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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:

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

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



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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 Cetner 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

- OWHFS
 - Title V
 - HRSA Peds Mental
 Health Expansion Grant
 - SBHC

- OHPM
 - Suicide Prevention
 - Gun Violence Prevention
 - 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 statue, 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.

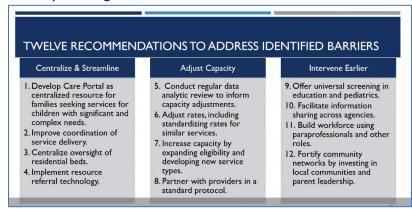
Governor's Office of Children's Behavioral Health Transformation updates were provided by Dr. Dana Wiener

- 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.



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- 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.



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

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