

**Iowa Integrated Health Planning and Advisory Council (I-PAC)**  
**November 19, 2025, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**via Zoom**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**IOWA INTEGRATED HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Teresa Bomhoff	Roxanne Petersen
Jennifer Day	Brad Richardson
Jessica Goltz	Jennifer Riley
Lori Hancock-Muck	Kristin Roof
Lorien Harker	Ellen Schardt
Theresa Henderson	Dr. Shaad Swim
Vienna Hoang	Brianna Steffe
Nancy Hunt	Monica Van Horn
Michael Kaufmann	William Veltri
Todd Lange	Edward Wollner
Megan Marsh	Joel Wulf
Todd Noack	Kelly Yeggy
Hannah Olson	

**IOWA INTEGRATED HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rod Courtney	Alicia Karwal
LaShawna Dean	Cayleen Mesecher
Linda Dettman	Senator Janice Weiner
Jenny Erdman	Representative Ann Meyer
Kyra Hawley-Preston	

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Krishna Akondy	Bethe Lonning
Theresa Armstrong	Patti Manna
Falicia Beck	John McCalley
Richard Gordon	Ambur Justeen-Peterson
Louie Hoehle	Libby Reekers
Torie Keith	Darcey Sebolt
Adrienne LaToure	Mikki Stier

**Materials Referenced:**

*I-PAC September 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes DRAFT*  
*I-PAC Workgroup Reports Summary 202511*  
*IPA RxP Brief Version October 2025*  
*SUDORS one-pager*  
*Treatment Courts in Iowa November 19, 2025*  
*Wellpoint Job Connections and CHAMP 2025.08.28*

**Welcome**

Teresa Bomhoff called the meeting to order 9:03 am. Quorum was established with 21 members at 9:06 am.

### **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Teresa Bomhoff entertained a motion to approve the I-PAC September 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Todd Noack motioned to approve the minutes; Todd Lange seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, the motion passed, and the minutes were approved.

Teresa Bomhoff reviewed the 2026 Meeting schedule that was sent to Council members. It was clarified that all meetings will be held virtually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the odd months in 2026. The schedule will be posted on the Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) webpage.

### **Nominations Committee Report**

Teresa Bomhoff shared the status of applications. Teresa Bomhoff welcomed Roxanne Petersen, who is joining the Council to fulfill the role of a parent, guardian, or primary caretaker of a child/adolescent with serious emotional disturbance.

Brad Richardson shared that nominations this month include those who have terms expiring and the slate of officers for 2025. There are no new complete applications. The I-PAC By-Laws require renewing members to notify the nominating committee in writing of their desire to be re-appointed; the following members have all notified the nominating committee of their desire to be re-appointed.

Rod Courtney  
Lori Hancock-Muck  
Alicia Karwal  
Hannah Olson  
Bianna Steffe

The following members are state employees whose terms will automatically renew.

Linda Dettman  
Jenny Erdman  
Vienna Hoang  
Megan Marsh

The following members have provided notification of their intent to resign from the Council.

Cayleen Mesecher  
Joel Wulf

Jessica Goltz motioned that the Council approve the listed members to continue on the Council for another term. Monica Van Horn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Council members responding to invitations to be candidates for officer positions included the current chair, vice-chair, and secretary. No others were put forth and the candidates ran unopposed. Therefore, the current officers as the slate of officers are submitted for 2025:

Teresa Bomhoff, Chairperson  
Brad Richardson, Vice Chairperson  
Kyra Hawley-Preston, Secretary

Brad Richardson motioned that the council approve the slate of officers by acclamation. Michael Kaufmann seconded motion, and the motion carried.

The Council now has two vacancies for a parent, guardian, or primary caretaker of a child/adolescent with serious emotional disturbance and one vacancy for other individual with an interest in supporting the needs of children with serious emotional disturbance and/or substance use disorder and adults with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

There was a discussion on Committee vacancies. Todd Noack volunteered to join the Nominations Committee, and Roxanne Petersen volunteered to join the Monitoring and Oversight Committee.

### **Monitoring and Oversight Committee – Theresa Henderson and Jenn Day**

Jenn Day provided a report on Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC's) contracts after meeting with Laura Larkin of Iowa HHS. This is the first year that the majority of the CMHCs that use block grant funds are managed by Iowa Primary Care Association (Iowa PCA) so there has been an adjustment period to have an intermediary. The state is still providing guidance on allowable work, approving plans, and reviewing reports. Laura shared the Community Based Organization Guidance provided to the CMHCs, which is available on the Iowa HHS webpage. The start of the contract period was 7/1/2025. Barriers identified include system and staffing changes. Successes include the implementation of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) model which is a higher level of service with enhanced requirements for more intensive care coordination. Eight of the CMHCs are also CCBHCs. More individualized peer services are being made available as it is a billable service.

Theresa Henderson reported on the Office of Recovery Services (ORS) contract, after meeting with Karen Hyatt of Iowa HHS. ORS has been experiencing challenges due to a loss of advisory members after the change from regions to districts. ORS is actively hiring for the director position. Contract deliverables have been amended to now include members from each district. The program format was changed to now include 2 as needed peer recovery coach positions who will do more outreach. They received over 260 calls last year with 700 connections over social media, with a focus on increasing this. Peers are handling difficult calls that will be able to go to system navigators and focusing on advocacy over resource and referral. ORS is on track financially.

### **Workgroups**

Teresa Bomhoff 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 the Council add to the agenda a CCBHC presentation by Spring 2026. Suggestions for invitations would be CCHBC providers and/or HHS contacts Wendy DePhillips and Laura Larkin to educate the Council on the effects of the implementation in the first year.

Jessica Goltz reported that the Children's Issues workgroup recommends the Council request that Iowa Primary Care Association (Iowa PCA) create a guide with terms and definitions of the work they are doing, that the Council learn more about the lack of resources and providers with knowledge of treating Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD) and that the Council receive an update from HHS and Iowa PCA on prevention and early intervention strategies.

Joel Wulf reported that the Older Iowans workgroup has no new recommendations. Kelly Yeggy will take over as chair of this workgroup.

Kristin Roof reported that the Strategic Planning workgroup would like to recommend Council members are educated on how the Block Grant decisions are made and how financial conflicts of interest are considered. She provided a reminder to continue utilizing the shared repository to maximize communication.

Edward Wollner reported that the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) workgroup recommends Council members request a presentation from Jermaine Galloway (Tall Cop) or seek out a similar presentation on the topic of gas station drugs, invite a data team member from HHS to discuss the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) or invite Kevin Gabbert, HHS, for an update on the Opioid Settlement Funds.

Lori Hancock-Muck reported that the Public Safety workgroup recommends the Council members monitor and be aware of the school safety assessment teams recently signed into law, understand competency restoration, understand and support 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.

### **Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) Updates – Theresa Armstrong, HHS**

Theresa Armstrong provided an update from HHS. There was a reminder that the Behavioral Health Town Hall will be held on November 20, 2025, and the link is available on the HHS webpage. Iowa PCA will hold District Advisory Council meetings December 2-5, 2025, and links are available on the Iowa PCA webpage.

Iowa HHS is working with Iowa PCA on district assessments to ensure providers are paid and individuals are receiving services as needed. Iowa PCA is seeking more localized input and will distribute surveys to stakeholders and providers. Assessments will be completed mid-winter and plans to address gaps and needs will be developed in mid-spring, 2026.

Four HHS staff are assigned to work side by side with Iowa PCA District Leadership. They will be meeting with providers and represent HHS to bring information back to inform decisions.

Iowa HHS is launching a new funding opportunity to help communities across the state respond to the opioid crisis. Iowa HHS will allocate this funding through a competitive application process. There will be two rounds of funding: one starting now and another in the spring. Each project can receive up to \$1 million, with \$7 million available in each round. This funding comes from House File 1038 passed earlier this year, which directs 75% of Iowa's opioid settlement money toward efforts to reduce opioid misuse and its impacts.

Healthy Hometowns is the state's submission to the Rural Health Transformation Program, a federal funding initiative managed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The bold and comprehensive proposal is aimed at building a high-quality, sustainable system of care that improves the health, well-being, and quality of life in rural communities across the state. If fully awarded, Iowa could receive \$200 million per project year period (a total of \$1 billion over the 5-year grant).

### **CHAMP Housing Stability and Job Connections Programs – John McCalley**

John McCalley reviewed Wellpoint's employment program, Job Connections, which assists members in finding training and job opportunities at no cost. A custom portal is used, and internal team members refer, track, and support members with customizable tools and analytics. A full array of employment services is available. John McCalley also reviewed the Wellpoint Iowa CHAMP Housing Stability Initiative and Flex Fund. For Wellpoint members, these are funds of last resort that can be used for housing and transportation assistance in partnership with local community-based and faith-based organizations.

### **State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) – Krisna Akondy**

Krisna Akondy, Iowa HHS, reviewed a one page document, Iowa Overdose Deaths: Data to Inform Prevention. Data collected was from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) SUDORS for the years 2020-2023.

### **Public Comment**

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

### **Break for lunch**

12:25 pm to 1:00 pm

### **Iowa Psychological Association – Dr. Elizabeth Lonning**

Dr. Lonning, provided an overview of the Revised Prescription Authority (RxP) Legislation in Iowa, which allows licensed psychologists with a master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology to prescribe medications. She reviewed features of the law, education requirements, clinical assessment experience, and practicum and supervision requirements. Iowa currently has 4 prescribing psychologists in the state. There are 8 other prescribing psychologist candidates at various stages of training.

### **Criminal Diversion Programs – Richard Gordon**

Richard Gordon, Statewide Treatment Court Coordinator, gave an overview of treatment courts in Iowa. Treatment Courts are court programs that use a collaborative multidisciplinary approach to address underlying factors such as a substance use disorder (SUD) or mental health disorder that may be contributing to a person's involvement in the judicial system. The goal is to reduce recidivism, reduce costs, change behavior, and assist individuals into recovery through a collaborative and multidisciplinary process. The benefits of treatment courts were outlined. These include reduced redivision, improved public safety, cost savings, recovery, and return to community. There is also increased rates of employment, stable living environments, and improved mental and physical health.

### **Planning for Future Meetings – Teresa Bomhoff**

Teresa Bomhoff reminded the Council members to share that there are vacancies on the Council and to please share with any interested parties.

### **Public Comment**

There was an opportunity for public comment, but no members of the public were present at the time.

Todd Noack can contact Sherri Watkins at the Opioid Response Network to speak on evidence-based training and education in the harm reduction, prevention, treatment and recovery of opioid and stimulant use disorders, and other co-occurring substance and psychiatric disorders.

Jessica Goltz has contacted Abbey Ferenzi, Iowa PCA, who could provide a glossary of terms.

Lori Hancock-Muck provided a suggestion to invite Junior Jamie, Behavioral Health Services Consultant - Justice Involved, to the Public Safety workgroup.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Manna.*