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Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership (ICMHP)

Monday, October 20, 2025

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Meeting Location: Hybrid – virtual and in person (IDPH Springfield Director's Office (524 S. 2nd St. and NIU Naperville Conference Center, 1120 East Diehl Road, Naperville, IL)

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order by Dr. Sonya Mathies Dinizulu
 - a. Roll call was read.
 - i. Members Present: Heather Alderman, Kristine Argue-Mason, Lisa Betz, Kailyn Bobb, Christina Bruhn, Tiffany Burnett, Colleen Cicchetti, Wendy Cohen, Sarah Daniels, Sonya Dinizulu, Cicely Fleming, Carol Gall, Cynthia Goodman, Allison Lowe-Fotos, Ginger Meyer, Jennie Pinkwater, Carla Ripley, Char Rivette, Joel Rubin, Mary Satchwell, Jocelyn Vega, Marlita White, Paula Wolff
 - ii. Other IDPH staff and guests were also present
 - b. Quorum was achieved.
- II. Public Comment
 - a. No individuals signed up to participate in public comment and no individuals spoke during the allotted public comment period.
- III. Old Business:
 - a. Vote to approve 7/21/25 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Kristine Argue-Mason moved to approve 7/21/25 ICMHP Meeting minutes, Carla Ripley seconded.
- IV. New Business:
 - a. Updates and presentations:
 - i. Community Networks Update (Julia Strehlow)
 1. Regina and Julia provided an update on Recommendation 12 of the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative blueprint. IDPH and partners are continuing to meet to coordinate this effort and a notice of funding was issued for six regional "community network anchor" grants.
 - ii. Youth Council Update (Julia Strehlow)
 1. Julia shared that ICMHP Youth Council representatives recently participated at an Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation. The current youth council cycle ends on June 30, 2026, and a new application period will open for the next cohort.
 - iii. Data Presentation from HFS and IDPH: Suicide Attempts and Deaths among Illinois Youth (Lauren Williams and Julia Howland)
 1. Lauren presented preliminary findings from a collaboration between IDPH and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services examining suicide attempts and deaths among Illinois youth. Continued

exploration of matching Medicaid data with IDPH death certificates to better understand outcomes and examine predictors of behavioral health crises, demographic patterns, and geographic access to care.

2. See addendum.

iv. Programming Presentation: Suicide Prevention at the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Dr. Nabil Baker)

1. Nabil described the efforts of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) to support suicide prevention in pediatric settings. Initiatives include educational conferences and ECHO programs to educate Illinois clinicians, mental-health peer advisors to assist practices implement suicide prevention screening protocols, and suicide prevention graphics and resources to help clinicians counsel families.

2. See addendum.

V. Announcements: 2026 Meetings

- a. ILLINOIS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - i. January 26
- b. ILLINOIS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - i. April 27
- c. ILLINOIS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - i. July 27
- d. ILLINOIS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - i. October 26

VI. Vote to Adjourn

a. Julia Strehlow requested a motion to adjourn. Jennie Pinkwater moved to adjourn the Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership meeting. Colleen Cicchetti seconded.