

MEETING MINUTES

DIVISION	Department of Health and Human Services, Iowa Medicaid		
MEETING TITLE	REACH Implementation Team		
FACILITATOR	Jenny Erdman		
DATE	1/8/2025	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

- Amy Berg-Theison
- Ann Starr
- Anne Crotty
- Catherine Turvey
- Denise Driesen
- Dree LaToure
- Gretchen Hammer
- Juanita Roger
- Kevin Carroll
- Laura Larkin
- Liam Healy
- Mary Beth Oneil
- Megan Simpson
- Ryan Adams
- Stacie Sneider
- Will Linder

AGENDA TOPIC

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

Welcome and Team Member Introductions	Meeting participants introduced themselves.
REACH Initiative Overview	Jenny Erdman provided an overview of the REACH Initiative and role of the Implementation Team.

Implementation Team Charter Review	Jenny Erdman reviewed the Implementation Team Charter with members. The charter will be publicly available on the IA HHS website.
Proposed Meeting Cadence and Approach	The Implementation Team agreed to meet monthly the 2 nd Wednesday of each month at 4 pm CT.
General Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants discussed that Iowa HHS staff and leadership selected members of the Consumer Steering Committee who have lived experience in one of the following areas: being a young person in Iowa, navigating the behavioral health system in Iowa, a parent or guardian that has or is supporting a child or youth with behavioral health needs in Iowa. Their first meeting is on 01/10 and Iowa HHS will explore what information and resources would support family and youth involvement in REACH. Participants discussed the importance of creating a safe and supportive space for Consumer Steering Committee members to share their perspective and questions. Participants discussed the importance of sending out meeting materials in plain language before meetings. Iowa HHS will post meeting agendas and materials on their public website before each meeting. <p>Timeline for REACH Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The REACH Implementation Team will meet once a month through 2027, though individuals team members may change. Efforts to strengthen the system will begin immediately, but new services likely will not be available until 2027. Participants discussed that other systems changes are happening that intersect with REACH, including the new Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization, new Aging and Disability Resource Centers, and new Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. The Implementation Team discussed that it would be helpful to create a simple timeline to show how Iowa's behavioral health initiatives fit together. <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Communications Subcommittee will meet to develop an engagement strategy and REACH materials for the public.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The team discussed that it would be helpful to have a plain language document that summarizes REACH. <p>Implementation Team Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Iowa HHS asked for input on additional organization or perspectives that should be included to participate in Iowa REACH.The team discussed the importance of representation from communities of color, the educational system, and early childcare systems (e.g. daycares, childcare centers, and preschools).A participant recommended involving the Center of Excellence in Behavioral Health from the University of Iowa.
Public Comment	No additional members of the public were present at this meeting, which focused on orienting Implementation Team members.

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