

Iowa Integrated Health Planning and Advisory Council (I-PAC)
July 16, 2025, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

IOWA INTEGRATED HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

LaShawna Dean	Todd Noack
Jessica Goltz	Hannah Olson
Lori Hancock-Muck	Brad Richardson
Lorien Harker	Jennifer Riley
Kyra Hawley-Preston	Kristin Rooff
Theresa Henderson	Ellen Schardt
Nancy Hunt	Dr. Shaad Swim
Alicia Karwal	Monica Van Horn
Michael Kaufman	William Veltri
Todd Lange	Edward Wollner
Megan Marsh	Kelly Yeggy
Cayleen Mesecher	

IOWA INTEGRATED HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Teresa Bomhoff	Jenny Erdman
Rod Courtney	Vienna Hoang
Jennifer Day	Senator Janice Weiner
Linda Dettman	Representative Ann Meyer
Brianna Steffe	
Joel Wulf	

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Ashley Hazen	Patti Manna
Jennifer Hill	Vicki Mueller
Chandra Jennings	Libby Reekers
Laura Larkin	Flora A. Schmidt
Dree LaToure	Mikki Stier

Materials Referenced:

6-24-2025 (FY2026-2027) BG_Application_Solicitation Letter_Final
Behavioral Health Service System Statewide Plan (I-PAC)
I-PAC May 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Welcome

Brad Richardson called the meeting to order 9:03 am. Quorum was established with 20 members at 9:13 am.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Brad Richardson entertained a motion to approve the I-PAC May 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Brad Richardson noted two typos that were corrected. Theresa Henderson motioned to

approve the minutes; Michael Kaufmann seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, the motion passed, and the minutes were approved.

Nominations Committee Report

Brad Richardson welcomed Alicia Karwal, who fulfills the role of parent, guardian, or primary caretaker of a child/adolescent with serious emotional disturbance.

Brad Richardson shared that the nominations committee has no current applications to review. Christina Maulsby has resigned from the Council, citing personal conflicts that limit her availability. The Council now has two vacancies for a parent, guardian, or primary caretaker of a child/adolescent with serious emotional disturbance.

Workgroups

Brad Richardson reviewed the Council Committee and Workgroup Reports Summary. The chair, or their representative, of each workgroup gave a short verbal summary of the report.

Todd Lange reported the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) workgroup recommends inviting CCBHC provider representatives in the Fall of 2025 to learn how they are educating their staff and their view of the effects of the transition process, inviting a CCBHC provider and community partner in the Spring of 2026 to co-present on their collaborative process, and monitoring the effect of the sunseting of the Integrated Health Homes on CCBHC's. A list of key websites to monitor was distributed to the members.

Jessica Goltz reported that the Children's Issues workgroup recommends the Council assist smaller organizations that are supporting families and children to develop a feedback loop with key stakeholders, learn more about the prevention and early intervention pieces of the state plan and how they are implemented and monitored, and invite Iowa Primary Care Association (Iowa PCA) and Iowa Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS) to participate in a discussion focusing on the prevention and early intervention efforts for youth and families.

Joel Wulf was not present but provided a report that the Older Adults workgroup recommends the Council learn more about consumer education options for older adults and their families and requests presentations to learn about nursing home bills and other related issues. Additional recommendations are that the Council learn more about updates on the Centers for Independent Living, both at the state and federal level and about the HHS Waiver redesign status.

Michael Kaufmann reported that the Strategic Planning workgroup will soon present a drafted logo for consideration by the full council. The workgroup requests that Council members update the shared document with pertinent changes in federal and state action and policy and access the central repository. Kristin Rooff plans to send an instructional video to the Council on how to access the shared documents.

Edward Wollner reported that the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) workgroup recommends the Council continue to monitor federal changes and the effects on services in Iowa, learn more about the effectiveness of the State realignment payment systems and learn more about how the Opioid Settlement funds will be distributed and tracked.

Lori Hancock-Muck reported that the Public Safety workgroup recommends that Council members monitor the school safety assessment teams recently signed into law, consider future presentations on Competency Restoration, learn about criminal diversion programs for individuals with mental health and substance use conditions, and monitor past and pending litigation related to injuries to staff and patients at the Mental Health Institutes. Lori Handcock reminded Council members that the Mental Health Summit will be held in September.

There was discussion on the sunseting of the Integrated Health Homes. Concern was expressed by several members regarding communication from HHS and the effect on individuals being served. A suggestion was made to locate or develop a document that outlines eligibility requirements for each of the different services offered by HHS. There was a question on whether the system navigators would have access to this information.

Behavioral Health and Disability Services – Laura Larkin

Laura Larkin, Behavioral Health Division, Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) provided an overview of the changes occurring with the Iowa HHS Behavioral Health and Disability Services. Several initiatives started on July 1, 2025. Iowa Medicaid began sunseting the Integrated Health Homes (IHH) program. The new Behavioral Health and Disability Safety Net Service Systems have been implemented.

The CCBHC Medicaid demonstration is now live with 10 CCBHC's and 71 counties covered. The Medicaid demonstration allows the state to collect a higher share or reimbursement and in return the state collects data to ensure the program is effective. There was a question of whether additional clinics will be added, and the state has the authority to do so but the process of doing so has not yet been established.

Iowa Primary Care Association (Iowa PCA) offered around 114 contracts for crisis services, Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) and Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) providers for accessing funding, prevention services for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and tobacco prevention, and recovery services such as peer wellness and peer respite. The Safety Net Management Information System (SNMIS), the billing system for all non-contracted inpatient and outpatient services has been implemented.

Behavioral Health System Navigation started using Your Life Iowa (YLI) as the front door to access navigation. System Navigators are currently virtual, with Iowa PCA evaluating locations and quantity of navigators necessary. HHS, Iowa PCA, and the Disability Access Points (DAPs) are working collaboratively on understanding issues and streamlining processes. District Advisory Councils will be reconvened in August 2025. The following email addressed for questions were shared:

- Providers with questions should contact bhasoproviderrelations@iowapca.org
- Questions for BH system – bhassistance@hhs.iowa.gov
- Questions for Disability system – dsassistance@hhs.iowa.gov

2025-2027 Behavioral Health Service System Statewide Plan – Jennifer Robinson-Hill, HHS

Jennifer Robinson-Hill shared the Behavioral Health Service System Statewide Plan. The timeline was reviewed. Priorities include prioritizing prevention and early intervention, improving system coordination, and improving access to behavioral health services. Outcomes expected include: an integrated, comprehensive, statewide system, improved access, strengthening of the workforce, increased health wellness and reduced stigma, and improved health outcomes.

The statewide plan includes building a safety net of coverage, providers, and community. The Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (BH-ASO) will provide information, ensure access and connect systems. System navigation will assist in coordination key transition in the behavioral health service system. Resources and additional information are available on the HHS and Iowa PCA websites.

Block Grant Updates – Chandra Jennings, HHS

Chandra Jennings, Iowa Health and Human Services, provided updates on the Iowa 2026-2027 Combined Block Grant Application. Block grant planners will attend a webinar to learn more about the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) expectations for the submission of the application. The block grant planners are working to ensure the State plan projected costs align with the block grant plan.

A draft of the Iowa 2026-2027 Combined Block Grant Application will be available in August and public comment will be solicited. The application is expected to be submitted by September 1, 2025. There is an expectation that the application will look similar to past plans, and the block grant planners are monitoring any potential changes in federal law that may affect the submission.

The Council members requested there be a brief update on the information learned at the federal webinar at a future time.

Planning for Future Meetings – Brad Richardson

Brad Richardson led a discussion on general business and planning for future meetings. Council members were asked to send suggestions for future presentations to the Council Chair.

There was a suggestion to invite Iowa PCA to provide an update on their work. Brad Richardson suggested an update on brain injuries. Todd Lange suggested hearing more from organizations affected by the sunset of the Integrated Health Homes and reminded the Council that the peer support inventory is available to learn about the types and locations of peer support organizations. Todd Noack suggested an update from the University of Iowa on peer support trainings and suggested monitoring the effect of state changes on the peer support workforce.

Public Comment

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:50am

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Manna.