

## MEETING MINUTES

DIVISION	Department of Health and Human Services, Iowa Medicaid		
MEETING TITLE	REACH: Assessment Tool Subcommittee		
FACILITATOR	Carol Mau		
DATE	3/4/25	TIME	4:00 PM CT
LOCATION	Virtual		

## MEETING OBJECTIVES

Implementation Team meetings create the opportunity for key stakeholders to facilitate and support the adherence to the Iowa REACH Initiative Implementation Plan objectives and activities and to provide coordinated oversight and recommendations to ensure the success of the Iowa REACH Initiative.

## MEETING PARTICIPANTS

- Catherine Turvey
- Laura Larkin
- Laura Leise
- Amy Berg-Theisen
- Sue Gehling
- Matt Haynes

AGENDA TOPICS	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS
<b>Assessment Tool Overview: CALOCUS-CASII</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematica provided an overview of the Child and Adolescent Level of Care/Service Intensity Utilization System (CALOCUS-CASII) assessment tool.</li> <li>• CALOCUS-CASII: Participants discussed the drawbacks of having a tool that prescribes a level of care and setting for that care. Problems could arise if the tool recommends residential treatment, but the family prefers a community-based setting.</li> <li>• One participant commented that in their experience, the results of the CALOCUS-CASII do not always well represent a child's impairment or needs.</li> </ul>
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Age:</b> Participants discussed the importance of finding an appropriate tool for early childhood. They mentioned additional tools used in early childhood including:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A version of the CAFAS</li> <li>○ <a href="https://www.zerotothree.org/our-work/learn-professional-development/dc0-5-manual-and-training/">https://www.zerotothree.org/our-work/learn-professional-development/dc0-5-manual-and-training/</a></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Data system:</b> a participant shared that they have found the CAFAS data system helpful because it allows you to analyze data across groups.</li> <li>• <b>Time:</b> Two participants noted that the versions of the CANS they have used take only around 10 –20 minutes to complete. One participant said the CALOCUS-CASI is often shorter than 30 minutes.</li> <li>• <b>Customization:</b> Participants noted that the CAFAS is an off-the-shelf tool that is not customized like the CANS and CALOCUS-CASII. They would like more information about what adaptations other states have made and what benefit those adaptations brought.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose:</b> Participants noted the importance of gaining clarity around the purpose of the tool. They would like to clarify if the tool will only be used to assess individuals for services, or if it will also be used to assess service needs across groups or measure REACH program effectiveness.</li> <li>• <b>Frequency of assessment:</b> Participants noted that IA will have to decide how frequently to assess people. This decision will depend on intended use of the tool.</li> <li>• <b>Training:</b> Participants discussed that whichever tool IA chooses, providers need to know how to incorporate it into care planning. The information should not only be used to access services. Providers will need training.</li> <li>• <b>Qualifications:</b> Participants noted that none of the tools require Master level training. They expressed that requiring assessors to have Masters level training is infeasible given provider capacity challenges.</li> <li>• Participants would like more information about how other states have customized the tools and what their experience has been with implementation.</li> </ul>
Public Comments	None

VOTES				
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

