# Iowa REACH Quality Improvement and Assurance Subcommittee

**April 2025** 



### Agenda

Quality Management Improvement and Accountability Plan

▶ Proposed timeline for QIA Subcommittee

## Quality Management Improvement and Accountability Plan



### Goals for the QMIA Plan

- ► Submitting a high-level draft by December 31st
- ► The QMIA Plan draft will:
  - Describe the processes the state is creating for quality measurement
  - Outline best practices for quality measurement



### Quality Plan Sections

- ► We reviewed QMIA Plans from Idaho and Washington
- ▶ Common sections include:
  - Process for defining quality
  - Quality monitoring and reporting
  - Quality improvement governance

## Process for Defining Quality

#### **▶** Idaho

- A committee developed initial indicators on process, outcomes, and system impacts
- Continuous quality improvement models refined metrics

#### ▶ Washington

- Key principles on outcomes and systems functions
- Decision Points Model assesses access, engagement, service appropriateness, service effectiveness, and linkages from the patient to system level

What are your thoughts on how other states have approached this process?



## Quality Monitoring and Reporting

- ▶ Both states use several data sources
  - ☐ CANS scores, BHAS, surveys, record reviews, administrative data
- ► Washington has benchmarks for progress
- ▶ Both states have governing bodies report on progress
- lowa is required to have a dashboard and publish reports

What types of data and reporting would be helpful to you?



#### Quality Improvement Governance

- ► Idaho created a QMIA Council
  - Regularly reviews reports, sets goals for improvements, monitors outcomes, and communicates outcomes
- ► Washington has multiple agencies who are responsible for pieces of the QMIA Plan

Who should be the governing body over the QMIA Plan?



#### Iowa's QMIA Plan Considerations

- ► The state aims to align REACH with the state's larger behavioral health quality strategy
- ► The state is speaking with multiple stakeholders to understand their needs
- Quality metrics may initially drop as new systems are implemented

Are there any other elements we should consider?



## Timeline and Next Steps for QIA Subcommittee



## Proposed timeline for QIA Subcommittee

#### June-August

- Further define services with other committees
- Pause QIA Subcommittee and open other committees to members

#### September-November

- Reconvene QIA Subcommittee
- Connect on how to ensure quality within planned services
- Receive feedback on a draft QMIA Plan

#### December

• Create a high-level QMIA Plan



#### Other Committees

- ► Implementation Team
  - Reviews and provides insights on the work of subcommittees
- ► Assessment Tool Subcommittee
  - Develop a decision-making process to decide on a new uniform assessment tool
- ► Intensive Care Coordination Subcommittee
  - Recommend an improved care coordination service model
- ► Service Development and Provider Capacity subcommittee
  - Develop and strengthen home and community-based supportive and therapeutic services
- ▶ Communications Subcommittee
  - Develop and implement a communication plan on the settlement agreement and REACH
- ► Consumer Steering Committee
  - Engage families and providers to design and implement relevant services



#### Discussion

- ▶ Do you have any feedback on our proposed timeline and next steps?
- ► Are there any other elements we should consider for the QMIA Plan?
- ▶ Is there anything else we should discuss as a subcommittee before September?

#### Public Comment