. Priority will be on new programs or expansion of an existing program to include additional focus areas (example, an existing program that focuses on hospital readmission seeks to expand to do a program that addressed mental health within the community).

Priority areas include:

- New programs or expansion of existing programs.
- Programs that have a demonstrated community need.
- Programs that include cross-disciplinary cooperation to address a community need.
- Programs that propose matching funds for the program.

### **BUDGET**

When completing the budget, please consider if the budget items requested are reasonable, necessary and allowable under the funding stream. Furthermore, please include sufficient justification to explain the necessity of each budgeted item.



