

Children's Behavioral Health System State Board
Meeting Minutes
July 11th, 2023
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Lucas State Office Building, Room 517/518
321 E.12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319

CHILDREN'S BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barb Anderson for Kim Buryanek (co-chair)	Representative Jeff Shipley
Marissa Eyanson for Kelly Garcia (co-chair)	Cindy Yelick
Marcus Johnson-Miller	
Brad Niebling	

CHILDREN'S BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Darci Alt	Aaron Johnson
Scott Hobart	Rich Whitaker

CHILDREN'S BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrew Allen	Mary Neubauer
Representative Timi Brown-Powers	Nathan Noble
Senator Claire Celsi	Kari Price
Senator Jeff Edler	Jason Sandholdt
Kristie Oliver	Beth Townsend
Carol Meade	

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Karen Allison	Patti Manna
Theresa Armstrong	Leisa Mayer
Jennifer Best	Michelle Morse
Caylyn Bishop	Dax Oberreuter
Lisa Bringle	Jerilyn Oshel
Rachel Cecil	Tony Raymer
Alicia Christiansen	Okpara Rice
Andrea Dickerson	Jennifer Robbins
Linda Duffy	Flora Schmidt
Julie Gibbons	Donald Schnitker
Amy Grask	Nick Swanson
Sarah Harris	Starla Varrelman
Alex Hartley	Shanell Wagler
Alison Hauser	Carlye Wellman
Lucia Herman	Tammy Wetjen-Kesterson
Britney Hicken	Jill Wright
Mae Hingtgen	
Michelle Holst	
Theresa Jochum	
Michelle Johnson	
Carrie Malone	

Materials Referenced

Children's Board May 9 2023 Meeting Minutes DRAFT

2023 Safe+Sound Overview - CBHS State Board

Children's Board ISTEP JulyFY24

Our Therapeutic Classroom Journey

Welcome and Introductions

Barb Anderson, Iowa Department of Education representative, and Marissa Eyanson, Director of the Division of Behavioral Health and Disability Services, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am thanking the Children's Board and the public for their attendance in-person and virtually.

Board membership changes

Representative Timi Brown-Powers has been elected to a third term.

Review & Vote on Approval of March 9th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Quorum was not established to approve the May 9th, 2023, meeting minutes.

Department and Legislative Updates – Marissa Eyanson and Barb Anderson

Barb Anderson provided an update on a change in leadership at the Department of Education. Governor Reynolds has appointed McKenzie Snow as Director of the Iowa Department of Education effective Monday, June 26, 2023.

Barb also announced that the Department has closed the applications for the Therapeutic Classroom Grant and those are now in review.

Marissa Eyanson provided updates from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services.

July 16th, 2023 marked the one year anniversary since the launch of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in Iowa. One-year successes include positive increases in answer rates, development of Mobile Response Warm Handoff Guidelines, and the initiation of the 911/988 Pilot Project for 911 to 988 transfers.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted on June 12th for Consultant Services for Iowa's Behavioral Health Crisis System with the notice of award scheduled for August 29, 2023. The goal of the consultant is to transform Iowa's crisis system from a mental health crisis system to a behavioral health crisis system that incorporates substance use.

During the summer and fall of 2023, Iowa HHS will be working with Health Management Associates (HMA) to study the delivery of health and human service programs in Iowa. Iowa HHS is working to ensure that services are delivered efficiently and effectively for individuals, families, and communities across the state of Iowa. A statewide assessment to identify successes and gaps in service delivery as well as opportunities for further service integration will be conducted.

In March of 2023, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded Iowa HHS a one-year, \$1 million, planning grant to develop Iowa's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC). CCBHCs are specially designed clinics modeled to comprehensively and collaboratively address patient needs relating to mental health and substance use disorders. Stakeholder input is being gathered with an RFP process to follow.

Iowa HHS's Aging and Disability Services Division has a new Division Director. Zach Rhein brings 20+ years of experience in federal and state government to the position.

Iowa Students for Tobacco Education and Prevention (ISTEP)

Jill Wright, ISTEP Youth Coordinator, shared a presentation on the ISTEP program. ISTEP is a statewide youth-led tobacco prevention movement with adult supervision provided by Iowa HHS staff. Local chapters raise awareness to community members of the dangers of tobacco use through street marketing events and educational activities. Jill shared how ISTEP provides leadership opportunities for youth to educate other students, community leaders, and loved ones on the dangers of tobacco use. The ISTEP Executive Council consists of students from Iowa who are in the 7th-12th grade.

Break

11:30 am to 12:24 for lunch.

Therapeutic Classroom Grant

A panel of individuals representing the Bettendorf School system shared their therapeutic classroom journey at Bettendorf Middle School.

Bettendorf Middle School was one of 10 recipients of a Therapeutic Classroom Incentive Grant awarded by the Iowa Department of Education for the 2022-23 school year. The Therapeutic Classroom Incentive Grant was established through state legislation signed into law in 2020 and is part of a statewide effort to increase mental health supports for children, youth, and families. Therapeutic supports include activities such as social-emotional skill building, skills to cope with stress and trauma, mental health treatment and crisis intervention and follow-up.

The team introduced Bettendorf Middle School, activities conducted during the grant process, and outcomes of the grant. Data demonstrating positive results was shared and explained.

Safe + Sound Iowa

Don Schnitker, Governor's School Safety Bureau, provided an overview of Safe + Sound Iowa, an anonymous reporting tool for students, teachers, parents, and community members to help identify and provide intervention for students in crisis before they harm themselves or others. The Iowa Governor's School Safety Bureau developed Safe+Sound Iowa, which provides trained dispatchers who monitor reports 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and share information with the appropriate local school administrators, law enforcement or other community partners so outreach, and support can be provided to a student in need. Safe+Sound Iowa is free to K-12 schools statewide, and involvement is voluntary.

Discussion of Today's Meeting

There was an opportunity for board members to discuss today's meeting with no comments made.

Planning for Future Meetings

There were no suggestions for future meetings made.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Manna.