

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (IDPH)

Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership (ICMHP) Quarterly Meeting

October 21, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Location: WebEx

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

<u>Members in Attendance</u>	<u>IDPH Staff in Attendance</u>	<u>Guests in Attendance</u>
Heather Alderman Lisa Betz Christina Bruhn Colleen Cicchetti Betsy Clarke Wendy Cohen Ray Connor Cynthia Goodman Deborah Humphrey Jennifer Jaworski Carla Marquez-Ripley Millicent Lewis-McCoy Ginger Meyer Jennie Pinkwater Joel Rubin Mary Satchwell Verletta Saxton Marlita White Sameer Vohra	Jason Copelin Leandra Diaz Lisa Masinter Allison Nickrent Jennifer Martin	Regina Crider Sarah Daniels Jean Davis David DuBois Tara Gill Camille Humes Kristin Kaufman Blake Kilmer Rep. Lindsey LaPointe Alli Lowe-Fotos Jen McGowan-Tomke LaTia Greer Emma Waters Reardon Dana Weiner

Call to Order & Roll Call

The IDPH director, Dr. Sameer Vohra, called the meeting to order at approximately 2:04 P.M. IDPH Government Affairs Bureau Chief Allison Nickrent conducted the roll call and asked guests to type in the chat box with their name and association.

Legislative Updates were provided by Ms. Nickrent

- Bill SB0726: Passed the General Assembly in May 2024 and it is now signed into law (PA103-0885). The main changes: The technical support will transition from HFS to IDPH, IDPH will be helping support the work for of the Partnership, the partnership will advise not just the State agencies but also the Children Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative on short-term and long-term strategies

IDPH Updates were provided by Director Vohra and Dr. Lisa Masinter

- Director Vohra announced that Julia Strehlow was hired on at IDPH as the new Senior Advisor to the Director and will be overseeing ICMHP along with the co-chairs and other IDPH colleagues. Ms. Strehlow will be the point person for all kinds of activities around ICMHP and other partnerships. Her previous work experience includes working at the Illinois State Board of Education, working at Chicago Children's Advocacy Center for many years before ISBE.
- The ICMHP has a new webpage on the IDPH website: <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/maternal-child-family-health-services/child-health/icmhp.html>
- Two offices provided an overview of their services – Lisa Masinter for the Office of Women's Health and Family Services and Jennifer Martin (standing in for Melissa Stalets) for the Office of Health Promotion:

**Transition update-Supporting Offices
Overview**

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| • OWHFS | • OHPM |
| – Title V | – Suicide Prevention |
| – HRSA Peds Mental Health Expansion Grant | – Gun Violence Prevention |
| – SBHC | – School-based depression screening |
| | – REACH |

ICMHP Youth Council Next Steps we provided by Dr. Tara Gill of Lurie Children's Hospital's Center for Childhood Resilience

- Dr. Gill shared that a ICMHP Youth Council alum joined a discussion regarding youth councils and advocacy recently and there is a lot of excitement surrounding the opportunity this Youth Council opportunity.
- SY25 Planning: Lurie will be working with Praxis Institute to recruit, review applications and orient youth & community partner members to the council for this fiscal year.
- Lurie and Praxis are seeking an age range from 14 years to 24 years per the statute, however they target those youth 16 to 24.
- Many ideas were shared by members at the meeting for how to further engage youth, active projects with which youth might participate, and points of contact for the Youth Council. Thanks to Senator Simmons for his leadership on this aspect of ICMHP.

Governor's Office of Children's Behavioral Health Transformation updates were provided by Dr. Dana Wiener

- The BEACON Care Portal is live and will release to the public in January.
- The team is continuing to staff cases collaboratively across 5 agencies to expedite placement and services, with oversight from Director of Operations and participation from DMH team.
- There is collaboration with DCFS to engage judges on new interagency processes and the importance of leveraging all prevention and stabilization resources without DCFS involvement.
- The team is involved in collaboration with HFS and IDPH on strategies to strengthen community networks.
- The team is working with HFS who is the lead on procurement of a Resource Referral Tool (RRT) to maximize Medicaid claiming for services.

- Recently a provider capacity reporting tool was launched to capture residential capacity and staffing shortages statewide.
- The team has leveraged private foundation fund through the Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation to develop Family-Run Organizations.

TWELVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS IDENTIFIED BARRIERS		
Centralize & Streamline	Adjust Capacity	Intervene Earlier
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

Next Steps and Goals for January Meeting – this section of the agenda was led by Director Vohra

- ICMHP is in need of new appointees, including a non-Government Co-Chair, and this is a gubernatorial appointment. We are hoping to gather recommendations in the next 6 weeks.
- ByLaws: These will be updated to reflect the updated statute and presented at the January meeting.
- IDPH will be working with all appointees on any need for updated letters and mandated trainings.
- Special Committee Goals: IDPH welcomes any topics, discussions, integration, partnerships strategic planning that can be added to future agendas.
- IDPH will be authoring the 2024 annual report as required by ICMHP legislation.

Public Comment

- None

Adjournment: With nothing further to discuss, Heather Alderman moved to adjourn, Colleen Cicchetti seconded the motion, and the group unanimously approved.