

APPENDIX D Governance

The Behavioral Health Division within the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the Department of Juvenile Corrections, and the Idaho State Department of Education have responsibility to serve the multiple needs of youth and families and are committed to partnering with each other and families and will participate on a supervisory team through an interagency governance structure. 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. 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.

Purpose

The purpose of the Interagency Governance Team (IGT) is to collaboratively coordinate and oversee the implementation of the court approved Agreement in the Jeff D. class action lawsuit. The (IGT) shall advise the parties to the Agreement on implementation and serve as a vehicle for communication among parties, to identify and remove barriers to implementation, and monitor implementation of the Agreement.

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.

Articles of the Governance Agreement

- a. The Interagency Governance Team will support and promote the Principles established in the Principles of Care and Practice Model as defined in Appendix B of the Agreement.
- b. The Interagency Governance Team will be collaborative in nature and provide oversight on direction taken related to meeting the systemic needs of youth within its purview. The IGT will provide leadership to influence the establishment and sustainability of the Principles of Care and Practice Model statewide. The recommendations of the IGT will be timely acted on by decision-makers using their discretion and operating within their statutory authority and mission.
- c. The Interagency Governance Team will, at minimum, maintain three subcommittees: 1) Family Engagement, 2) Clinical, and 3) Training. The IGT may organize additional subcommittees as necessary to carry out the purposes of the Agreement and Implementation Plan.
- d. The Interagency Governance Team will meet as frequently as necessary to fulfill its purpose but at a minimum quarterly. Meetings will be open to the public and meeting notes will be distributed to each member after each meeting and posted on the appropriate website after approval by the IGT membership.
- e. The Interagency Governance Team will elect a chair and vice-chair from within its membership.
- f. The Interagency Governance Team will adopt operational guidelines for carrying out the above stated purposes and responsibilities.