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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 [YES: Children's Mental Health Reform \(CMHR\) Project plan](#) that is published on this website. Stakeholders who are interested in participating in the YES: CMHR Project can [use this link to contact us](#).

Please see the [calendar](#) to read the meeting schedules of the workgroups.

Parent Network

The first Parent Network Workshop was held October 13 and 14 with 13 parents representing all regions in the state. They shared their experiences as parents of children with SED, listened to various speakers explaining the YES project and the system of care philosophy behind it, identified their information needs, and provided DBH staff with feedback on the YES.idaho.gov website. They've organized themselves into a group on Facebook and are looking to identify other parents who want to join them.

Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in working with this group.

Intergovernmental Team (IGT)

The IGT elected their leadership: Vanessa Morgan is the chair and David Sorenson is the co-chair. The team is working on setting additional operational guidelines, a governance plan for performing oversight of the implementation of the Settlement Agreement, and their structure for operating as a team.

Clinical Advisory Workgroup

The workgroup has completed their initial task of proposing service definitions and clinical features for all 26 categories of services in Appendix C of the Settlement Agreement. Proposals are currently in a Medicaid review process to confirm that Medicaid can reimburse the services. Following the Medicaid review the Behavioral Health Authority will finalize the work to ensure that the stakeholders' proposals are honored, the Medicaid reimbursement is aligned, and compliance to the Settlement Agreement is achieved. DBH is exploring a partnership with a university to help us produce the Practice Manual.



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Child and Adolescent Needs & Strengths (CANS)

The Praed Foundation provided the draft ICANS algorithms for determining YES class membership and the ICANS screening algorithm. The ICANS class membership algorithm is in testing primarily by DBH regional staff to validate the accuracy of the algorithm.

DBH researched solutions for automating the CANS tool. Chapin Hall, of the University of Chicago, has already successfully automated the CANS and has built a number of reports that Idaho could use in the effort to implement the CANS statewide and use the CANS outcome data to continuously improve the system. DBH is working to determine the best business partnership for the CANS implementation and the automation of the tool.

Workforce Development Workgroup

The workgroup is defining the objectives and goals that will be in the Workforce Development Plan. DBH is contracting with Boise State University to assist the state in fulfilling its Workforce Development Plan.

Please [contact us](#) if you'd like to participate.

Quality Management Improvement & Accountability (QMIA) Committees

The **QMIA Council** has established a monthly meeting schedule and is currently working on the Council charter. Participation on the Council is under review to ensure that the members have the authority needed for the group to be effective and ensure that all stakeholders are represented appropriately.

The **QMIA Data & Report Committee** has received the Boise State University estimations of the size of the Jeff. D. class membership. The committee is confirming the numbers and finalizing the report with BSU. The estimations will be published in next month's status report. This committee is also addressing the proxy definitions of class membership and of intense care coordination. They are continuing a review of terms, measures, and indicators, and discussing the need to have unique identifiers to have ensure minimal duplication when comparing records across systems.

The **QMIA Due Process Committee** met on 10/21/16 and began reviewing the requirements in the Settlement Agreement and the expected outcomes. The workgroup plans to meet at least monthly in order to establish a plan in accordance with timelines associated with making



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changes to rules or statute. Howard Beladoff, a plaintiff attorney in the Jeff D. class action lawsuit has been invited to participate.

If you are interested in serving on one of the quality committees please [contact us](#).

DBH will be forming the **Automation, Communication, Practice Manual** and **Transformation** workgroups later this year.

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