

Children's Behavioral Health System State Board
Meeting Minutes
March 12th, 2024
10:00 am to 12:30 pm
Virtual Only

CHILDREN'S BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Kelly Garcia (co-chair)	Bradley Niebling
McKenzie Snow for Kim Buryanek (co-chair)	Kristie Oliver
Darci Alt	Jason Sandholdt
Senator Claire Celsi	Beth Townsend
Marcus Johnson-Miller	Richard Whitaker
Carol Meade	Cindy Yelick
Mary Neubauer	

CHILDREN'S BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrew Allen
Representative Timi Brown-Powers
Senator Jeff Edler
Aaron Johnson
Nathan Noble
Kari Price
Representative Jeff Shipley

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Barb Anderson	Nicole Kilburg
Theresa Armstrong	June Klein-Bacon
Rita Baker	Zach Klopping
Tasha Beghtol	Todd Lange
Kurt Behrens	Dree LaToure
Teresa Bomhoff	Stacie Maass
Lisa Bringle	Patti Manna
Molly Brown	Robin McKee
Donna Burkett	Mary McKinnell
Anthony Carroll	Hannah Olson
Rachel Cecil	Ali Polson
Bri Deason	Jennifer Robbins
Jim Donoghue	Flora Schmidt
Sarah Ekstrand	Mollie Scott
Marissa Eyanson	Dawn Sickelka
Julie Gibbons	Mikki Stier
Tim Gutshall	Suzanne Watson
Sherri Hunt	Tammy Wetjen-Kesterson
Tim Johnson	Anika Yada

Materials Referenced

Children's Board January 9th, 2024, Meeting Minutes DRAFT
Children's Board Data Dashboard Proposal Work 3-12-24
SIYAC Behavioral Health Board
SIYAC 2024 Legislative Priorities
SIYAC Brochure 2024

Welcome and Introductions

Kelly Garcia, Director of Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS), and McKenzie Snow, Director of the Iowa Department of Education (DE), called the meeting to order at 10:02 am thanking the Children's Board and the public for their attendance.

Department and Legislative Updates – Kelly Garcia and McKenzie Snow

Kelly Garcia provided an update from Iowa HHS.

Iowa HHS is working to provide feedback on proposed changes and amendments to the Behavioral Health redesign bill (SSB 3148). Of note are proposed changes to advisory boards to include law enforcement, amendments to clarify that only nonprofits can serve as Administrative Service Organizations (ASO's) and that each district will have child and adolescent representatives. The bill is receiving positive feedback, and more updates will come as it moves through the legislative process.

Iowa HHS is aware that approximately 20,000 Medicaid members may have had their personal information compromised as a result of a third-party data breach, which impacted health care operations across the country. Change Healthcare (CHC) (owned by parent company Optum) experienced a cyberattack. CHC provides pharmacy point-of-sale services, including eligibility lookup, prior authorization, and billing. Iowa Medicaid remains committed to ensuring members served by the program have access to the prescriptions and health care services they need. Iowa Medicaid information systems were not accessed as a result of the cyberattack affecting Change Healthcare.

McKenzie Snow provided an update from the DE. The DE is focused on supporting school districts in addressing Chronic Absenteeism, which has risen both in Iowa and across the nation. The DE will convene an attendance taskforce to identify best practices to address chronic absenteeism. This workgroup will address transportation innovations, launching and/or deepening partnerships with community based organizations that support attendance, and reporting inconsistencies.

The DE is proposing to the U.S. Department of Education to utilize chronic absenteeism rates in the Iowa School Accountability System, which will replace the Conditions for Learning survey. Conditions of Learning will continue to be a part of the Department's continuous improvement work with chronic absenteeism.

Applications for the Therapeutic Classrooms grant will open this month and will be available on the department's webpage. There is a legislative proposal related to Therapeutic Classroom grants, which would allow the transportation set aside, if not fully utilized, to be used to award additional incentive grants.

The House passed HF 2612 regarding Area Education Agencies (AEA's). Two of the main priorities are to provide local school districts with greater control in the provision of special education and related services in partnership with AEA's and to expand the focus on the outcomes of students with disabilities within the AEA accreditation process.

Barb Anderson, DE representative, provided an update on evidence based dyslexia resources to support families. Social and emotional problems related to dyslexia are often co-occurring, and the DE is developing resources including creating an Iowa Dyslexia Handbook and planning regional trainings.

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

Quorum was established at 10:02 am. Kristie Oliver made a motion to approve the January 9, 2024, meeting minutes. Richard Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning for Future Meetings

There was a discussion with the Board on future meetings, with a request for the Board to provide feedback on speakers, data to be reviewed, and stakeholder engagement to schedule. The following suggestions were made by Board members:

- Prevention Work - gather information related to current statistics that would verify the need for prevention work.
- Therapeutic Classroom Incentive grants – hear an update on the outcomes of Therapeutic Classroom Incentive grants and details of the funding for them.
- Emergency Room visits - review data relating to outcomes for individuals with Emergency Room visits. Identify what success metrics could be reviewed, with the length of stay as one possible metric.
- Lack of providers in rural areas - review qualitative data and evidence-based practices on the issue of lack of providers in rural areas and seeking out information on how other states have addressed the issue and successes they have experienced.
- Family advocacy - hear from family advocacy organizations and parents of children with Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) with possible contacts including NAMI Iowa and Families Care in Nebraska.
- Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Grant - hear from an update from Child Health Specialty Clinics on the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Grant received through the University of Iowa.
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) State Partnership Program Grant - hear an update on the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) State Partnership Program Grant to learn more about the connection between brain injury and toxic stress.
- Therapeutic Classroom Incentive grants - hear more about the Therapeutic Classroom Incentive grants in rural areas.
- Family support specialists and family mentors - hear from ASK Resource Center to learn about family support specialists and family mentors.
- ACE's - hear updated information on the work of Iowa Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's).

Data Dashboard Proposal Work – Bradley Niebling and Kurt Behrens

Brad Niebling, Scanlan Center for School Mental Health, led the Board in a data dashboard proposal discussion which included a review of the feedback received from the Board so far. Kurt Behrens, Iowa HHS, shared a drafted model of how the data dashboard could look. Brad shared a proposed timeline of key benchmarks with a goal of establishing the dashboard by mid-2025. Feedback from the Board was positive with members stating they were impressed. There was discussion that the drill down capabilities while looking at buckets of information was

helpful. There was a suggestion to show the number of providers in the dashboard, particularly providers with expertise in treating children, and identify locations lacking sufficient providers. The inclusion of 988 and Your Life Iowa (YLI) data is desired.

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC) – Brianna Deason, Anika Yadav, and Zach Klopping.

The presenter's provided an overview SIYAC, which was established in 2001 by Governor Tom Vilsack as a way for youth to inform legislators and policymakers on youth issues. SIYAC became a statutory council in 2009 under the umbrella of the Iowa Collaboration of Youth Development. SIYAC's purpose is to foster communication among a group of engaged Iowa youth and the governor, general assembly, and state and local policymakers regarding programs, policies, and practices affecting youth and families; and to advocate for youth on important issues affecting youth.

Public Comment

There was an opportunity for public comment. There was a public comment directed at the SIYAC presenters encouraging them not to be discouraged about the number of responses received when sending out surveys, and to consider resending the survey.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm. Cindy Yelick moved to adjourn; Kristie Oliver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Manna.