

Iowa Integrated Health Planning and Advisory Council
March 19, 2025, 11:40 am to 2:00 pm
via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Teresa Bomhoff	Brad Richardson
Jennifer Day	Jennifer Riley
Linda Dettmann	Kristin Rooff
Jessica Goltz	Ellen Schardt
Jen Gomez	Brianna Steffe
Theresa Henderson	Dr. Shaad Swim
Nancy Hunt	Monica Van Horn
Michael Kaufman	William Veltri
Todd Lange	Edward Wollner
Cayleen Mesecher	Joel Wulf
Todd Noack	Kelly Yeggy
Hannah Olson	

MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sen. Claire Celsi	Christina Maulsby
Jenny Erdman	Rep. Ann Meyer
Lorien Harker	
Kyra Hawley-Preston	
Megan Marsh	
Vienna Hoang	

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsy Akin	June Klein-Bacon
Diane Brecht	Kellee McCrory
Linda Dettmann	Terri Steinke
Mike Fidgeon	
Sue Gehling	

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sen. Jeff Edler	Jack Seward, Jr.
Kathy Norris	Sen. Sarah Trone Garriott
Rep. Megan Srinivas	Dr. Kenneth Wayne

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Theresa Armstrong	
Rod Courtney	Dree LaToure
Carlyn Crowe	Brooke Lovelace
Sarah Dixon	Patti Manna
Jeni Hanselman	Rebecca McCrackin
Kathy Johnson	Lori Hancock-Muck
Laura Larkin	Katie Peck

Kayla Powell
Libby Reekers
Karen Rosengreen
Flora A Schmidt

Aaron Todd
Danielle Workman
Sarah Wurm

Materials Referenced:

Overview of Iowa PCA + ASO MHDS Commission and I-PAC
MHDS_Commission February 20, 2025 Meeting_Minutes_DRAFT
MHDS Commission Sunset Report 2025 DRAFT 20250313
MHDS Commission Sunset Report Appendix B Acronyms
Iowa DD Council Update
2025 summary of I-PAC

Welcome

Teresa Bomhoff called the meeting to order at 11:40 pm after a lunch break from the morning portion of the meeting.

Welcome – Theresa Armstrong, Iowa HHS

Theresa Armstrong welcomed the Iowa Integrated Health Planning and Advisory Council, Mental Health and Disability Services Commission, and Developmental Disabilities Council members. Theresa Armstrong introduced representatives from Iowa PCA, Iowa's Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (BH-ASO).

Iowa Primary Care Association (Iowa PCA) – Aaron Todd and Jeni Hanselman

Iowa PCA representatives shared an overview of the organization, which has been selected to serve in a statewide capacity as the Administrative Service Organization (ASO) for the state's redesigned Behavioral Health System. Iowa PCA is a non-profit association with an ongoing commitment to expanding access to quality, affordable, and accessible healthcare to meet local needs. Members include 14 Community Health Centers (CHCs) across the state. Iowa PCA supports a continuum of care including integrated behavioral health, medical, oral health, and pharmacy services. Iowa PCA has experience supporting the continuum of care and a supportive statewide ecosystem. Iowa PCA's statewide staffing model, unified statewide approach, and collaboration and partnership building capabilities were reviewed. Representatives reviewed a summary of the activities in developing District Advisory Councils, Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS) Region meetings, and upcoming opportunities to gain additional information and provide feedback.

There were follow up questions relating to payment timelines and billing guidance. Iowa PCA stated that they are developing communication plans with training on billing guidance to be offered prior to July 1, 2025.

Introductions – I-PAC, MHDS Commission, and DD Council

Teresa Bomhoff led a roll call of I-PAC and MHDS Commission members as well as the representative from the Iowa Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council.

Iowa Integrated Health Planning and Advisory Council Overview and Update – Teresa Bomhoff

Teresa Bomhoff shared an overview of I-PAC and its activities. She shared the document “2025 Summary of I-PAC” which included the I-PAC purpose, vision, mission, goals, and membership overview.

MHDS Commission Overview and Update – Diane Brecht

Diane Brecht reviewed the current work of the MHDS Commission. In the past year, the Commission has completed the 2024 Biennial Report and has received regular updates on Behavioral Health/System Realignment from Iowa Health and Human Services. The Commission heard about Managed Care Organizations (MCO's) and the Value Added Services offered. The Commission is completing a 2025 Sunset Report and will dissolve as of July 1, 2025.

Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council Overview and Update – Brooke Lovelace

Brooke Lovelace, Executive Director, Iowa DD Council shared a presentation on the DD Council. Brooke reviewed the purpose of the DD Council. She reviewed the Developmental Disability (DD) Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, which established a set of programs to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities through capacity building and systems change, advocacy, and the enforcement and protection of civil rights. Iowa's DD Councils, along with DD Councils nationally, act in tandem with their state University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) and state Protection and Advocacy organization. The 2022-2026 state plan was shared, including the goals for advocacy, systems change, and capacity building.

HHS Updates – Laura Larkin

Laura Larkin shared updates from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS). Iowa HHS has announced its intent to award seven individual contracts to entities that will serve as Disability Access Points (DAP) across the state. Disability Access Points are district-level organizations that connect individuals with disabilities to providers who can provide the necessary services to meet their needs.

Laura Larkin shared that the work on the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration continues. Iowa HHS is working with providers to complete certification processes, establish billing practices, and ensure providers can meet standards. Implementation is scheduled for July 1, 2025. The Stakeholder Engagement Committee meeting is scheduled for March 24th, 2025.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Diane Brecht entertained a motion to approve the I-PAC February 20, 2025, meeting minutes. Quorum was established with 8 voting members. Mike Fidgeon motioned to approve the minutes; June Kline-Bacon seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, the motion passed, and the minutes were approved.

MHDS Commission Sunset Report Review and Discussion – Diane Brecht

Diane Brecht led a review of the drafted MHDS Sunset Recommendations Report. an opportunity to vote and approve the report at the April 17th, 2025, meeting. The Commissioners present agreed that the content of the report reflected their thoughts and did not suggest any changes.

Diane Brecht shared that Jack Seward, who was not present, had submitted a suggestion that Commission members write and attach individual letters to the report. There was a discussion that such letters should reflect the commissioners' role and further discussion could occur at the April 2025 meeting.

Planning for Future Meetings – Diane Brecht

Diane Brecht requested that if Commission members have suggestions for the April 2025 meeting, they submit those suggestions to her.

Public Comment

There was an opportunity for public comment, with none offered.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Manna.