



August 2016 Update

The Idaho Implementation Plan lists specific tasks and due dates that are necessary to meet the objectives of the Plan. This is the work that will be done to build a transformational process that will lead to a new system of care for children with serious emotional disturbance (SED). The work will be mapped out in greater detail in the Children's Mental Health Reform (CMHR) Project plan that will be published on this website in the fall. Stakeholders who are interested in participating in the CMHR Project can use this link to [contact us](#).

The work toward transformation since July is described below. Groups are bolded for easy reference.

Parent Network

The first Parent Network workshop is being organized by the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) in partnership with the Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (IFFCMH).

Representatives from DBH and IFFCMH have been meeting regularly with the goal of identifying parent-participants from around the state and defining the workshop schedule and content.

The workshop has been tentatively scheduled for October, with specific dates to be determined by the parent-participants once they are recruited. Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in working with this group.

Intergovernmental Team (IGT)

The IGT met for the first time in July. The team is in the process of getting oriented to the Project so that they can fulfill the purposes of the IGT. The IGT will form subcommittees in order to manage their oversight responsibility of the Project. The IGT has not determined their recurring schedule of meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2016, from 10:00-11:30 MST, at 450 W. State Street, Boise, Conference room 3A.

Services and Supports Workgroup

The Services and Supports workgroup has analyzed 22 services/supports. They will conclude their review and analyses of the Services and Supports listed in Appendix C of the [Settlement Agreement](#) on August 26, 2016, from 1:30-3:30 MST, at 450 W. State Street, Boise, conference room 3A.

Clinical Advisory Workgroup



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The Clinical Advisory Workgroup met for the first time and unfortunately was cut short due to a power outage in the building. Several attendees soldiered on so that the group could devise the next steps for their work. The group will be working to devise the final definitions of the services that the Services and Supports Workgroup have already analyzed. The meetings are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 10:30—12:00 MST. The next meeting is August 23, 2016 at 450 W. State Street, Boise, conference room 3A. There are opportunities for parents who are also licensed behavioral health clinicians or medical professionals to participate on this workgroup. Please [contact us](#) if you'd like to participate.

Workforce Development Workgroup

State partners to the Project met to identify the specific work that is ahead of us in terms of creating the Workforce Development Plan. This Plan will address our need to develop and strengthen the workforce so that the system of care operates as it is intended. The plan will also include a strategy to develop sustainable regional and statewide education, training, coaching, mentoring, and technical assistance to public and private providers. A recurring schedule of meetings has been set for every other Wednesday from 9:30—11:00, MST. The next meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2016 at 450 W. State Street, Boise, conference room 3A. There are opportunities for stakeholder volunteers to take part in this work process. Please [contact us](#) if you'd like to participate.

CANS Workgroup

The work of determining the Idaho profiles that will determine Jeff D. class membership and the designation for intensive care coordination is moving forward. Profiles developed in other states are being analyzed for best fit here in Idaho. DBH is also working on the procurement process for the automation of the CANS tool. A Request for Proposal (RFP) on how to automate the CANS is still on track to be posted in the fall of 2016.

Quality Management Improvement & Accountability (QMIA) Committees

- The QMIA Data & Reports Committee is working on identifying common data elements and proxy indicators across the partners' agencies so that the most accurate estimate of class membership can be derived.
- The Implementation Plan Monitoring Committee is meeting with the Project team to identify the best indicators of the project's status so that they can fulfill monitoring responsibilities.

DBH will be forming the **Automation** and **Transformation** workgroups later this year.



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In addition to the above information here are some of the other activities that have occurred since the last update in July:

- DBH has been hosting its state partners in ongoing collaborative meetings to determine the work tasks that must be accomplished in order for the objectives in the [Idaho Implementation Plan](#) to be met. This information will be a part of the official schedule of activities that will be published in the Project Plan on this website in September.
- An informational presentation about the project was provided to the Idaho Association of Community Providers at its annual meeting at the end of July.
- An informational presentation about the project was provided to the Region 1 Behavioral Health Board in early August. Presentations to the other boards will occur in sync with their existing meeting schedules that can be accessed on the [Department of Health and Welfare website](#).

If you have any questions or comments about this status report, please [contact us](#).