



February/March 2017 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 is mapped out in greater detail in the Youth Empowerment Services [\(YES\) Project plan](#) that is published on this website. Stakeholders who are interested in participating in the YES Project can use this link to contact us.

Please see the [calendar](#) to see meeting schedules for YES workgroups.

Access Model / Child and Adolescent needs and Strengths (CANS)

The CANS related workgroup meetings started up as the Access workgroup the end of March.

Communication Workgroup

The Communication workgroup continues to meet weekly to identify and meet YES messaging needs. The group is working on an enhanced YES website design and content that will assist families, providers and other community stakeholders in understanding the program. Materials currently in review include an enhanced website design and YES 101 brochure; audience is all stakeholder groups.

The group is in need of a community provider representative to participate in the group. Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in working with this group.

Interagency Governance Team (IGT)

The IGT membership has adopted by-laws for their operational guidelines. The team continues to work on their charter, defining their specific role and ways in which they can assist the project work.

Services and Supports

Obtained State of Idaho approval to increase Medicaid eligibility to kids with an SED up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Clinical Advisory Workgroup

The workgroup finished the work of defining the clinical features of the definitions of services and supports listed in Appendix C of the Settlement Agreement (phase one). That document is in the review process for posting on the YES website. In March, the workgroup will review the

work completed by the subcommittees on the distinguishing characteristics of wraparound, the various levels of intensity of case management and the Child & Family Team process (phase two). Following the work of phase two, this workgroup's tasks will be complete. Phase three will be initiated and defined when other workgroups identify the need for clinical consultation that could assist them in their work.

Please [contact us](#) if you'd like to participate in this workgroup or any of the subcommittees.

Principals of Care and Practice Model / Practice Manual

The Practice Manual workgroup is working on finalizing its charter on 3/15/17. This workgroup will address the development of a Practice Manual that will guide and facilitate access to services set forth in the Settlement Agreement's [Appendix C Services and Supports](#) document. The manual will be based on the [Principles of Care, the Practice Model](#), and the [Access Model](#). It will include instructions and guidance for agency staff, providers, and other system and community stakeholders.

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

Workforce Development Workgroup

The Workforce Development Workgroup will complete the delivery of a draft Workforce Development Plan on 3/17/17. The plan will then be distributed for stakeholder review and feedback. Planned publishing date of 5/1/17.

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

Quality Management Improvement & Accountability (QMIA) Committees

The QMIA Plan is available on the YES website at: <http://youthempowermentservices.idaho.gov>

Additionally, the QMIA Data and Reports Committee has completed and published data reports on the YES website including:

- [QMIA Quarterly Report](#)
- [Capacity Report](#)

Two (2) QMIA Subcommittees will be implemented within the next 3-4 months. The two subcommittees are the:

- *Youth and Family Partnership Committee* –The Youth and Family Partnership Committee is the designated committee to provide a collaborative forum for open discussion of issues related to children's mental health, including outreach and consumer education. Committee may recommend quality improvement activities (such as Performance Improvement Projects), review quarterly and annual reports to assess statewide

performance, submit concerns to the QMIA Council and to the IGT when no improvement is noted.

- *Provider Partnership Committee* – The Provider Partnership Committee is the designated committee to encourage partnership with all child mental health serving providers and State, review reports to assess statewide performance, recommend quality improvement activities to the QMIA Council.

If you have any questions about the QMIA Plan or participation on any of the QMIA committees, please [contact us](#).

An updated implementation schedule will be available in April. If you have any questions or comments about this status report please [contact us](#).