



Indiana Protection & Advocacy Services Commission  
Indiana Disability Rights  
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**Mental Health Advisory Council – MHAC**  
**Public Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2026**  
**12:30-1:25 p.m. (ET)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**MHAC Attendees:** J. Albiez-Dobranksy, J. Loop-Miller, S. Moore, L. Rhody, R. Wilson,  
C. Thomas, L. Westerfield, M. McGuire

**MHAC Absent**

**Members:** A. Musters

**Guests:** S. Bex

**IDR Attendees:** T. Crespo, M. Dalrymple, T. Frayer, A. Jarrett, M. Keyes, M. Wickham

- I. **Call to Order – R. Wilson, MHAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. (ET).**
- II. **Introductions – All meeting attendees introduced themselves.**
- III. **Changes to Agenda, if any – No changes to agenda indicated.**
- IV. **\*Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2025 Meetings – R. Wilson asked for a motion to approve minutes. J. Loop-Miller made the motion; L. Rhody seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice-vote approving November 19, 2025 meeting minutes for both the Executive Session and Public Meeting.**
- V. **Reports:**
  - A. **Membership\* – R. Wilson introduced Stacey Bex, prospective MHAC member.**
  - B. **Vote on Membership\* – R. Wilson asked for a motion to approve S. Bex as a member. J. Loop-Miller made the motion; L. Westerfield seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, S. Bex approving S. Bex’s membership on the Mental Health Advisory Council.**
  - C. **ED Report/Quarterly Report (M. Keyes) – M. Keyes asked whether there were any questions regarding the quarterly report. M. Keyes reported that IDR will**

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be level funded, with just under \$1 million received of an authorized roughly \$3 million. IDR can resume normal case acceptance except for the PADD program. M. Keyes announced M. Dalrymple will join IDR full-time as Legal Director. Interviews are underway to fill two to three intern roles later in the year. Michelle Reynolds was awarded the Whiteman-Estes Service Award for 2025. M. Keyes shared staff are developing tools and strategies to position IDR's services including empowering self-advocacy, by offering step-by-step tools to help callers take next steps in meeting their goals. This technical assistance will be in addition to website language, more online advocacy resources, and other communication tools. M. Keyes announced a collaboration between GCPD and IIDC to develop community engagement tools for the development of 2028-2030 Priorities and Objectives, with IIDC providing surveys, GCPD conducting focus groups, and IDR connecting with members of the community during monitoring activities.

**VI. Old Business:**

- A. **FY 2026 meeting date schedule update – Meetings will be held May 13, August 19, and November 18, 2026. Due to a conflict with a DDARS meeting on November 18, the time of the Executive Session has been moved to 12:30-1:00, and the public meeting will take place 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET. Both other meeting dates will follow the standard meeting schedule with Executive Session from 12:00-12:30 p.m. ET and public meeting 12:30-2:00 p.m. ET.**

**VII. New Business:**

- A. **General Assembly Update (M. Keyes) – M. Keyes provided an update on two bills relevant to MHAC activities.**
- a. **SEA 71 (2026) This bill when it becomes law will establish a guardianship code revision taskforce to review, repeal and replace the current guardianship code.**
  - b. **SEA 265 (2026) amends the definition of “gravely disabled” and specific language that may violate civil rights and cause harm to unhoused individuals. The bill goes into law on July 1, 2026.**
  - c. **Members requested more information regarding the aforementioned bills, which M. Keyes agreed to provide.**
  - d. **Members asked about a bill requiring testing before an individual can be subjected to death penalty. M. Keyes said she has been in contact with The Arc of Indiana and will continue to offer IDR's aid on any future bill of this kind.**

**VIII. Additional comments, other business, or announcements – None noted.**

- IX. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 (Exec. Session 12:00-12:30 p.m. ET; Public Meeting 12:30-2:00 p.m. ET). All remaining 2026 meeting invitations will be sent out shortly to members.**
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- X. **Meeting Adjournment – L. Rhody motioned to adjourn the meeting; J. Loop-Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice-vote; Meeting adjourned at 1:25pm (ET).**

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