

# Meeting Notes

**Division:** Department of Health and Human Services, Iowa Medicaid

**Meeting Topic:** REACH Implementation Team: Assessment Tool Subcommittee

**Facilitator:** Carol Mao

**Date:** 6/03/25

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual

## Meeting Objectives

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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

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- Carol Mao
- William Linder
- Alissa Tschetter-Siedschlaw
- Amy Berg-Theisen
- Matt Haynes
- Laura Larkin
- Laura Leise
- Gretchen Hammer
- Addie Kimber

## Agenda Topic and Items

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- The subcommittee reviewed our discussions on the Assessment Tool so far
  - We have looked into 5 assessment tools which are commonly used by states, and narrowed discussions down to 3 tools that seemed best-suited for Iowa.

- Attendees agreed that our summary of their recommendations were accurate
- Participants discussed what they consider most important for the assessment tool, including that:
  - There should be a common understanding of what scores mean among providers and users.
  - The assessment should be incorporated into the treatment plan.
  - Participants should be able to get access to services shortly after assessment, and we should continue discussions about how to increase provider capacity.