

Meeting Minutes

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership (ICMHP)

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Location: WebEx

Attendees:

<u>Members</u>	<u>IDPH staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Christina Bruhn Colleen Cicchetti Deborah Humphrey Ginger Meyer Heather Alderman Jennie Pinkwater Joel Rubin Marlita White Mary Satchwell Paula Wolff Sameer Vohra Senator Laura Fine Senator Ram Villivalam Wendy Cohen Carol Gall Carla Marquez Ripley Lisa Betz Verletta Saxon	Allison Nickrent Jennifer Martin Julia Howland Julia Strehlow Julie Davis Leandra Diaz Lisa Masinter Sarah L. Patrick	Alli Lowe-Fotos Carolyn Schofield Daniella Dustin Knollenberg Jocelyn Vega Katie Representative Lindsey LaPointe Louisa Silverman Melissa Stalets Millicent McCoy Naomi Taylor Regina Crider Sarah Daniels Sarah Littrell Steven Rosado Tara Gill Tony Ohlhausen

AGENDA MINUTES

Call to Order & Roll Call

The IDPH director, Sameer Vohra, called the meeting to order at approximately 2:04 P.M.

Leandra Diaz conducted the roll call and asked guests to type in the chat box with their name and association- Quorum was reached.

Review and Vote on Minutes: October 21, 2024

Motion: 1st Laura Fine, 2nd Christina Bruhn- the group unanimously approved.

Legislative Updates from IDPH's Allison Nickrent:

- No major updates since the last ICMHP meeting.
- We look forward to Spring Legislative Session which has just started.

IDPH Updates

- Welcome Julia Strehlow is the new Senior Advisor to the Director. Ms. Strehlow will be the point person for all kinds of activities around ICMHP and other partnerships. Previous experience includes working at the IL State Board of Education, working closely with a project regarding Children's behavioral health.
- New website: <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/maternal-child-family-health-services/child-health/icmhp.html>



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- Youth Council Application is live and closes 1/31/25:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeO13A9U5NZjB0GkLNaWvkco_C2NSqAAAnbjztR55wrjV-j4Lg/viewform
- IDPH annual OneNet Mandatory Trainings are required for all board members and partnerships. 2025 trainings are now available.
- 2024 ICMHP Annual Report can be accessed on the IDPH website:
<https://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/publications/idph/topics-and-services/life-stages-populations/maternal-child-family-health-services/child-health/icmhp/icmhp-annual-report-2024.pdf>
- **OWH (Julie Davis)**
 - Title V Needs Assessment strategic planning:
 - a. Updating our 26-30 Title V MCH block grant strategic planning, with a strong focus on mental health in children and families. Thanks to many of the folks in the partnership for supporting and providing input, when requested.
 - b. Julia Strehlow has been at table throughout planning process to ensure we have continuity with partnership priorities/activities and behavioral health transformation.
 - c. Also, will include collaboration with Stalets, Melissa's team too.
 - d. Welcome review and feedback from Partnership members when publicly posted this summer. Can refer to Julia Howland for questions in real time (or Julie Davis via email)
 - Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA)/DocAssist work:
 - a. PMHCA: Goal to increase access to DocAssist consultation support for providers and to enhance provider's knowledge regarding pediatric mental health concerns through training and technical assistance. Partners with IDPH in this HRSA grant include ICAAP, U of I AIM and DocAssist
 - b. DocAssist Evaluation: to complete a comprehensive evaluation of the current state of DocAssist services and to provide actionable next steps to optimize. Review and optimization, starting this fiscal year and maybe into next year.
 - c. PMHCA HRSA Grant Information: <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs-impact/programs/pediatric-mental-health-care-access> and MCH IDPH website: <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/maternal-child-family-health-services.html>
 - d. Working with U of C and EverThrive on evaluating best practices for schools/SBHC's regarding mental health

Motions

1. Minutes from 10/21/2024 approval.

1st Laura Fine, 2nd Christina Bruhn- the group unanimously approved.

2. Motion to approve Updated Bylaws

1st Paula Wolff, 2nd Heather Alderman- the group unanimously approved.

3. Motion to adjourn the meeting

1st Heather Alderman, 2nd Paula Wolff- the group unanimously approved.

▪ **Office of Health Promotion (Sarah L. Patrick)**

- a. Sarah L. Patrick will be leaving IDPH in February 2025. IDPH wishes Sarah the best.
- b. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has announced a major milestone in its effort to promote firearm safety: the agency has now provided more than 100,000 free gun locks since the statewide initiative began in 2023.
<https://dph.illinois.gov/resource-center/news/2024/may/idph-marks-gun-lock-distribution-milestone.html>
- c. IDPH/VIPS Gun Lock Request Form <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/7d9c7671a3b84905bd15f94551ae7a47>
- d. QPR training contacts: Jennifer L. Martin, jennifer.l.martin@illinois.gov
- e. Suicide Prevention Coordinator: Jill McCamant, jill.mccamant@illinois.gov (can also answer questions about the Reducing Access to Lethal Means NOFO out now).
- f. CDC dashboard released today: <https://www.cdc.gov/injury-violence-data/data-vis/index.html>
- g. Substance Misuse Section Chief position that is open now: <https://illinois.jobs2web.com/job/Springfield-Substance-Misuse-Section-Chief-%28Senior-Public-Service-Administrator%2C-Opt-6%29-IL-62702-5076/1249504500/>
- h. Updated Violence and Injury Prevention Section Data Book on this page (close to 2x larger than last version):
<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/prevention-wellness/injury-violence-prevention/injury-related-data.html>
- i. Request Care Navigator (or RCN logo in top left corner of page) to use for up to 8 free telehealth counseling visits for any youth/young adult in Illinois. We are receiving very positive feedback re: time until first counseling session!
<https://referralgps.com/postvention>

Updated Bylaws Review, Discussion and Motion/Vote

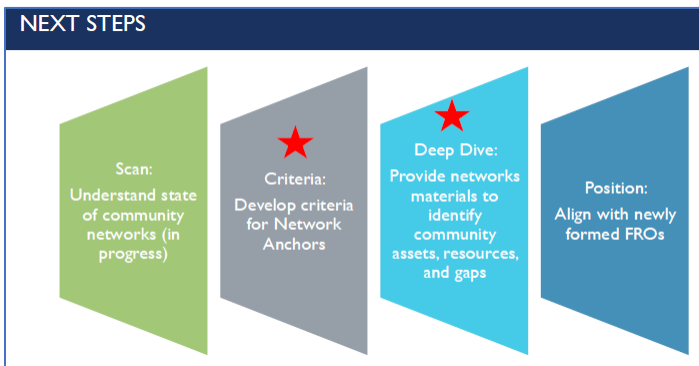
- Recommendation from Special Committee to Adopt Updated Bylaws
- Changes include updating the Bylaws to reflect the current statute, including naming Director of Public Health as Co-Chair.
- We added the addition of required annual training requirements.
- Members recommended a friendly amendment that referenced executive orders to the section on ethics: No member shall receive solicit or accept anything of value in exchange for favorable action by the member on behalf of the granters such as gifts and comply with any applicable ethics laws or executive related to receipt solicitation or acceptance of gifts.
- Motion/vote was reached with friendly amendment.
- **Motion:** 1st Paula Wolff, 2nd Heather Alderman- the group unanimously approved.

Presentation and Discussion: Blueprint for Transformation Recommendation 12

- Presenters: Julia Strehlow, Regina Crider, Louisa Silverman, Heather Alderman
- Presentation on Recommendation 12: Fortifying community networks
 - Illinois Children's Health Care Foundation granted a total of \$1.35 million for family-run organizations.
 - Seven grantees selected across the State. \$150,000 each.
 - Scan of existing community networks is ongoing.
 - Discussion on developing criteria for network anchor roles.
 - Eventually, the goal is to provide networks with materials to identify community assets, resources, and gaps.
 - ICMHP Members were urged to engage in the development of criteria for community network anchors and to align efforts across state initiatives. Please contact Julia Strehlow if interested.

TWELVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS IDENTIFIED BARRIERS		
Centralize & Streamline	Adjust Capacity	Intervene Earlier
1. Develop Care Portal as centralized resource for families seeking services for children with significant and complex needs. 2. Improve coordination of service delivery. 3. Centralize oversight of residential beds. 4. Implement resource referral technology.	5. Conduct regular data analytic review to inform capacity adjustments. 6. Adjust rates, including standardizing rates for similar services. 7. Increase capacity by expanding eligibility and developing new service types. 8. Partner with providers in a standard protocol.	9. Offer universal screening in education and pediatrics. 10. Facilitate information sharing across agencies. 11. Build workforce using paraprofessionals and other roles. 12. Fortify community networks by investing in local communities and parent leadership.

Structural Changes: Centralized Hub, Coordinated Advisory Groups, Interagency Coordination, Data Analytic Support



Public Comment/Announcements

- Alli Lowe-Fotos shared update on infant and early childhood mental health financing. ZERO TO THREE: Zero to Three launched the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Financing Policy Project (IECMH-FPP) in 2016 and it has since served as a learning collaborative for 31 states. Meeting in March 2025. <https://www.zerotothree.org/our-work/events/>
- Deborah Humphrey: Announced pilot program for Children’s Behavioral health positions. The State of Maine has a well-done program.
- The next ICMHP meeting will occur virtually on **Monday, April 21, 2025** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Upcoming meeting dates for 2025 can be viewed on the IDPH website.
- Please email Julia Strehlow (Julia.M.Strehlow@illinois.gov) to register for public comment or with any questions.

Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, Heather Alderman made a motion to adjourn, Paula Wolff seconded the motion, and the group unanimously approved.