

Children's Behavioral Health System State Board
Meeting Minutes
September 12th, 2023
10:00 am to 12:30 pm
Virtual Only

CHILDREN'S BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Kelly Garcia (co-chair)	Mary Neubauer
Kim Buryanek (co-chair)	Nathan Noble
Andrew Allen	Kristie Oliver
Darci Alt	Kari Price
Senator Claire Celsi	Jason Sandholdt
Aaron Johnson	Rich Whitaker
Carol Meade	Cindy Yelick
Marcus Johnson-Miller	Representative Jeff Shipley
Brad Niebling	

CHILDREN'S BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Beth Townsend
Representative Timi Brown-Powers
Senator Jeff Edler

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Barb Anderson	Nicole Kilburg
Jacob Appel	Erin Kokemiller
Theresa Armstrong	Stacie Maass
Jeffrey Becker	Carrie Malone
Tasha Beghtol	Patti Manna
Michael Bergan	Leisa Mayer
Caylyn Bishop	Crystal McHugh
Teresa Bomhoff	Jancy Nielson
Kevin Carroll	Cindy Palmer
Marissa Eyanson	Tony Raymer
Natalie Ginty	Jennifer Robbins
Lucia Herman	Flora Schmidt
Sherri Hunt	Kelsey Thien
Sandi Hurtado-Peters	Annie Uetz
Lindsey Ingraham	Carlye Wellman
Jim Irwin	Tammy Wetjen
Aaron Johnson	Chaney Yeast
Michelle Johnson	Chandra Kunz
Torie Keith	Amy Grask
Dylan Keller	
Jess Kelly	

Materials Referenced

Children's Board May 9th, 2022, Meeting Minutes DRAFT
Children's Board July 11th, 2022, Meeting Minutes DRAFT
2023 Annual Children's Board Report DRAFT 09.05.2023

Welcome and Introductions

Kelly Garcia, Director of the Iowa Department of Human and Human Services (HHS), and Kim Buryanek, Iowa Department of Education (DE), representative called the meeting to order at 10:03 am thanking the Children's Board and the public for their attendance.

Review & Vote on Approval of May 9th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Quorum was established at 10:06 am. Jason Sandholdt made a motion to approve the May 9th, 2023, meeting minutes. Kristie Oliver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review & Vote on Approval of July 11th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Quorum was established at 10:06 am. Aaron Johnson made a motion to approve the July 11th, 2023, meeting minutes. Marcus Johnson-Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Department and Legislative Updates – Kelly Garcia and Kim Buryanek

Kelly Garcia provided updates from HHS.

The Boards and Commissions Review Committee has reviewed all boards, commissions, and other similar entities created in Iowa law. The Committee has released preliminary recommendations which include consolidation of the Children's Board with other HHS boards and commissions. The Committee will make final recommendations no later than September 30, 2023.

Through the HHS System Alignment initiative, HHS has been studying the delivery of health and human service programs in the state. Stakeholder input has been gathered through town halls, surveys, and stakeholder interviews. Recommendations are expected in the month of October.

The Therapeutic Foster Care initiative is being launched in the Cedar Rapids area with professionalized care in a home setting. The service is intended to provide intensive wraparound services to high needs youth in the foster care system.

Iowa's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) initiative continues with a goal of applying as a demonstration state and transforming behavioral health care delivery in Iowa. Stakeholder input has been gathered throughout the state, providers have completed readiness surveys and the next step is to solicit applications through a competitive procurement process.

Family Well-Being and Protection Division launched a statewide model in child protective services to increase in number of children in care being provided oversight.

The third annual Family and Youth Engagement Summit: Moving from Conversation to Action was held in September.

A report from the court ordered monitor at the Boys State Training school was incredibly complimentary of the evidence-based practices being implemented there.

Medicaid focused waiver redesign is nearing completion with eligibility determination to be based on need rather than diagnosis.

Kim Buryanek provided updates from the DE. The legislature has appropriated \$2,351,382.00 to support a third round of the Therapeutic Classroom Incentive competitive grant fund for school districts to establish therapeutic classrooms. Six grants were awarded in FY 2022 and ten grants were awarded in FY23. It is anticipated an additional ten grants will be awarded for FY 24. The DE is working on a Request for Proposals (RFP).

The DE is supporting *Check & Connect* implementation as part of their statewide Multi-Tiered System of Supports — namely, Positive Behavior Intervention Supports — at the targeted level. The Iowa DE is funding professional development for local certified *Check & Connect* trainers to then train coordinators and mentors in districts and Area Education Agencies (AEAs) around the state. As of the 2016-2017 school year, 46 sites across the state are implementing *Check & Connect* with over 230 mentors serving approximately 400 students.

Realignment has occurred at the DE which now includes Iowa College Aid, the Governor's STEM Advisory Council, Iowa Board of Educational Examiners, the Iowa School for the Deaf and the Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Data Workgroup Presentation – Bradley Niebling

Brad Niebling, Scanlan Center Outreach and Alignment Senior Project Manager, provided an update on the Metrics and Outcomes Work Team activities and solicited feedback from the board to update the drafted legislative report. The board discussed extending the data in the report from three years to five years and removing a reference to children funded through the mental health and disability services regions.

Annual Board Report Discussion

The board reviewed the drafted 2023 Annual Children's Board report. There was discussion of the priorities identified for decision-makers section. The board expressed that there should be child focused representation in all areas affecting youth, and evidence-based interventions should be recommended. The areas of focus that the Children's Board sees as highest priority are substance use disorder prevention and treatment services, suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis services and family centered, holistic behavioral health supports for children.

The board also recommends prioritizing funding of prevention, early identification, and intervention services for children's behavioral health and the creation of a child focused behavioral health dashboard. The board recommended creating a Subcommittee for 2023 Annual Board report and which will bring back a final draft at the November meeting.

Planning for Future Meetings

There was no further discussion regarding future meetings.

Public Comment

There was a comment expressing appreciation that the topic of family systems has come up, that funding is limited to provide the support to individuals supporting children, and there is a desire to see this addressed.

There was a request asking the board to add PANDAS/PANS to the list of topics in recommendations to the Legislature and to the Governor in the board's annual report.

There was a request to keep the unique focus on kids in the forefront of decision makers.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm. Aaron Johnson moved to adjourn; Marcus Miller-Johnson seconded.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Manna.