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This month we are delighted to welcome member organization Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare to our Member Spotlight section.

"At Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, our mission is simple, Improving Lives Together.

We do this by embracing these values: Community, Excellence and Integrity.

Find out more about some of their innovative programs.

Read more... See page 6-9

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To our wonderful members:

Welcome to our Spring Quarterly Newsletter. By the time this rolls out we will be into March Madness both at the State House and on the basketball court for the NCAA March Madness Championship.

Being someone who grew up in Syracuse, NY, I am an Orangeman fan. But now that I am in West Lafayette and married to a soon to be Purdue Graduate, I have found myself rooting for the Purdue Boilermakers. Boiler Up!

I love watching college basketball almost as much as I love advocating for policy. They actually have a lot in common with one another. One that first comes to mind is the importance of playing both offense and defense well and having many strategies for both. I have seen this play out this session with SB1 and other policies. You can see the policy update from our chair on [page 15](#).

Thank you to all of you who attended our **February legislative luncheon** and member conference. To see photos and appreciation for our sponsors and speakers [go to page 16](#).

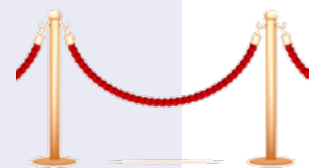
We also had a successful **Racial Trauma training course** in February with over 300 people attending. I am very thankful for the REL committee's work on this training and we plan on having many more. For an update on their committee [please see page 15](#).

We continue to move forward on CCBHC demonstration despite not being awarded the planning grant. I am thankful for the CCBHC/Mobile assessment, data analytics, and the quality committees for their work on getting our members and data ready for this planning process. You can see their updates [on page 15](#).

Members only!

Our new '**member only**' section of our website is now live, where IC members can access exclusive content.

[Visit the members area](#) to log in and find out more - or [contact us](#) to become a member.



WELCOME

The council with our committee's help will be having sessions focused on CCBHC and 988 at our Spring Conference, May 11 and 12. For more information on this event and others see [page 20](#).

On a federal and state update **the PHE will be ending** which will impact our work and those on Medicaid. The Council has provided a number of resources on this and will continue to. The Council will also have a webinar in April from the Managed Care Entities so they can share the great work they are doing in helping with reenrollment. More information on this [on page 13](#).

Lastly, with March being **National Social Workers Month** I wanted to take a moment to thank our social workers and clinicians who do the great work of providing high quality clinical services to those with mental health and substance use needs. Our system is greater because of you.

Happy Social Work month! [See page 5](#).

As you can see it will be March Madness, but the council is ready to help each of our members get to a WIN! Whether it be with getting SB1 fully funded or providing the support you need for your local work through training or funding. **We are here to make you all CMHC/CCBHC Champions!**

Your biggest fan,

Zoe

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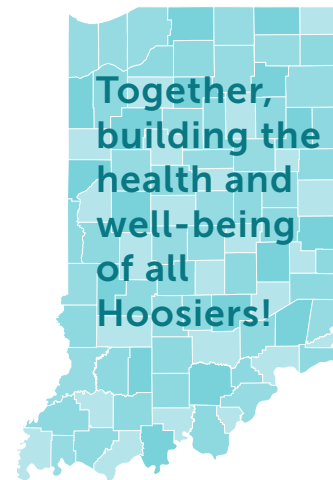
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The Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers represents the collective interests of all community mental health centers (CMHCs) currently certified and accredited to provide community-based behavioral health services across all ninety-two counties in Indiana.

CMHCs in Indiana served over 300,000 behavioral health consumers in 2022. CMHCs provide services primarily to those suffering from severe behavioral health and substance abuse conditions which further reduce additional costs to society by directing coordinated care to our most vulnerable citizens.

Click the image below to view / download our flyer on the benefits provided to our communities by our network of CMHCs.

INDIANA COUNCIL How do CMHCs benefit their communities?

Indiana's Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) provide comprehensive mental health care to persons of all ages who suffer from mental illness or substance use disorders.

- The 24 CMHCs focus on serving economically disadvantaged Hoosiers and those who typically encounter difficulties accessing care.
- The services CMHCs provide to their communities include: inpatient and outpatient treatment, crisis services, services for children and adolescents, elderly people, substance use services, residential services, peer-led services and more.
- CMHCs provide life-improving, critical mental health services to Hoosiers who otherwise might never receive care, including the economically disadvantaged, persons involved in the criminal justice system, and persons who are experiencing homelessness.

Access to high quality, comprehensive behavioural health care

Development of behavioural health workforce

Addressing the behavioural health care needs of underserved communities

Innovative service delivery approaches

Total Economic Impact for Indiana
\$1,382,440,371 ANNUALLY
\$510,369,303 NON-DIRECT | \$872,060,068 DIRECT

Tax Revenue Generated
\$186 Million ANNUALLY
\$36.5 Million STATE & LOCAL | \$50.0 Million FEDERAL

Employment
15,304 TOTAL JOBS
3,511 NON-DIRECT | 11,829 DIRECT

CMHCs have a positive impact on Indiana's economy.

- The overall economic footprint of CMHCs statewide is nearly \$1.4 billion
- CMHCs directly employ 11,829 Hoosiers, and indirectly support the jobs of an additional 3,511 Hoosiers through the supply chain, and via income generated by the CMHCs.
- Every \$1.00 invested by CMHCs generates another \$0.59 in additional economic activity.
- CMHCs help improve the state's mental healthcare workforce by providing internships to graduate students to learn skills needed to work in a community mental health environment.

How can you support Indiana CMHCs?

CMHCs face many challenges, the biggest of which are acquiring and retaining a quality workforce, lack of adequate funding, and administrative burdens. The following measures would assist CMHCs to provide Hoosiers with more effective and timely services...

- Continue Telehealth supports, alongside face-to-face services, as during the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Continue and expand the Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) grantee program, implement Prospective Payment System rate methodology.
- Increase Medicaid reimbursement rates to reflect the true cost of services.
- Provide incentives to work at CMHCs, such as student loan repayment or tuition reimbursement.
- Improve the licensure process by removing barriers to get a license more quickly.
- Reduce the administrative burden to CMHC staff by streamlining processes and reducing paperwork.
- Allow reimbursement of support services for consumers, such as transportation to and from the CMHC.
- Improve Hoosiers' mental health literacy to help them recognize, manage and prevent mental health and substance use disorders.

Text adapted from The Impact Of Indiana's Community Mental Health Centers by the Center for Health Policy. View / download the full report here

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Social Work Breaks Barriers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) will help lead the 2023 Social Work Month celebration in March with the theme *"Social Work Breaks Barriers,"* which underscores the innovative ways in which social workers for more than a century have empowered people to overcome challenges so they can live to their fullest potential.

The annual *Social Work Month campaign in March* is a time to inform public, policymakers, and legislators about how social workers have always broken barriers when it comes to the services they provide in an array of sectors, including hospitals and mental health centers, federal, state, and local government, schools, community centers, and social service agencies.

People become social workers because they have a strong desire to help others and make society a better place. **Social work is one of the fastest growing professions** in the United States, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). More than 700,000 professional social workers are hard at work nationwide, but that number is expected to rise to almost 800,000 by 2030, BLS said.

Social work began more than a century ago. The profession can trace a large part of its origins to Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Star, who in 1889 opened Hull House in Chicago to provide social services to the area, which had a large immigrant population. Other social work pioneers include anti-lynching advocate and women's rights activist **Ida B. Wells** and **George Edmund Haynes**, a social worker who was co-founder of the National Urban League.

In the 1960s, past NASW President **Whitney M. Young Jr.**, worked in collaboration with President Johnson and other leaders during the turbulent Civil Rights era to break down the barrier of employment discrimination so Black people could get access to better paying jobs. Social workers have helped drive significant, positive changes in our nation. **Frances Perkins**, the first female Labor Secretary during the Great Depression, and others helped secure benefits we continue to see used today, such as the 40-hour work week, minimum wage, and Social Security benefits.

Here are a few examples of other social workers who are continuing to break barriers today:

- **Caitlin Ryan** at the *Family Acceptance Project* works to help families overcome cultural and faith hurdles that prevent them from embracing and supporting children who are LGBTQIA2S+.
- Social workers such as **Suzin Bartley**, former executive director at *The Children's Trust in Massachusetts*, helped strengthen families by helping them break through economic, psychological, and other barriers so they can provide better care for their children.
- And social workers such as **Kristina Whiton-O'Brien**, director of partnerships at *Vot-ER*, an organization that helps remove obstacles that prevent people from exercising their right to vote.



[Visit NASW here](#)



Improving Lives Together

At Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, our mission is simple, Improving Lives Together. We do this by embracing these values: Community, Excellence and Integrity.

For our industry and our community's wellness to continue to thrive, we must be innovative. Our services must meet the client where their needs are, focus on person centered care and be available to anyone, anytime and anywhere.

ABOUT US

With over 240 employees, Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare operates in 13 locations in Gibson, Posey, Warrick and Vanderburgh counties.

Our commitment, since 1971, is to provide a wide range of programs and services to meet the mental health and addiction needs of our communities.

Our staff are creative, forward thinking and incredible problem solvers. They are not only ensuring that our service model delivers the best, evidence-based practices, but they are finding ways to continue bridging gaps and offer unique opportunities for growth and enhancement in the areas of mental health and addictions.

We are thankful for the opportunity to be featured in this month's newsletter and even more excited to showcase what we've been up to in Southwestern Indiana.

Jail Based Competency Restoration Program

Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare started the first *Jail Based Competency Restoration (JBCR) Program in the State of Indiana.* JBCR is an initiative being piloted at the Vanderburgh County Jail, and includes collaboration between Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, the Vanderburgh County Courts and Jail, Evansville State Hospital, and the Indiana Department of Mental Health and Addictions. JBCR allows Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare staff the opportunity to provide direct services to individuals in the jail who have been determined to be psychologically unable ("incompetent") to participate in their own defense.

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In the past, these persons would remain in the jail, and without treatment, while awaiting transfer to a State Psychiatric Hospital where treatment would be started. With the JBCR Program, treatment is initiated in the jail setting with the intent being a person’s competency will be restored prior to ever needing to go to a State Hospital. Services include a Clinical Evaluation, Psychiatric Evaluation with Medication Management, and Legal Education training.

Since receiving the first JBCR referral in September 2020, we have received a total of 55 referrals. Of those, 27 have/are participated in the program. Upon re-evaluations, 14 individuals had competency restored in the jail setting and we have two individuals currently participating in JBCR.



Total # Referred to JBCR	55
Total # Participating in Jail Based Restoration Services	27
Total # Restored to Competency in Jail Setting	14
Current # of Participants	2

Primary Care Services

Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare is pleased to offer our clients another option to turn to when looking for primary care services.



Offered on site at our Faren E. Levell Center and our **Stepping Stone addiction treatment** facility, a Family Nurse Practitioner and Certified Medical Assistant address comprehensive physical health needs including diabetes, high blood pressure, COPD/breathing concerns and much more. Health education, physical exams, medication management and post hospital follow-up are just a few of the additional services offered.

NEW this year, we have collaborated with a local homeless shelter, Evansville Rescue Mission to provide primary care to their clientele, at their site. This Family Nurse Practitioner is increasingly becoming mobile, meeting our clients where they naturally are. The partnership began on February 17 and our staff will be on site each Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm to address the primary care needs of the clients served by this organization. Next up: Primary Care Hours for our clients in housing complexes.



Our collaboration was recently featured in local news coverage.

We invite you to scan this QR code to learn more.

Integrated Neurodevelopmental Center for Youth in Indiana

Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare and the [Easterseals Rehabilitation Center](#) have partnered to provide Indiana's first integrated outpatient [Neurodevelopmental Center](#) for youth with co-occurring psychiatric conditions and intellectual/developmental disabilities.



Located in Evansville, Indiana, "NDC" launched a soft start in January of 2023. In less than 2 months over 40 referrals have been processed. Youth dually diagnosed with a mental health disorder along with autism, intellectual or other developmental disability are assessed by a multidisciplinary cohesive treatment team, which includes psychology, psychiatry, occupational and physical therapies, speech pathology, audiology, and nutrition. NDC utilizes a care coordination approach to address youth and family needs that are more complex, connecting families to resources and providing ongoing services and support.

A Project Advisory Council, whose members represent community organizations and consumers, has been appointed through the partnership to provide feedback related to treatment experiences, workflows, and external communications to assure the program is meeting community needs. This pilot program is funded by the DMHA Community Catalyst Grant.

Stepping Forward for Women

On March 1, 2019, Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare began a new program, [Stepping Forward for Women \(SFW\)](#), which is an ASAM 3.1 clinically managed low intensity residential treatment program that can house up to 10 women at a time.



This structured program provides 24-hour support and treatment to include group, individual and family therapy, case management, group and individual skills training, psychoeducational classes, and peer recovery services. In addition, clients of the program are routinely monitored by a registered nurse throughout the week.

Priority admission is given to pregnant women who can stay during their pregnancy and after the birth, with their newborn, for up to 6-12 months. This time frame depends on the client's demonstrated need and motivation for treatment, with the goal of eventual transition to independent living in the community. We ask that clients wanting to participate commit to a minimum of 30 days in our program which is a Level IV recovery residence certified by the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addictions.

We are currently accepting admissions for this program. To refer a client or learn more, email steppingstone@southwestern.org or call 812-473-3144 (select option 2).



Four babies born while their mothers participated in the Stepping Forward program help us celebrate our first birthday on March 1, 2020!

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Critical Incident Debriefing and First Responder Employee Assistance Program

On Thursday, January 19, first responders were dispatched to the West Side Walmart in Evansville for an active shooter call. This incident resulted in a fatality.



Following the incident, Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, through our **Employee Assistance Program**, provided critical incident debriefing to 15 officers within five days. We not only prioritized these critical incident debriefings but also facilitated a collaborative debriefing event that was attended by the **Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department, Evansville Dispatch**, and the **Evansville Police Department**. In addition, **Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Sheriff Noah Robinson**, and **Evansville Police Chief Billy Bolin** all attended to thank the departments for their response.

The 2.5 hour event was organized and facilitated by **Wyeth Hatfield**, supervisor of our EAP program, along with **Elizabeth Arnold**, Director of our Adult Services, and peer support teams from each of our local first responder departments.

On February 5, our local PBS station, WNIN, aired a segment on their **Newsmakers** program about active threat protocols and aftercare with mental health. *You can view this very informative segment by scanning this QR code >>>*



Diversity, Equity and Engagement (D.E.E.)

Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare's **Diversity, Equity, and Engagement (D.E.E.) Committee** was founded in February, 2021. The committee provides companywide oversight of D.E.E.'s mission to cultivate a spirit of engagement and cultural humility by:

- Providing Cultural Humility training.
- Assessing the tone of the company's culture to identify areas for improvement.
- Developing an inclusive work environment.
- Fostering a culture that encourages collaboration, equity, and flexibility.
- Celebrating all facets of diversity within Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare and our community.



Since its inception, D.E.E. has conducted six cultural humility panels; successfully implemented the company's first climate assessment; established employee engagement initiatives; and nurtured relationships with community partners.

The committee's collective efforts were recognized by a nomination for the **Annual Celebration of Leadership awards** for making significant contributions to help transform the Evansville community.





IndyStar.

- *Read this great article from IndyStar on SB 1 ... [click here](#)*

- **We are working with the senate to get the funds in SB 1.** Please reach out to members of the senate to ask them to fully support funding for SB1. *Please click here* for talking points with legislators and fully fund graphic!
- **We did get an additional 13 million** (6.5 million per year) for a group home daily support per diem. We are working on the details of this per diem with DMHA, but I am excited to share that this is the first time since the 90s that the CMHC line item has specifically increased in the state's budget. This was truly a group effort with our members on the group home work group and our lobbyist team- Thank you!
- **Group home capital support** will be coming soon!
- **Andy and I are meeting with DMHA in a couple of weeks** to discuss the group home capital request we submitted to them and to start the scope of work. More to come soon!
- **Bridge contracts are in the process of being signed.** If you have any questions regarding this contract, please reach out to Andy at azellers@indianacouncil.org . We will be getting the first claim pulled together as soon as receive it from the state. I do want to note I have heard from many that the State Budget Office is backed up due to their own workforce issues so claims and funding have been moving very slowly. You have our commitment that as soon as we receive the funds from the state, we will get them out as quickly as possible!

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Fully Fund - CCBHC
Fully Fund - 988

YOU CAN'T BUILD A STRONG BUILDING ON A WEAK FOUNDATION.
YOU MUST HAVE A SOLID FOUNDATION IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A STRONG SUPERSTRUCTURE.

GORDON B. HINKLEY

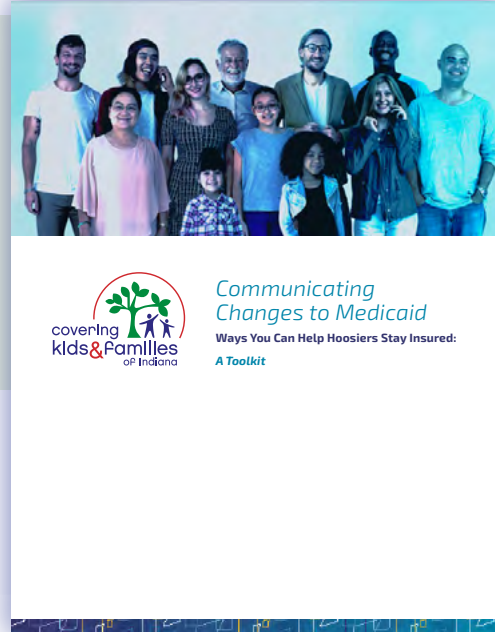
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Increase equitable access to high-quality services through CCBHCs

Promote comprehensive 988 implementation

STATE UPDATES

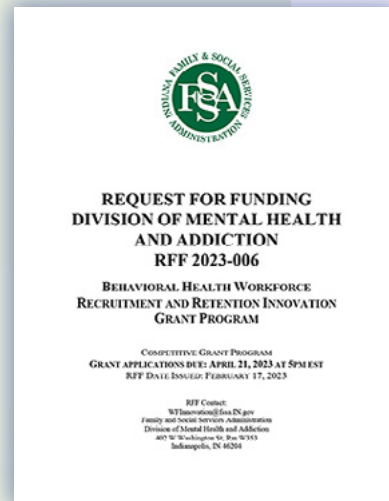
- **Please note above I shared a key stakeholder call regarding the PHE and Medicaid unwinding** taking place. Indiana Council and Covering Kids and Families have collaborated on a PHE toolkit. You can access social media and all resources on our website, [and by clicking here](#). We will also be hosting a PHE webinar with our MCE partners on Monday, April 10th at 2:00pm-3:00pm EST. You can access the link to the webinar [by clicking here](#).



- **Many of you have asked about the Crisis stabilization RFF** and I have learned award notices will be out in March.
- **The Best Practice CCBHC consulting project** with Bowling Associates is on its way. There will be a readiness assessment for all members to complete in April. Attached is a timeline of this project.
- **The CLAS REL project with DMHA** and Council members has kicked off.

- **DMHA Recruitment and Retention Innovation funding opportunity** - As part of the Coronavirus response legislation, DMHA is making available a one-time federal funding opportunity to address behavioral health workforce shortages to improve access to care, continuity of care, and overall quality of care in Indiana. This Grant Program, the Behavioral Health Workforce Recruitment and Retention Innovation Grant Program, aims to promote innovative, collaborative, and sustainable locally- and community-driven responses to behavioral health workforce challenges. The Priorities of this RFF are to enhance the recruitment, retention, and quality of the behavioral health workforce through the a) provision of enhanced funding for staff (through wages and/or benefits), b) reduction of administrative barriers to allow more qualified individuals to work in behavioral health, c) improvement of professional development and training opportunities, and/or (d) provision of programs or strategies that increase workforce capacity.

- [All associated attachments to the RFF can be found here.](#)



Click the cover to view the RFF document

PHE Federal Update - How a return to normal will impact some Indiana Medicaid members



- **During the COVID-19 federal public health emergency Indiana Medicaid members have been able to keep their coverage without interruption.** The most recent federal spending bill removed Medicaid coverage protections from federal public health emergency, which means Indiana Medicaid will begin to return to normal operations. Eligibility redetermination actions will begin in April 2023. Any extension of the federal public health emergency will not impact the returning to normal operations timeline for Medicaid eligibility.
- **The state of Indiana is able to process many of these redeterminations automatically** based on information the state has available. In some situations, the state of Indiana will need to ask the member for information about themselves and their family, like current address, employment status and income, age and family size.
- For anyone who is currently in one of Indiana Medicaid's health coverage programs, including the Healthy Indiana Plan, Hoosier Healthwise, Hoosier Care Connect or traditional Medicaid, **taking action now could help you stay covered.**
 - » Go to [FSSABenefits.IN.gov](https://fssabenefits.in.gov).
 - » Scroll down to the blue "Manage Your Benefits" section.
 - » Click on either "Sign into my account" or "Create account."
 - » Call 800-403-0864 if you need assistance.
- **Members no longer eligible for coverage through the Medicaid program** should check to see if they qualify for coverage through the Federal Marketplace online at HealthCare.gov or by calling 800-318-2596.
Hoosiers over 65 could look into health coverage through the federal Medicare program at Medicare.gov or by calling 800-MEDICARE.
Indiana's State Health Insurance Program can also help with any questions about Medicare. Find them online at Medicare.in.gov or call 800-452-4800.
- There are also **specially trained and certified professionals** throughout Indiana who can help Hoosiers find the right health coverage. These are called navigators and application organizations. You can find help in your area by visiting www.in.gov/healthcarereform.

FIND OUT MORE by [clicking here](#):

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lutheran Health Physicians Collaborates with Meridian Health Services



FORT WAYNE, IN — **Lutheran Health Physicians** and **Meridian Health Services** are pleased to announce that the former Lutheran Health Physicians' office, located at **2622 Lake Avenue in Fort Wayne, is now operated by Meridian Health Services** with primary care services being offered in collaboration with Lutheran Health Physicians. The high-quality primary care that patients have come to count on will be complemented by a new and wider spectrum of integrated care specialties that Meridian has to offer.

Lutheran Health Physicians is comprised of four medical groups with more than 40 specialties. With physicians and providers located throughout northeastern Indiana. The four medical groups of LHP consist of Bluffton Medical Group, Dukes Medical Group, Kosciusko Medical Group and the Lutheran Medical Group.



For more information about Meridian Health Services or to schedule an appointment, please visit MeridianHS.org or call 260-458-3270.

Hamilton Center achieves Three Star Designation from Star Behavioral Health Providers, Welcomes New Military Veteran Program Coordinator

TERRE HAUTE, IN - **Hamilton Center, Inc.** has recently achieved the Behavioral Health Center Three Star Designation from **Star Behavioral Health Providers**. This distinction recognizes the organization's service and commitment to service members, veterans, and their family members across the state of Indiana. Star Behavioral Health Providers ensures that veterans and their families are able to seek help from qualified professionals who are trained in military-specific subjects and can address the special challenges they face.



This designation, coupled with the hiring of **Steven Neice, Military Veteran Program (MVP) Coordinator**, has positioned Hamilton Center to provide our community's services members, veterans, and their families with exceptional care, comprehensive resources, and needed support.

Hamilton Center's MVP program appreciates the dedication and sacrifice required of our current military and our veteran families. Whether a veteran has recently returned or has been home for years, returning service members frequently suffer in silence and are reluctant to reach out for help. Family members can be a valuable resource for providing front line support to their loved one, however, they often need guidance and education to assist in coping with the changes in their family relationships.

Hamilton Center, Inc. is a regional health system in Central and West Central Indiana with corporate offices located in Terre Haute, IN.



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Services are provided to children, youth, and adults, with specialized programs for expectant mothers, infants, and people who may be struggling with stress, life changes, or relationship issues, as well as more serious problems such as depression, anxiety disorders, and serious mental illnesses.

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Beth Keeney, DrPH, MBA

HOORAY for getting SB 1 out of the Senate!

Thanks to everyone who came to the legislative meeting and reception at the Winter Conference. It was a great opportunity to say THANK YOU to **Senator Crider, Lt. Gov. Crouch, and Jay Chaudhary** for their advocacy and work on getting behavioral health to such an important place in the agenda. Things are going very well for the legislation items that are important to us, and we are keeping an eye on some other areas which may impact us.

If I provided an update on specific legislation, it would likely be out of date by the time you read this, so please make sure to keep up with your weekly updates. Things are moving very quickly! Our lobbyists told us several times last week, "It's only February," meaning we still have a way to go before these are signed. I want to send a special thanks to **Suzanne Koessel (Centerstone)** and **Dr. Matt Burden (Porter Starke)** for providing testimony over the past few weeks on a few bills important to us. It is so critical our elected officials hear from us on these issues.

If you haven't had the opportunity to do so, **PLEASE CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES.** (I also include their legislative aid on communications.) If you don't know which legislators represent your area- you can find them [here](#).

Ask them to support the Indiana Council's legislative agenda ([click here for our legislative talking points](#)). **Encourage them to visit** your sites after the session and let them know you are the local expert in behavioral health and SUD service delivery. **Ask them if there is anything** you can do to support them! **Follow up** with a note thanking them for their time and attention, and ask (one more time) for support. Include specific examples of how this impacts your CMHC. Feel free to drop me an email if you want help crafting a letter/email. Once you've done the first one- the rest are easy to do!

We have great momentum. We have tremendous support.

We need to get these items over the finish line and onto the Governor's desk.

While you are mulling over how you will advocate for Indiana's CMHC's here's an update to a childhood favorite: *I'm Just A Bill*.

CHILD & ADOLESCENT COMMITTEE

Vanessa Pataky, MSW, LCSW

Great things continue to happen in the C&A committee. We are working closely with the QI committee in finalizing one of our goals of reducing training requirements in order for our staff to work with DCS patients and families. We are really proud of what we are accomplishing and doing it right alongside another committee. We are collaborating together about how CCBHC impacts youth services and what data collection we need in order to continue to improve and excel youth services. Finally, we are excited to have a C&A focus at the summer conference and have already started planning topics and discussing possible speakers.

COMMITTEE UPDATE



QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Rona Krueger, MSW

The Quality Improvement Committee is comprised of leaders from each of our member organizations that represent quality improvement, patient safety, regulatory compliance, and health information management. In the past months, the committee has been working on objectives directly related to the Council's Strategic Plan to decrease administrative burden for organizations. To this end, the QI Committee continues to partner with the Quality Department of the Division of Mental Health and Addictions (DMHA) in an effort to streamline audit activities. Additionally, the committee has partnered with the Council's Child and Adolescent Committee to collaborate with the state's Department of Child Services (DCS) regarding training requirements. In concert with DCS leadership, the committee is seeking language change to the DCS contracts, if approved, would allow member organizations to seek waivers for trainings that meet multiple regulatory requirements and satisfy the DCS expectations. Additionally, the proposed language seeks to reduce training requirements for various levels of staff. We are grateful for the open dialogue with DCS leadership.

Another strategic objective of the Quality Improvement Committee has been to seek ways in which the quality work provided by our member organizations can be represented via data. To this end, the committee has collaborated with the Council's Data Analytics Committee. While the Data Analytics Committee works to select a vendor to serve as a data warehouse, the QI Committee is poised to be able to assist with data that will support CCBHC initiative and other ways to tell the story of the CMHC.

More information about the QI Committee can be found [on the Council's website](#).

Or, feel free to contact **Rona Krueger**, Krista Hollins or Rachel Bakaitis.

RACIAL, EQUITY AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Cedalia Ellis, MSW, LCSW

The Racial Equity and Leadership (REL) committee would like to thank everyone who attended the **Racial Trauma Training** in February. We are excited to share that 300+ participants participated in the training free of charge. If anyone from your agency would like to view the training, it has been made available on the Indiana Council webpage.

The REL committee looks forward to bringing more training opportunities like this to the Council.

Indiana Council Winter Conference

A HUGE THANK YOU to our members & partners who attended our Winter Conference.

Speakers:

Senator Mike Crider	Justice Goff
Kelli Waggoner	Katrina Norris
Grant Waggoner	Jay Chaudhary
Lou Belch	Gina Woodward
Sydney Moulten	Stacy Townsley
Lynda Zeller	William Wozniak
Jamie Bergacs	Andy Hartley
Misty Gilbert	George Hurd
Greg Duncan	

Executive Level Partners:

SmithAmundsen	NetSmart
NextGen	

Associate Level Partners:

Innovatel	Anthem
United Health Care	
Streamline Healthcare Solutions	

Partners:

Blue	Molina
Advisa	Afia
Qualifacts	MHA Indiana
Genoa	Hylant
Otsuka	MHS
InteCare	Alkermes
CareSource	



State Psych Hospital System panelists – Misty Gilbert, Greg Duncan & Ken Abell



Loan Forgiveness and Scholarship Opportunities for Workforce panelists – Stacy Townsley & William Wozniak



Documentation biases panelists – Chris Carroll, Cedia Ellis, & Bonifacio Aleman

Barb Scott & Senator Mike Crider receiving his "super hero" cape & hat!



CONTINUED WINTER CONFERENCE AWESOMENESS!



Conference attendees with Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch



Senator Mike Crider



Our amazing lobbyist team with Senator Crider – Kelli Waggoner, Senator Mike Crider, Lou Belch & Grant Waggoner



Conference attendees



Above, from top:

Gina Woodward – DMHA – Behavioral Health Workforce Development

Lynda Zeller – SAMHSA Region V update

Jamie Bergacs – Indiana Office of Court Services



• Numbers show head office locations. • Click provider logos to visit their sites



1 Adult and Child Center
603 E. Washington St. – 9th Floor,
Indianapolis IN 46204
Designated in: **MARION, JOHNSON**



2 Aspire Indiana Health, Inc.
17840 Cumberland Road, Noblesville IN 46060
Designated in: **BOONE, HAMILTON, MADISON, MARION**
Also serving: **GRANT**



3 Otis R. Bowen Center for Human Services, Inc.
850 N. Harrison Street, Warsaw IN 46581
Designated in: **HUNTINGTON, KOSCIUSKO, MARSHALL, WABASH, WHITLEY**
Also serving: **ALLEN, DEKALB, LAGRANGE, NOBLE, STEUBEN**



4 Centerstone of Indiana, Inc.
645 S. Rogers Street, Bloomington, IN 47403
Designated in: **BARTHOLOMEW, BROWN, DECATUR, FAYETTE, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JENNINGS, LAWRENCE, MONROE, MORGAN, OWEN, RANDOLPH, RUSH, UNION, WAYNE**
Also serving: **CLARK, DELAWARE, HENRY, JOHNSON, MARION, SCOTT**



5 Community Health Network (Behavioral Health Services) - Gallahue
6950 Hillsdale Court, Indianapolis IN 46250
Designated in: **MARION, HANCOCK, SHELBY**
Also serving: **MADISON, JOHNSON**



6 Community Health Network (Behavioral Health Services) - Howard
P. O. Box 9011, Kokomo IN 46904
Designated in: **CLINTON, HOWARD, TIPTON**



7 Community Mental Health Center, Inc.
285 Bielby Road, Lawrenceburg IN 47025
Designated in: **DEARBORN, FRANKLIN, OHIO, RIPLEY, SWITZERLAND**



8 Cummins Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.
6655 East US 36, Avon IN 46123
Designated in: **HENDRICKS, PUTNAM**
Also serving: **BOONE, MONTGOMERY, MARION**



9 Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living, Inc.
1100 West Sixth Avenue, Gary IN 46402
Designated in: **LAKE** Also serving: **PORTER, LAPORTE**



10 4C Health
401 E. 8th Street, Rochester, IN 46975
Designated in: **CASS, FULTON, MIAMI, PULASKI**
Also serving: **HOWARD, TIPTON, CLINTON, CARROLL, WHITE, MARSHALL, WABASH, GRANT, JASPER, TIPPECANOE, KOSCIUSKO**



11 Grant-Blackford Mental Health, Inc.
505 N. Wabash Avenue, Marion IN 46952
Designated in: **GRANT, BLACKFORD**



12 Hamilton Center, Inc.
620 Eighth Avenue, Terre Haute IN 47804
Designated in: **CLAY, GREENE, PARKE, SULLIVAN, VERMILLION, VIGO** Also serving: **HENDRICKS, MARION, MORGAN, OWEN, PUTNAM**



13 LifeSpring Health Services
460 Spring Street, Jeffersonville IN 47130
Designated in: **CLARK**
Also serving: **FLOYD, CRAWFORD, DUBOIS, ORANGE, PERRY, SPENCER, JEFFERSON, HARRISON, SCOTT, WASHINGTON**



14 Meridian Health Services
240 N. Tillotson Avenue, Muncie IN 47304
Designated in: **DELAWARE, HENRY, JAY**
Also serving: **RUSH, WAYNE, RANDOLPH**



15 Northeastern Center, Inc.
220 South Main Street, Kendallville IN 46755
Designated in: **DEKALB, LAGRANGE, NOBLE, STEUBEN**



16 Oaklawn Psychiatric Center, Inc.
330 Lakeview Drive, Goshen IN 46527
Designated in: **ELKHART, ST. JOSEPH**



17 Park Center
909 East State Boulevard, Fort Wayne IN 46805
Designated in: **ADAMS, ALLEN, WELLS**



18 Porter-Starke Services
601 Wall Street, Valparaiso IN 46383
Designated in: **PORTER & STARKE**



19 Regional Mental Health Center
3903 Indianapolis Boulevard,
East Chicago IN 46312
Designated in: **LAKE**



20 Samaritan Center
515 Bayou Street, Vincennes IN 47591
Designated in: **DAVISS, KNOX, MARTIN, PIKE**



21 Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center
720 Eskenazi Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46202
Designated in: **MARION**



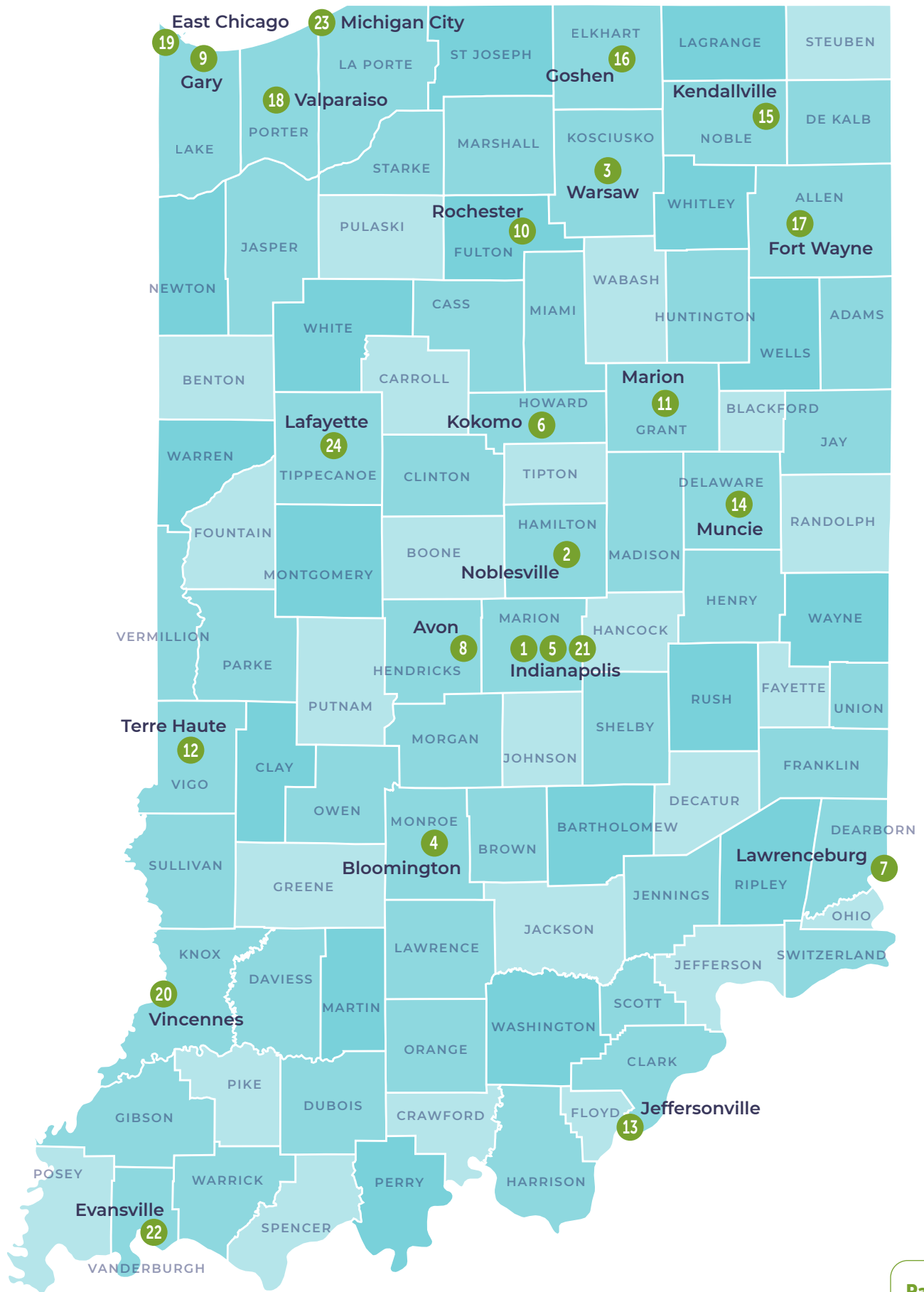
22 Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
415 Mulberry Street, Evansville IN 47713
Designated in: **GIBSON, POSEY, VANDERBURGH, WARRICK**



23 Swanson Center
7224 W. 400 N., Michigan City IN 46360
Designated in: **LAPORTE**



24 Valley Oaks
415 N. 26th Street, Lafayette, IN 47904
Designated in: **BENTON, CARROLL, FOUNTAIN, WARREN, JASPER, NEWTON, WHITE, MONTGOMERY, TIPPECANOE**



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Cup of Joe with Zoe

Half hour State leader meet and greet with our members and partners. First Tuesday each month at 8:30am EST via Zoom. (Except July)



>> [Click here for Zoom link](#)

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April 3	May 2	June 6	July 11	
August 1	September 5	October 3	November 7	December 5

May Quarterly Meeting Locations TBD

Educational opportunities for members and partners to learn about Federal and State wide policy and Behavioral Health initiatives

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May 11–12

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