

ABHI Children's Mental Health Initiative Meeting Summary (draft)

ICS Branch: **Finance**

Meeting Date: **April 8, 2022 11:00 a.m.**

Participants

Participants introduced themselves and identified their reason for attending or areas of specific interest related to this working group. Discussion was limited, as several participants originally scheduled to attend were unable to participate.

Janis Allen – Range Mental Health Center. Primary interest in funding, sources and sustainability.

Susan Michels, Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board. I come to this with a financial/business lens as well as a public health focus. Interesting in learning how I can bring my skill set to this work.

Zomi Bloom – Wilderness Health. Wilderness has a grant to improve access to mental/behavioral health care across northeastern Minnesota and northern Wisconsin. Finance/Compliance area is looking at how are we getting paid for services, what kind of documentation is necessary, what are licensure requirements, how do we keep abreast of regulatory updates for reimbursements/documentation and promoting sustainability. Have experience in finance at St. Luke's as well as learning about grant funding through current HRSA grant. Important to keep abreast of funding opportunities and resource the requirements of grant funding.

Brief overview of ABHI Children's Mental Health Initiative.

- This is one of 8 work groups/ICS branches being convened. While each group will determine its own focus and work plan, there will likely be cross over between groups. We are not seeking to create additional silos but to promote communication between groups and integrate efforts
- Intent is to support core values of accountability, communication coordination, innovation and action in responding to mental health crisis.
- Initial meetings for each branch will be facilitated to help create action plan and reach consensus on initial goals, objectives and activities. Groups will transition to leadership from within (co-leaders preferred)

Action Plan Discussion

While Zoom format allows greater participation across distance, it can be clunky for developing collaborative work plans. A survey monkey survey will be distributed to work group members, with responses synthesized and shared for group discussion to help build the work plan and create a common understanding around goals, scope, actions, etc.

Next steps

Survey will be shared with all group participants. Responses will be summarized and shared for group discussion at the next meeting.

Future meetings

Due to the limited number of participants on the call, a doodle poll will be sent to identify the date of the next Finance Group meeting.

Communication

A written summary will be provided for all meetings. Website updates will allow meeting summaries and notices to be posted online but for this round of meetings, all summaries will be sent via email.

Meetings will be recorded to facilitate accurate discussion summaries and to capture participant feedback, but links will not be made public. They will be available for viewing upon request for 30 days following a meeting by a group participant unable to attend a meeting.

Participants consented to sharing of email addresses to support communication between group members. Email addresses of those present at today's meeting are included below.

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