



Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Task Force

NOTICE OF MEETING & AGENDA

The Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Task Force met at 2:00 pm EDT on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at the Indiana Government Conference Center located at 402 West Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204 in Conference Room C. A livestream/recording is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8b921HLFq0A>

I. Meeting Called to Order and Introduction of Task Force Members

Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Rep. Ed Clere, Senator Shelli Yoder, Kelly Mitchell, Kate Barrow, Kim Dodson, Jason Meyer, Brian Gilbert, Dr. Nancy Holsapple, Brian Carnes (for Katy Stafford Cunningham, INARF), Lindsay Dempsher (for David Reed, DCS), Shawn Fulton. **JOINED VIRTUALLY:** Pat Cockrum and Joe Langerak **ABSENT:** Senator Mike Bohacek, Representative Chris Campbell, Jay Chaudhary, Vanessa Convard, Danie’l Mize, Jan Kulik.

II. Review & Approval of August 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes were approved with edits/corrections made as were noted by Rep. Clere.

III. DDRS Update on Task Force Recommendations - Kelly Mitchell

An overview of the recommendations made by the Task Force was provided.

Significant achievements include:

- Historic waiver rate increases with annual adjustment codified in budget. (Recommendation 4.5)
- Plan for waiver redesign with timeline drafted (Recommendation 1.1)
- DDRS System transformation plan (Recommendation 1.6, 4.3)
- Employment Summit – Cross Agency (Recommendation 4.3, 1.7)
- Peer Mentoring/Leadership Network Projects with ARC of Indiana (Recommendation 3.2, 3.9)
- LifeCourse Innovation Collaboratives – Support Individuals & Families (Recommendation 3.10)
- SEA284 Telehealth Legislation (Recommendation 2.5, 3.8)



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- SGL/Group Home Modernization Project – FSSA/DDRS working with providers to convert SGL Support levels and Transition individuals to HCBS waivers (Recommendation 1.10)
- Plan and timeline developed for implementation of self-directed options for HCBS waivers (Recommendation 3.3)
- DDRS/BDDS drafting definition and guidelines re: provider owned and controlled settings. (Recommendation 4.2)
- Steamlined the BDDS Gateway on-line application to increase accessibility and ease of use by those seeking BDDS services and supports (Recommendations 2.1, 3.2)
- Innovation Pilot projects (IPP) Funding Demonstration Projects for Waiver Redesign
 - Support through technology (Recommendation 3.7, 3.8)
 - Shared Living & Residential Support Approaches (Recommendation 3.7, 3.8)
- First Steps rate increase & expansion of provider network (Recommendation 3.1)
- Increased reimbursement for System Point of Entry contracts (Recommendation 4.1)
- Bureau of Rehabilitation Services receives and implements 1 of 13 RSA grants focused on supporting individuals to move from sub-minimum wage to competitive integrated employment (Recommendation 1.6, 4.1, 1.7)
- Priority Category 2 will open in July 2023; Priority Category 3 first release targeted for October 2023 with End of Order of Selection in 2024 Anticipated (Recommendation 4.4)
- BRS/VR Reimbursement rate increase for employment services, April 2022 (Recommendation 1.5)
- BRS/VR conducting study on provider payment approaches to incentivize quality outcomes (Recommendation 1.5)
- One additional point of acknowledgement is that the State of Indiana VR program currently ranks in the top of the nation for VR counselor retention – or lowest turnover rates. The national average is 14.1 percent for VR counselors and 15.7 percent for support staff. The vacancy rates In Indiana rate is 4.6 percent as compared to 14.1 nationally and 6.9 as compared to the national average of 15.7 percent.



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RECOMMENDATIONS – FSSA/DDRS in progress

- DMHA Crisis Response Pilots & 988 implementation (Recommendation 3.5)
- HCBS spend plan to enhance quality of incident reporting (Recommendation 4.7)
- HEA 1364 DSP Training and registry (Recommendation 4.6, 4.7)
- HCBS Spend plan to explore and plan DSP registry (Recommendation 4.7)
- DDRS working with Direct Service Workforce Initiative and Bowen Center Training and Career Pathways workgroup; plan drafted statewide training approach, stakeholder engagement to begin soon (Recommendation 4.6)
- DDRS working in alignment with direct services workforce initiative to draft a plan to research and develop strategy for DWP registry. (Recommendation 4.7).

The Lt. Governor commented that she was disappointed that there was no success in changing/lowering the age of the caregiver from 80 years old for the CIH waiver. Senator Yoder asked why this didn't happen if there is funding available. According to Kim Dodson, this was attributed to lack of education of legislators.

RECOMMENDATIONS – Limited Progress

- Four noted: Appropriation community living expansion.
- Individuals with IDD or those who support them, driverless technology
- Appropriations to implement recommendations.
- Transportation strategies – work has been done around this topic but no great, effective movement as it relates to these.

IV. Discussion/Prioritization of Task Force Recommendations/Outcomes

Taskforce will sunset at the calendar end of 2025. Currently the Task Force meets two times a year.



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The 34 recommendations of the Task Force were informed by public comments from over 200 stakeholders and concept white papers developed by members. They are structured around four overarching goals:

GOAL 1: Prioritize community setting and individualized approaches.

GOAL 2: Advance and maximize community and state resources and programs to be inclusive to all Hoosiers.

GOAL 3: Respond to individual and family needs.

GOAL 4: Include a wide array of supports and services that are sustainable, equitable and available across all communities.

Members determined a subcommittee would be good to have to assess the current recommendations, determine if any additional recommendations should be included and prioritize them for the Task Force to focus on in the future. These will be presented at the next meeting.

Members who volunteered for this subcommittee: Lt. Governor Crouch's office, Kelly Mitchell, Kim Dodson, Brian Carnes (INARF), Jason Meyer, Pat Cockrum, Kate Barrow. Legislators are also invited: Senator Mike Bohacek, Representative Chris Campbell

Kim Dodson and Representative Clere thanked the Lt. Governor for her significant efforts and help with the Task Force related priorities during this legislative session.

V. Next Meeting – September 27th, 2023 at 2pm in Conference Room C at the Indiana Government Conference Center

VI. Meeting Adjourned

The Lt. Governor adjourned the meeting.