

Interagency Governmental Team Charter

Overview

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the State Department of Education and the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, as Defendants in the Jeff D. class action lawsuit, must use a collaborative interagency governance structure to coordinate and oversee implementation of the Jeff D. Settlement Agreement as described in the Idaho Implementation Plan. The interagency governance structure is intended to improve the coordination of and access to intensive mental health services for Jeff D. Class Members and thereby improve both effectiveness of services and outcomes for youth and their families. Governance informs decision-making at a policy level that has legitimacy, authority and accountability. The governance structure for the implementation of the Agreement is authorized under the Idaho Behavioral Health Cooperative as defined in I.C. Chapter 31, Title 39.

IGT Purpose

The purpose of the Interagency Governmental Team (IGT) is to collaboratively coordinate and oversee the implementation of the court approved Settlement Agreement in the Jeff D. class action lawsuit. The Idaho Implementation Plan is the basis for the Children's Mental Health Reform (CMHR) Project Plan. The IGT shall advise the parties to the Settlement Agreement on implementation of the system of care described in the Agreement and serve as a vehicle for communication among parties, to identify and remove barriers to implementation, and monitor implementation of the Agreement through the CMHR Project Plan.

The overarching responsibility of the Interagency Governance Team is to provide for:

- Adherence to the Settlement Agreement and Implementation Plan among constituencies;
- Steady progress in implementing agreed-upon commitments, practice improvements and quality management, improvement and accountability;
- Meaningful partnership with families, youth, and other community stakeholders;
- Effective use of data to inform progress in achieving cross-system outcomes;
- Appropriate interface with key advocates, State Legislature and the Judiciary;
- Sustainability of a shared investment including vision, empowered leadership and system improvements.

Membership

The Idaho Behavioral Health Cooperative will appoint membership to the IGT. The Administrator of the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), Division of Behavioral Health, will lead the Governance partnership that will include partners from the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (DJC), the Idaho State Department of Education (SDE), Children's Mental

Health Representative (DHW), Medicaid Representative (DHW), Division of Family and Community Services (FACS) Representative (DHW), Parent of a Class Member or former Class Member currently below the age of 23, Class Member or former Class Member under the age of 23, Family Advocacy Organization Representative, County Juvenile Justice Administrator, and Private Provider Representative. The length and scope of membership will be determined by the initial IGT membership.

Meeting Schedules

Frequency of meetings will be determined and agreed upon by the IGT members. The IGT will meet in person and use video and web meeting tools to aid in attendance. Meeting frequency may be modified over time as project deliverables are completed and milestones are met.

Meeting Format

The general format for each meeting will be to review the status of action items from previous meetings, provide updated information that may impact the Project, address agenda items prepared by or brought to the group.

- Agenda items will be solicited and a meeting agenda will be emailed out in advance of the meeting by the group Chair.
- The meeting minutes will be completed by the group Chair and distributed to meeting participants for feedback and finalization. Final copies will be distributed to all participants.

Supports

The IGT is a valued component of IDHW's Children's Mental Health Reform Project and will be supported by Division of Behavioral Health staff.