

Children's Behavioral Health System State Board
Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2024
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Virtual Only

CHILDREN'S BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Kelly Garcia (co-chair)	Carol Meade
Kim Buryanek (co-chair)	Mary Neubauer
Andrew Allen	Bradley Niebling
Darci Alt	Kristie Oliver
Senator Claire Celsi	Beth Townsend
Aaron Johnson	Richard Whitaker
Marcus Johnson-Miller	Cindy Yelick

CHILDREN'S BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Timi Brown-Powers
Senator Jeff Edler
Nathan Noble
Kari Price
Jason Sandholdt
Representative Jeff Shipley

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Barb Anderson	Robert Kruse
Glenn Baughman	Carrie Malone
Tasha Beghtol	Patti Manna
Kurt Behrens	Liza Maxwell
Caylyn Bishop	Mary McKinnell
Teresa Bomhoff	Tony Raymer
Kevin Carroll	Jennifer Robbins
Nick Crawford	Leslie Rogers
Jim Donoghue	Marisa Roseberry
Marissa Eyanson	Flora Schmidt
Julie Gibbons	Annie Uetz
Tami Gilliland	Heather Weers
Amy Grask	Carlye Wellman
Emma Hall	Tammy Wetjen-Kesterson
Alison Hauser	Russell Wood
Sherri Hunt	Ryanne Wood
Theresa Jochum	Chaney Yeast
Ginger Knisley	

Materials Referenced

*Children's Board November 14th, 2023, Meeting Minutes DRAFT
BH-System-Alignment-2024*

*Children's Board Data Dashboard Visioning Convo 1-9-24
Universal Screening 1-9-2024*

Welcome and Introductions

Marissa Eyanson, Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) representative, and Kim Buryanek, Iowa Department of Education (DE) representative, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am thanking the Children's Board and the public for their attendance.

Review & Vote on Approval of November 14th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Quorum was established at 10:07 am. Richard Whitaker made a motion to approve the November 14th, 2023, meeting minutes. Aaron Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Department and Legislative Updates – Marissa Eyanson and Kim Buryanek

Kim Buryanek provided an update from the DE. The Department of Education is working with HHS to support students and families at Perry Schools as they process the recent mass shooting. A resource document has been made available on the Your Life Iowa website and required school district emergency response plans are being reviewed.

Other initiatives in place as a part of the Governor's School Safety Initiative include Safe+Sound Iowa, Critical Incident Mapping, Vulnerability Assessment and School Safety Improvement Fund, and the Stronger Connections grant.

Marissa Eyanson provided an update from HHS. Iowa Health and Human Services contracted with Health Management Associates (HMA) to conduct a third-party review of the delivery of 19 health and human service areas in the summer and fall of 2023. Based on HMA's recommendations, HHS will take a phased approach that first focuses on Behavioral Health System Alignment.

Through alignment, HHS plans to ensure Iowans have consistent access to health and human services, use funding more effectively to achieve outcomes, and consolidate and streamline contracting and administration. Full details can be found here: [HHS System Alignment | Health & Human Services \(iowa.gov\)](#)

Data Dashboard Vision – Bradley Niebling

Brad Niebling led the board in a data dashboard visioning discussion which included coming to a common definition, reviewing key features and considerations, and discussing board member's vision and goals. After reviewing several dashboards, board members shared that they would like to see a dashboard that is able generate key metrics in real time and can be interactive.

Universal Screening Updates – Dr. Robert Kruse

Dr. Robert Kruse, HHS State Medical Director, led a discussion on Universal Screening. He described the importance of screening in prevention and early intervention and shared commonly used behavioral screening tests: Ages & Stages Questionnaire, Moods and Feelings Questionnaire, Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire, Pediatric Symptom Checklist -17, and Behavioral and Emotional Screening System (BESS).

Dr. Kruse reviewed next steps with a positive behavioral health screening test, which may include a developmental, behavioral, or medical evaluation, or special education services.

Planning for Future Meetings

There was a discussion with the board on future meetings. The board would like an update on the current legislative session, and to continue the data dashboard conversation. There was a suggestion to hear from the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) team to learn more about how to address the concern that diversion of youth from the juvenile justice system may inadvertently result in a lack of referral to needed services.

Public Comment

There was an opportunity for public comment. No public comment was offered.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm. Aaron Johnson moved to adjourn; Kristie Oliver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Manna.