



Indiana Behavioral Health Commission - Report Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 24, 2022

10:30 a.m. – Noon, adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes

Report Subcommittee Members Present:

Jay Chaudhary K. Norris C. Negendank S. McCaffrey B. Scott R. Lay

Report Subcommittee Members Absent:

J. Yoder L. McGrath

Guests:

Rebecca Sigafus Denise Baker Kelby Gaw

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The following items were discussed:

Item 1: Welcome & Introductions

Overview of meeting purpose:

- Goals for the meeting were shared and included:
 - The intent for the group is to take raw recommendations and package them in a way to resonate with law makers and the public.
 - The overall framework has been drafted for the Commission Report. This will be reviewed during the meeting for feedback and recommendations.

- Establish a plan for the structure and format of the Commission Report so writing can begin.
- A walk through of framework design and ideas for content. Options and recommendations for layout/flow will be discussed.
- Goal today is to get to a point where this group will not have to meet for at least 6 weeks, using email to address questions and gather input

Item 2: Recommendations Discussion

- Recommendation Action Items-Next Steps include:
 - There will be a letter from Gov and perhaps others (up to 3)
 - Spotlight Commission members. Preference for self-written statements as to why the Commission and recommendations are important vs a bio;
 - Letter from Commission Chairperson to frame the project, including a description of the work and challenges; cost of mental health overview...
 - A slide deck and illustration on methodology of the cost of untreated mental health will be included and kept simple and easy to understand.
 - Framework – include the historically the focus has been on top of pyramid (SMI/SED/SUD), **This project looks at the entire picture, all Hoosiers, the entire Pyramid. Suggest this be highlighted throughout the report.**

- **Recommendation regarding the format and content of the Commission Final Report**
 - **Part I Recommendation**– Building and Funding Sustainable Structures
 - Recommendation 1. Crisis Now model/ “someone to call” (988); Somewhere to go- crisis stabilization facility/units.
 - Propose a surcharge to cover 988 and HAF to cover addition of crisis stabilization beds.
 - Recommendation to expand “a place to go” via use of the Hospital Assessment Fee (HAF) – taxes to support the expansion of crisis stabilization beds.
 - Recommendation 2. Endorse CCBHC with report on it to come in future.
 - **Part 2. Recommendation - Overall Hoosier Wellbeing (all recommendations under this heading)**
 - This considers all Hoosiers – Mental Health Literacy –systemic approach – across life span; addresses health disparity
 - Recommendation to add an additional recommendation under Overall Hoosier Wellbeing to address the linkage between primary care and behavioral health specialty professionals
 - Consider Washington State model which mandates insurance companies to fund adult and peds access programs, which are legislatively mandated. This would require legislation to require MCOs to fund linkage.
 - Consider potential recommendation to establish a pilot
 - **Part 3. Determine what language to use to capture the intent of this section (capture the remaining recommendations)**
 - Criminal Justice needs to be own section

- Workforce has to be noted.
- Determine how best to recognize all of the recommendations submitted by the workgroups
- Recommendation to reference the work done by the Commission on Kids
 - Consider recommendation of a taskforce to address the lack of residential services for non DCS kids
 - Suggest including in the report, the lack of mental health residential for youth and that it needs to be reviewed/considered.
- Other commissions take the approach to extend the commission to address other issues they have not been able to address (other key issues). Recommend extending the commission for another 2 years to address the other key issues is an option.
- There are several complicated issues that need more attention, such as residential and parity.
- Recommend assessing the work being done by other commissions to avoid duplication and support other's work

Item #3 Project Plan Review/Update (due to time constraints, this item was not discussed)

Review of Subcommittee Elements Table

- A table which represented a crosswalk of requirements of SEA 293, and what was addressed/not addressed within the Commission and workgroup meetings. (minutes/videos) was reviewed and discussed
 - Due to the shortened timeframe (Covid-19 delay) and the large ask, not all elements were able to be addressed.
 - Recommendation to ask for an extension on the Commission to address and/or delegate targeted areas of focus to most appropriate agency/group to lead work.

Item 4: Review of Reporting Outline/Template

Questions for Report Subcommittee Members

- Start with ART
 - Looking for local consumer art
 - Suggest art representing chaos in beginning then clarity at the end... Marketing/graphic team will use colors/design throughout report
 - Suggest clean – nothing gaudy
- Walk through proposed Table of Contents –
 - Open with letters from Commission Chair, maybe Governor/legislators
 - Executive Summary – Decision - include in report, but write to be a standalone document too. Intro- summary of SEA
- Consumer story – Ray will tell his story – asked Ray to address the “Why”
 - Consumer voice critical
 - Requested that Ray include his thoughts on if he would have benefited from the recommendation, if applicable, please mention them
- Commission members were asked if they would be willing to do headshots for the report

- Group response-Yes
 - There will be reach out to the rest of the Commission for headshot and short write up
 - Title and organization and personal statement from each on the importance of why they are on the commission.
- Process Description –Recommend how the work was done, how groups were determined, workgroup charge and workgroup members
- Part/Phase 1 – Building a Sustainable Infrastructure and Bridge to Future change to Building Sustainable Structures
 - Chair will get with SMEs add content as applicable.
 - Need to determine final language/terms to reflect intent
 - Recommendations
 - 988/Crisis Now Model
 - Crisis Stabilization beds
 - CCBHC
 - Criminal Justice
- Discussion on how to lay out all recommendations. Recommendation to include “recommendation document” in appendix and not identify them by subgroup in the body of the report.

Item 5: Closing Comments and Next Meeting

- Continued discussion and input will be conducted via email
- Next meeting in approximately 6 weeks