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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 June is described below. Groups are bolded for easy reference.

### **Parent Network**

Parent volunteers have been working to organize themselves in order to create a unified voice for influencing the development and operations of the new system of care. Parents know the most information about their children and too often have not had a voice at the table when decisions about mental health treatment are made. Parents also are important users of the system of care as they must navigate it while overseeing the well-being of their child. The Parent Network will be comprised a parents from across Idaho who have a stake in how the new system of care operates. The purpose will be fully defined by the membership once it is operating. The general intent is that the Parent Network will be an information source for parents so that parents can more fully participate in the decision-making processes. Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in working with this group.

### **Intergovernmental Team (IGT)**

The first meeting of the IGT is scheduled for July 26, 2016, from 3:00-4:30. They will meet in the Pete T. Cenarusa Building in conference room 3A. The address of the building is 450 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83702. The [Settlement Agreement](#) specifies the categories of membership for IGT. The team is now formed with the following stakeholder volunteers and state partners who are appointed by the [Idaho Behavioral Health Cooperative](#):

<b>Categories of Membership (Roles)</b>	<b>Name</b>
CHAIR: Administrator of Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) (DHW)	Ross Edmunds
Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (DJC)	Sharon Harrigfeld
Idaho State Department of Education (SDE)	Charlie Silva
Children’s Mental Health Representative (DHW)	Lynn Thompson



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Medicaid Representative (DHW)	Matt Wimmer
Division of Family and Community Services (FACS) Representative (DHW)	Miren Unsworth
Parent of a Class Member or former Class Member currently below the age of 23	Jennifer Griffis, Vanessa Morgan, Kim Hokanson
Class Member or former Class Member under the age of 23	TBD
Family Advocacy Organization Representative	Carol Dixon
County Juvenile Justice Administrator	Lael Hansen
Private Provider Representative (inpatient hospital)	Connie Sturdavant
Private Provider Representative (community outpatient)	Dave Sorenson

### Services and Supports Workgroup

The Services and Supports workgroup has analyzed 15 services/supports. They will conclude their review and analyses of the Services and Supports listed in [Appendix C](#) of the Settlement Agreement in August.

### Clinical Advisory Workgroup

The Clinical Advisory Workgroup is assembling and setting their schedule of meetings. There are opportunities for licensed behavioral health clinicians and medical professionals to participate on this workgroup in addition to the stakeholder volunteers who are already engaged in this work. Please [contact us](#) if you'd like to participate.

### Workforce Development workgroup

The Workforce Development workgroup membership is consulting with members of the Clinical Advisory workgroup to begin the development of the Practice Manual and establish the review and approval process for the Manual. There are opportunities for stakeholder volunteers to take part in this work process.

### CANS workgroup

The CANS workgroup is working with Dr. John Lyons, of the [Praed Foundation](#), and Dr. Nate Israel, of Chapin Hall, to finalize the clinical profiles that will be used to identify children with serious emotional disturbance and those children who need intensive services. 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 will be posted in the fall of 2016.

### Quality Management Improvement & Accountability (QMIA) Committees



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QMIA committees are being formed at this time. The Data and Reports committee and the Implementation Monitoring Team are already meeting. The other committees being formed are:

- Clinical Quality
- System Improvement
- Youth and Family Partnership
- Provider Partnership
- Implementation Plan Monitoring

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

In addition to the above information about the work that is going on, here are some additional activities that have occurred since the last update in June:

- Dr. Nate Israel of Chapin Hall provided 2 days of training to IDHW staff and all the project partner agencies (Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, State Department of Education, Medicaid, Child Welfare) on the topic of transformation to a system of care.
- Partners have been meeting to identify all the tasks that must be done to achieve the work described in the [Implementation Plan](#) and to set dates for this work to be done.
- Lead Project Manager has met with leadership from other western states (Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, Montana) to collaborate about how those states are engaged in transformation from their current system to a coordinated system of care.

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