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INcompass Healthcare

This month's our Member Spotlight features
INcompass Healthcare, Inc., providing exceptional
care for Hoosiers in Southeastern Indiana ...

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Dear Members, Partners and Key Collaborators,

As we welcome the longer days of late spring and look ahead to a busy summer, I want to take a moment to extend my sincere gratitude for your continued partnership and engagement.



Thank You for a Powerful Spring Conference

Our 2025 Spring Conference was a tremendous success thanks to each of our inspiring speakers, generous sponsors, committed staff, and the attendees who brought energy, expertise, and insight. Your presence made this event a vibrant space for shared learning, networking, and advancing our collective mission. To relive some of the highlights, please see page 27

May is Mental Health Month

As we close out May, we recognize Mental Health Awareness Month and express our heartfelt thanks to Governor Braun for his official proclamation recognizing May as Mental Health Month in our state. You can read the Governor's full proclamation on page 9.

Celebrating Our Member Award Winners

Please join us in congratulating this year's outstanding Member Award recipients!
These leaders have gone above and beyond in their service, innovation, and advocacy.
View the full list of awardees and see photos from our celebration with the press release on page 10 - 11.

We are proud to uplift their stories and their continued contributions to our system!

Member Highlight: INcompass

This month, we are excited to spotlight INcompass for their exceptional work in delivering integrated, person-centered care and supporting underserved communities. Read more about their innovative programs and impact on pages 12 - 17.

Your Voice Matters!

If you have not reached out to your federal legislator regarding Medicaid and supporting Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, please reach out today! You can do so by visiting this link here - National Council for Mental Wellbeing | Take Action

Council News & Member Benefits

Do not miss key updates from the Council, including exciting new offerings from **Eleos Health**, the latest on the **National Council Captive Insurance** plan, and new vendor partnerships that can help your organization thrive. Details available on **pages 5 - 7**.

SPRING INTO SUMMER!

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming events are listed in the "Save the Dates" section on page 30. Be sure to check back often—registration links and more information will be updated regularly. We look forward to seeing you in June and/or July!

Other items in this issue that you will not want to miss are -

- Committee & Grant Updates pages 24-25
- State & Federal Updates page 18 23
- Grant Opportunities page 23

As always, thank you for your steadfast commitment to our shared vision. Together, we are driving meaningful impact in behavioral health and substance use services, and access across our communities.

In advocacy -

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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 2023. 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.



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Introducing Eleos

As shared at our Spring Quarterly Meeting, the Indiana Council has partnered with Eleos Health through a shared agreement. Many of you have already met Caleb Dawson, the Senior Director of Partnerships at Eleos Health and an Indiana native who supports our great state.

What This Partnership Means for Your Agency:

Through this shared agreement, we have secured nearly a 50% cost reduction on Eleos' Documentation and Compliance tools, offering your agency access to:

- 70% Reduction in Documentation Time:
 Complete progress notes in less than 5 minutes.
- Burnout Reduction:
 Streamlined workflows to support clinician well-being.
- Improved Recruitment and Retention:
 A valuable tool to attract and keep top talent.
- Enhanced Client Engagement:
 Improved provider-client interactions.
- Compliance Assurance:
 Ability to review 100% of your submitted progress notes.

What's Next:

We are thrilled to officially share the finalized terms for the Group Purchase with all Indiana Council members. Click the links below for:

- The approved Indiana Council Contract.
- The presentation slides from our introduction event, outlining Eleos' implementation and customer success processes, as well as detailed pricing and terms.



Interested in Learning More?

If you're interested in exploring implementing Eleos at your agency, here are your next steps:

- Schedule a Call: Reach out to Caleb Dawson at calebd@eleos.health to schedule either a discovery call or, if you are further along, a note template and workflow review call to ensure Eleos can support your agency's needs.
- 2. Join the Upcoming Webinar: On May 29th, Eleos will be hosting a webinar, "Ask Eleos Anything Q&A with Eleos Founders and Technical Experts." This is your chance to ask any questions you may have about their products, security, or their journey.
 - Register for the webinar here

Please Complete the Member Survey:

This short survey will help us account for all members, whether you are interested in Eleos or not.

>> Click here to start the survey

Why Your Response Matters:

Pricing is time-sensitive, and we want to ensure every member has the opportunity to take advantage of this offer. Even if you're not interested, we want to account for everyone, so no one is left behind.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Caleb. We are incredibly excited about this opportunity and look forward to supporting your organizations.

Caleb Dawson
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Click the image left to register for Eleos Spring Launch Webinar on June 5



Last year, the mental health and addiction recovery center, joined the Jane Pauley Community Health Center network, enabling them to provide even more services to the community.



Turning Point CEO, Jerry Landers, has a lot of experience in the space:

"Many in the community might remember my work at Aspire Indiana, and I'm excited to bring that experience to Turning Point. We already had one of the only 24/7 detox units (ASAM 3.5) in the area that accepts men and women and does admissions seven days a week. With the Jane Pauley Community Health Center

network, we'll be able to add more behavioral health providers, low-cost prescriptions, free insurance navigation services, and later this spring we're adding primary care to our site."

Turning Point also has a certified **Recovery Cafe** that uses a peer-led approach, fostering a unique level of understanding and trust, actively engaging individuals in recovery, and breaking down barriers. Part of that is Turning Point's commitment to employing those with lived experience in addiction recovery, all the way up to senior leadership and the organization's governance board.

You can learn more about Turning Point SOC by stopping by our next quarterly **Rise and Shine information breakfast** which is July 21 @ 9a. 1234 N. Courtland Ave Kokomo, In. 46901

or by visiting www.turningpointsoc.org



National Council Captive Health Insurance Program

Navigating health insurance can often feel complex and expensive — but it doesn't have to be.

That's why we've partnered with the **National Council for Mental Wellbeing** to offer a comprehensive health plan solution designed to meet our members' unique needs and challenges.

The National Council Captive Health Insurance Program puts you in control, helping you manage health care costs and enhance your benefits offerings.

for Mental Wellbeing

HEALTHY MINDS . STRONG COMMUNITIES



Key benefits include:

- Stable renewal rates.
- Lower employee out-of-pocket costs.
- Reduced prescription and hospital expenses.
- Concierge-level support for employees and HR teams.
- Seamless administration and innovative plan designs.
- Access to detailed claims reports and health utilization insights.
- Enhanced benefits to support employee recruitment and retention.
- Potential \$0 out-of-pocket costs for qualified employees.

More than just a new National Council member benefit, this is an exclusive invitation to transform your organization's approach to health care costs and employee benefits.

Want to learn more?

Download our flyer OR watch the National Council's webinar

On behalf of the Indiana Council, thank you for your membership. And thank you for the work you're doing to connect more people to high-quality, comprehensive care.



May is Mental Health Month:

A Time to Check In

Each May, we take time to recognize **Mental Health Month**— a chance to slow down, check in with ourselves and each other, and remember that mental health is health.

Whether it's stress, anxiety, depression, or just the everyday challenges that weigh us down, mental health affects us all. And yet, it's still too easy to suffer in silence. This month is about breaking that silence— about starting honest conversations, sharing resources, and making sure no one feels alone.

You don't have to be in crisis to reach out. Small steps—like talking to a friend, taking a walk, or making a therapy appointment—can make a big difference. And if someone around you is struggling, a simple "How are you really doing?" can open a door.

Let's use this month to build a culture of care, empathy, and support. Together, we can make mental health a priority every day—not just in May.



Visit Mental Health America's Mental Health Month pages for resources and info



Governor Mike Braun has officially proclaimed May as Mental Health Month in Indiana, reinforcing the state's commitment to raising awareness around mental health, reducing stigma, and promoting access to behavioral health services. The Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers proudly joins the Governor in recognizing this important observance.

"Mental health affects every Indiana family, and this proclamation is a meaningful reminder that we must prioritize mental wellness as a critical part of our overall health," said Zoe Frantz, President & CEO of the Indiana Council. "We thank Governor Braun for his leadership and continued support of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics/Community Mental Health Centers and Crisis Services throughout the state."

A Big "Thank You" to our Spring Conference sponsors!







Thank you to our speakers:

- Sarah Sailors, MSW, Director, FSSA, DMHA
- Katrina Norris, LCSW, LAC, CADAC V, Executive Director Indiana Psychiatric Hospital Network (ISPHN), FSSA, DMHA
- Brittany Kelly, J.D., MSW, LSW, State Court
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- Olivia Lockard, Program Manager, Wellness Council of Indiana, Indiana Chamber of Commerce
- Flora Jones, M.S.Ed, EPPSP Group 34, Director of Student Pathways, Indiana Department of Education





Congratulations to all our Member Award nominees and winners!

READ THE PRESS RELEASE:

The Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers proudly recognizes and congratulates the nominees and winners of its 2025 Member Awards. Each year, the Council honors outstanding individuals and organizations within its membership who exemplify leadership, innovation, and dedication to advancing community behavioral health across Indiana.

"Our members are filled with passionate professionals and teams who go above and beyond every day to ensure Hoosiers have access to high-quality behavioral health and substance use disorder services," said Zoe Frantz, CEO of the Indiana Council. "The 2025 award nominees and winners represent the very best of our field and reflect the transformative impact of community-based care."

The 2025 Member Awards celebrate achievements across several categories, including clinical excellence, community impact, leadership, and innovation in service delivery. This year also recognized a Justice Advocate of the year for their

mental health advocacy and leadership. This year's honorees were selected from a competitive pool of nominees and were recognized during Mental Health Awareness Month at the Council's Spring conference.

The Indiana Council congratulates the following 2025 award recipients:

- Innovative Collaboration of the Year –
 Critical Incident Stress Management Team, Valley
 Oaks
- CMHC (Community Mental Health Center)
 Advocate of the Year Bill Trowbridge, Regional Health Systems
- Employee of the Year (non-practitioner) –
 Kim Denton, Valley Oaks
- Employee of the Year (practitioner) –
 Dr. Robert Beedle, Regional Health Systems
- Student/Intern of the Year –
 Kara Guidinger, Park Center
- Justice Advocate of the Year Major Joshua Lynch, Jeffersonville Police Department



We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the 2025 nominees whose work continues to shape the future of behavioral health in Indiana. Your dedication, resilience, and compassion uplift communities and create lasting change.



Top: Member Award Nominees

Above: Member Award Winners: pictured – **Dr. Robert Beedle**, Regional Health Systems (Employee of the Year – Practitioner), **Bill Trowbridge**, Regional Health Systems (CMHC Advocate of the Year), **Kara Guidinger**, Park Center (Student/Intern of the Year), **Kim Denton**, Valley Oaks (Employee of the Year – Non Practitioner). **Critical Incident**

Stress Management Team,
Valley Oaks, Dr. Monique
Kulkarni pictured (Innovative
Collaboration of the Year)

Right: Justice Advocate of the Year – **Major Joshua Lynch**, Jeffersonville Police Department



THE NOMINATIONS IN FULL!

INNOVATIVE COLLABORATION OF THE YEAR

- Lifespring Care & Jeffersonville Police Dept
- · Kelli Liechty Oaklawn
- Jeff Catlett Eskenazi Health
- Bowen Health Team
- Critical Incident Stress Management Team -Valley Oaks - Winner!
- David Bonney Cummins
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program -Regional Health

CMHC ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

- Major Joshua Lynch Jeffersonville PD
- Kelli Liechty Oaklawn
- Jaimie Pawlosky Cummins Behavioral Health
- Dr. Ashley Overley Eskenazi Health
- Bill Trowbridge Regional Health Systems Winner!
- Dr. Rob Ryan Bowen Health

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR /

Non-Practitioner

- Heather Jaworski Eskenazi Health
- Kim Denton Valley Oaks Winner!
- Tess Ottenweller Bowen Health
- Alisha Jackson Bowen Health
- Cheryl Shepherd Bowen Health
- Heather Henry Park Center
- Julie Foltz Aspire Indiana
- Dayna Davis Regional Health Systems
- Abby Holloway Park Center

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR /

Practitioner

- Misty Gilbert Lifespring Health Systems
- Courtney Morris Eskenazi Health
- Kristen Keuhl Bowen Health
- Dr. Robert Beedle Regional Health Systems Winner!
- Dr. Kishore Sriram Bowen Health
- Dr. Jerry Sheward Aspire Indiana





Deeply dedicated to meeting the evolving needs of our community

Healthcare

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

For nearly six decades, INcompass Healthcare has been a cornerstone in Southeastern Indiana. providing essential behavioral health, addiction, and primary care services to the residents of Dearborn, Ripley, Franklin, Ohio, and Switzerland counties. While the organization has undergone several name changes since its inception, its mission has remained steadfast: to offer comprehensive, community-centered care.

Originally established in 1966 as The Community Mental Health Clinic, Inc., the organization was born from a grassroots effort by locals who recognized the urgent need for accessible mental health services. With a clear vision for the future. the founding board members emphasized the importance of working hand-in-hand with the community and building strong partnerships with other local organizations.

The clinic officially opened its doors in 1967 in Lawrenceburg, becoming the region's first comprehensive behavioral health provider. From the start, one of its key objectives was mental health

education—equipping the community with the knowledge necessary to identify concerns early and ensure timely care.

Now known as INcompass Healthcare, the organization's name reflects its commitment to encompassing every aspect of a person's wellbeing. "Our name may have changed, but our values haven't," said Greg Duncan, the President and CEO at INcompass. "We remain deeply dedicated to meeting the evolving needs of our community and continuing to serve as a trusted partner in healthcare."

Today, INcompass Healthcare offers a wide range of services designed to support individuals and families, reinforcing its role not just as a healthcare provider, but as a vital part of the region's support network. With a legacy rooted in compassion and collaboration, the organization looks to the future with the same passion that inspired its founding.



MISSION AND VALUES

Mission Statement

The mission of INcompass Healthcare is to provide exceptional care for everyone.

Values: Our efforts to provide exceptional care for everyone are guided by a newly defined set of values—partnership, accountability, trustworthiness and humility—that reflect both who we are today and who we aim to be moving forward.

Partnership: We believe in cultivating strong relationships with each other and our community.

Accountability: We take ownership of our actions and strive for the highest standards within ourselves.

Trustworthiness: We promise dependability, honesty, and integrity in every interaction and commitment.

Humility: We embrace our strengths and opportunities, ask for help when needed, and are open to growth and development.

PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

Zero Suicide Initiative: One is one too many!

In a bold effort to prevent suicide among those it serves, INcompass has made significant strides through its agency-wide Zero Suicide Initiative.

Central to this mission is the creation of the Zero Suicide Initiative Workgroup, formed to lead the development of strategies and best practices that promote a culture of safety and support.

A major milestone has been the development of **Zero Suicide Pathways for Engagement**, which ensure consistent, compassionate, and evidence-based care for individuals across all points of service. These pathways integrate prevention and risk assessment into every stage of care.

INcompass also invested in staff training, with 50 team members completing **Applied Suicide**Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)—a two-day workshop focused on recognizing suicide risk and creating safety plans. The organization also hosted fundraising events in Batesville and Lawrenceburg, raising awareness and securing funds for future training and outreach.



12 INcompass team members attended ASIST Training



Since launching the initiative, INcompass has:

- Adopted the Stanley Brown Safety
 Plan
- Implemented the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) for early risk detection
- Followed a structured Suicide Risk Pathway to ensure safe, compassionate care
- Provided training in QPR, CAMS, ASIST, and CBT-SP
- Engaged the broader community through education and outreach

These achievements represent just a portion of what the INcompass team has accomplished together. Every milestone reflects a shared commitment to saving lives and supporting those in crisis. With each training, each plan, and each conversation, the INcompass team is helping to build a future where suicide is no longer an inevitability, but a preventable tragedy.





"Live Well Switzerland County" Mobile Clinic operated by INcompass Healthcare

CFSCI Awarded Grant to Launch Mobile Health Clinic in Switzerland County, Partners with INcompass Healthcare

The Community Foundation of Switzerland County (CFSCI) has secured a significant \$467,327 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. as part of their GIFT VIII initiative to boost quality of life across Indiana. This exciting funding will directly support the launch of a new mobile health clinic, owned and operated by INcompass Healthcare, slated to begin serving the community in the second half of 2025.

As Greg Duncan, President and CEO of INcompass Healthcare, shared, "INcompass has long envisioned providing mobile health services in the counties we serve, and the Community Foundation of Switzerland County's goals aligned perfectly with ours. We're thrilled to offer this service and improve the overall health of Switzerland County residents."

This initiative is crucial for Switzerland County, which faces significant health challenges:

- Ranking last (92nd out of 92) in Indiana for health behaviors and factors.
- A higher uninsured rate (13.1%) compared to the



state average (7.8%).

- Preventable hospitalizations that are 61% above the state average.
- A concerning child poverty rate of 26.3%, the fifth highest in Indiana.

The county's rural landscape and limited transportation options exacerbate these issues, making it difficult for many residents, especially the elderly, low-income, and disabled individuals in areas like Patriot, to access healthcare services primarily located in Vevay.

Thanks to this collaborative effort between CFSCI and INcompass Healthcare, vital healthcare services will soon be more accessible to underserved residents throughout Switzerland County. This mobile clinic will help bridge the distance gap and ensure that more of our community members can receive the essential care they need, right where they are.

Embracing AI: Less Documentation, More Personalized Care

In November 2024, INcompass Healthcare announced the integration of Eleos Scribe AI into its outpatient services to support clinicians with documentation. This cutting-edge technology significantly reduces the time it takes to complete clinical notes, bringing the average down to just three minutes.

An INcompass TIP facilitator shared the positive impact of Eleos with Leadership:

"It generates a note for me that hit not only on evidence-based practices that I may not have realized I was using, but also picked up on client's engagement level, how receptive they were to the interventions offered, and things that I may not have remembered myself, making for a more complete note."

The adoption of Eleos Scribe has already proven to be a transformative enhancement for our outpatient staff, streamlining workflows and allowing clinicians to focus more on what matters most—delivering exceptional care to our clients. By minimizing the administrative burden, this tool empowers our team to be more present and responsive in every client interaction.



Grand Opening of Crisis Care Center

As we continue to see the benefits in our outpatient programs, we are actively exploring opportunities to expand the use of Eleos Scribe across additional service areas. Our goal is to make this time-saving innovation a standard part of the documentation process organization-wide.

At INcompass Healthcare, we're committed to leveraging smart solutions that improve both the clinician's experience and the quality of care we provide.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

24/7 Crisis Services

In April 2024, INcompass Healthcare took a major step forward in strengthening local mental health services with the launch of its Crisis Care Center.

This dedicated facility provides immediate, 24/7 support for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis—filling a long-standing gap in accessible, timely care across the community.

The Crisis Care Center is staffed around the clock by a team of trained professionals who are equipped to respond to crisis situations at any time. Individuals in need—or their loved ones—can call the INcompass Crisis Line to speak directly with a qualified team member, who will help assess the situation and determine the best course of action. Depending on the circumstances, a mobile crisis team can be dispatched to meet individuals wherever they are, delivering critical, real-time support in the field.

Alternatively, individuals can go directly to the Crisis Care Center, where short-term stabilization services are available in a safe, supportive environment. These services help bridge the gap between a crisis and long-term treatment, allowing individuals to regain stability without the extended wait times typically seen in emergency rooms. The center also gives local law enforcement a valuable resource: officers can now bring someone in crisis to the facility and be back on duty in less than ten minutes—streamlining response times and ensuring individuals receive the care they need from behavioral health professionals.

The introduction of the Crisis Care Center marks a transformative advancement in mental health care



Relaxation stations at the Crisis Care Center

for the region. With its compassionate, responsive model, INcompass Healthcare ensures that help is always just a call—or a visit—away.

INcompass Healthcare has earned a strong reputation across southeastern Indiana for its compassionate, collaborative, and comprehensive approach to addiction treatment. Led by the Associate Director of Addictions, the program is supported by a skilled team of six therapists and two Certified Recovery Coaches who provide a wide range of clinical services. In 2024, we served over 2,000 individuals for substance use disorder alone.

The organization's treatment model is rooted in a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach. By combining individual and group therapy, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), and community-based resources, INcompass addresses both the physical and psychological aspects of addiction—focusing on the whole person, not just the condition.

INcompass maintains an open-door policy, accepting referrals from a variety of sources including self-referrals, medical providers, and behavioral health professionals. This approach ensures individuals at all stages of recovery have access to timely, coordinated care through close collaboration with regional healthcare partners.



A trusted partner in the justice system, INcompass has served as the primary treatment provider for the Dearborn County Drug Court for over a decade and has supported the Veterans Court since its inception in 2013. Through strong partnerships with Court Services and the Department of Children's Services, INcompass provides comprehensive, encompassing support—transforming lives and strengthening communities across Indiana.



INcompass continues to demonstrate its commitment to community well-being through the operation of the Switzerland County Food

Pantry, located in Vevay, Indiana. As one of the many services provided by INcompass, the pantry plays a vital role in addressing food insecurity in the region.

Each week, a dedicated team of volunteers works alongside an INcompass staff member to ensure that individuals and families in need have access to essential food items. This collaborative effort not only provides critical resources but also fosters a sense of dignity and support for community members facing economic hardship.

The Switzerland County Food Pantry reflects
INcompass's broader mission to provide exceptional
care for everyone. By offering consistent and
reliable access to nutritious food, the pantry helps
to alleviate the burdens faced by many households,
particularly in rural communities where support
services can be limited.



Food Pantry Volunteers

Our 281 Bielby Rd location





INcompass Healthcare

285 Bielby Road, Lawrenceburg IN 47025 Designated in: DEARBORN, FRANKLIN, OHIO,

RIPLEY, SWITZERLAND

Also serving: DECATUR, FAYETTE, HENRY, JEFFERSON, JENNINGS, RUSH, SCOTT, UNION, WAYNE



HCBS Adult 1915(i) SFY26 Annual Webinar

The Division of Mental Health and Addiction State Evaluation Team is hosting the annual Home and Community Based Services webinar for Adult 1915(i) programming on Tuesday, June 3, 2025

A morning and afternoon session will be offered to accommodate schedules. Links to register for the sessions are listed below.

Please complete registration by end of business on May 27, 2025.

Webinar sessions: Tuesday, June 3, 2025

- 10 a.m. to noon EDT Click here to register
- 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT Click here to register

If you have any questions, contact the SET via the BPHC inbox at **BPHC**. **Service@fssa.IN.gov** and please share the webinar information with your agency's staff.

In preparation for the upcoming webinar, we are asking for providers to submit any questions to the BPHC inbox, BPHC.Service@fssa. IN.gov, no later than May 27, 2025.

This will allow the SET to ensure that provider questions will be addressed accurately. Also attached is the complete list of HCBS-BPHC-AMHH trainings for your convenience.



IPS Update

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Online Open Office Hours dedicated to Individual Placement and Support (IPS). This session will be attended by our Behavioral Health Employment Manager and two State IPS Trainers. This will take place on July 24th from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

During this session, we will be available to discuss a variety of topics related to mental health employment, including:

- Documentation Updates
- · New Resources for training
- Sustainability
- and more!

INDIANA IPS

INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT AND SUPPORT

This is a great opportunity to ask questions, share your experiences, and connect with others who are passionate about mental health employment.

We look forward to your participation and engaging discussions.

If you need accommodations such as ASL or CART, please let us know as soon as you can. Feel free to forward this invitation to others!

Registration here



2025 IHCP PROVIDER COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

To help with evaluating its provider outreach efforts, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs is requesting providers' feedback, via a survey, on IHCP communications and events over the past year.

Providers may complete this **Provider Communications Survey** any time until

June 13, 2025. All responses will be kept
anonymous. The IHCP will use providers'
feedback to plan and improve future
communication and events, such as IHCP Live
webinars, the IHCP Roadshow, and the IHCP
Works Seminar.

Thank you for your time in helping us create a better experience for all.

>> Click here to start the survey

Bridge and CCBHC Updates

- The Indiana Council and DMHA are doing site visits for the Bridge Grant. These visits are to show grant compliance and CCBCH Readiness.
- The council is in the process of updating contracts with CCBHC Data reporting requirements.
- The State is working on sharing a demo road map as well as a Demo application sometime this summer.
- The State's CCBHC Manual should be released sometime this summer.
- Ongoing fiscal reviews continue with the council and the state in addition to the state's quarterly review.

DCS State Updates

- Please use concrete supports. Concrete supports
 is funding within the Family Preservation Services
 program to help families if a need comes up that
 would keep the family preserved. Please use this
 funding that is allocated in your contracts to assist
 with providing these resources to these families.
- Background checks- waiver is only needed for DCS positions and contractors. That work under the contract.



Latest news

for Mental Wellbeing



RFK Jr. Appears Before Legislative Panels

On May 14, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. appeared before legislative panels in both chambers of Congress. Kennedy met with the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions where he attempted to defend planned deep funding reductions to HHS in President Trump's proposed budget.

He framed the moves as a push to eliminate waste and streamline the agency, as lawmakers warned of the potential impacts of tens of thousands of layoffs, billions in frozen funds and accusations that his agency is refusing to spend money already approved by Congress.

In response to **specific questions** about the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration** (SAMHSA) at the hearings, Secretary Kennedy said, "We are not shuttering SAMHSA. What we want to do is we want to shift that function into a place where we're going to be able to administer it more efficiently." The response references HHS' plans to fold SAMHSA into the newly created **Administration for a Healthy America**, an HHS subagency that would encompass SAMHSA, the Health Resources and Services Administration and several other HHS subdivisions.

 The federal budget is still being negotiated, therefore your voice on the importance of Medicaid is still needed! Please email, call or visit your local legislators. This link will help you in connecting and raising your voice -Write to Congress.

OTP Updates Announced

On May 15, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) distributed updates to the FY 2025 Physician Fee Schedule final rule regarding opioid treatment programs (OTPs), including definitions related to OTPs and bundled payments in Medicare for opioid use disorder treatment services.

Proposed Rule to Close 'Medicaid Loophole'



CMS also **proposed a rule Monday afternoon** to "shut down [a] Medicaid loophole" related to states' targeted taxes on managed care organizations.

The CMS proposal was issued as some critics look to reform provider taxes, arrangements in which states collect funds from providers and managed care organizations that are matched anywhere from 50% to 77% by federal dollars.

The proposed rule comes as the E&C reconciliation bill also includes a provision similarly aiming to close the "loopholes" described by CMS.



Latest news

VA Offers Suicide Prevention Grant



Program Funding Opportunity

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced a grant opportunity under the Staff Sergeant Parker **Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program**, which directs efforts to reduce veteran suicide by improving mental health, wellbeing, financial stability and social support for eligible individuals and their families. The grants will go to community-based organizations to provide or coordinate the provision of primarily nonclinical suicide prevention services, including outreach and linkage to VA and community resources. All applications must be submitted electronically by 4:59 p.m. ET on July 18.

Parity Rule Lawsuit Update

Last week the Trump administration requested, and was granted, a pause in the ongoing litigation challenging the mental health parity rules finalized last September. The administration's **basis for the pause** is that they are considering modifying or rescinding the rules, specifically stating that in the court filing that "because the Departments do not intend to enforce parts of the rule and have indicated that they intend to reconsider the regulation challenged in this litigation, the government respectfully submits that it would be appropriate to place this case in abeyance pending the completion of that reconsideration process."

Among other provisions, the rule requires insurers to analyze their nonquantitative treatment limitations such as adequacy of provider networks, reimbursement for out-of-network providers and frequency of prior authorizations — to ensure compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.



HHS Reorganization Litigation Update

On May 12, Judge Susan Illston of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California granted a temporary restraining order (TRO) suspending the planned departmental reorganization of HHS.

The TRO comes in a case filed by labor unions, nonprofits and city governments seeking to halt federal layoffs and agency reorganizations pursuant to an executive order issued in February that sought to make largescale changes to the federal workforce, among other changes. The TRO, which was quickly appealed by federal government lawyers, does not require HHS or other federal agencies to rehire laid off employees, but pauses any further layoffs and reorganization of federal agencies. While not explicitly stated within the text of the TRO, it appears that the order also temporarily halts the planned SAMHSA reorganization. We will continue to provide updates on this case as they develop.

CMS Issues 2025 Marketplace Integrity and Affordability Proposed Rule

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the "Marketplace Integrity and Affordability

Proposed Rule" that proposes standards for the Health Insurance Marketplaces, as well as for health insurance



issuers, brokers, and agents who connect millions of consumers to Affordable Care Act (ACA) coverage.

The rule proposes additional safeguards to protect consumers from improper enrollments and changes to their health care coverage, as well as establish standards to ensure the integrity of the Marketplaces.

Key proposals include revised standards relating to strengthening income verification processes; modifying eligibility redetermination procedures; removing Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients from the definition of "lawfully present" for eligibility and enrollment in Marketplace and Basic Health Program (BHP) coverage; and adopting pre-enrollment verification for special enrollment periods (SEPs), aimed at reducing improper enrollments and improving the risk pool. Additionally, the rule proposes to adopt in regulation the evidentiary standard CMS uses to assess whether to terminate an agent's, broker's, or web-broker's Marketplace Agreements for cause; prohibit issuers from providing coverage of sex-trait modifications as an essential health benefit (EHB);

SAMHSA invites community-based organizations and institutions of higher education to apply for a Communities Talk stipend — to help plan local events that advance conversations and community convenings on substance use prevention.

Organizations are encouraged to:

- Feature youth-led activities.
- Customize the event to meet the needs of their community.
- Plan and promote the event using resources on the Communities Talk website.
- Apply by emailing info@communities-talk.
 com.

Planning stipends are limited, so apply early.

Communities Talk aims to prevent alcohol and other drug misuse among youth and young adults in communities nationwide.

revise actuarial value standards for lealt VI as regulare V Marketplaces to deny eligibility for advance payments of the premium tax credit (APTC) upon a tax filer's failure to reconcile APTC for one year; revise the automatic reenrollment hierarchy; change the annual Open Enrollment Period (OEP); eliminate the SEP for persons with annual household incomes below 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL); and revise the premium adjustment percentage methodology.

More information about the proposed rule can be found in the materials linked below.

To view the proposed rule, click here

To view a fact sheet about the proposed rule, click here

To view a press release about today's announcement, click here

Federal Register: click here

2026 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage Program

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule on April 4, 2025, that modernizes and improves Medicare Advantage (MA), Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D), Medicare cost plan, and Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) programs. The Contract Year (CY) 2026 MA and Part D final rule implements changes related to prescription drug coverage, the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan, dual eligible special needs plans (D-SNPs), Star Ratings, and other programmatic areas, including the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program. This final rule also codifies existing sub-regulatory guidance in the MA and Part D programs.

Read the Fact Sheet in the CMS Newsroom.



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

HRSA-25-093 Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Pathways

The purpose of RCORP-Pathways is to create innovative new youth-focused behavioral health care support programs, while also offering behavioral health care career pathway opportunities in rural communities.

Award recipients will establish and work within a network of organizations to engage youth in developing and implementing behavioral health care support programming. Through these efforts, RCORP-Pathways will improve behavioral health care in rural areas.

Program Goals and Objectives:

- Pathway Establish pathway programs to introduce youth to behavioral health careers and facilitate admittance into formalized training programs.
- Engagement Engage youth to develop and implement peer-driven behavioral health programming in rural communities
- Sustainability Develop innovative, multi-sectoral approaches to ensure the continued availability of RCORP-Pathways supported activities in the target rural service area.

Eliaibility:

- Public institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Non-profits with or without a 501(c)(3) IRS status
- For-profit organizations, including small businesses
- State, county, city, township, and special district governments, including the District of Columbia, domestic territories, and freely associated states Independent school districts
- Native American tribal governments
- Native American tribal organizations

>> Click here for full details



Centene Foundation – Community Health Grant Program

The purpose of the Centene Foundation grant program is to support nonprofit organizations working to improve long-term health outcomes through healthcare access, social services, and education.

Program Goals and Objectives:

- Expand access to high-quality, affordable healthcare services
- Address social determinants of health through comprehensive social services
- Support educational initiatives that promote long-term wellness and economic mobility

Target Population: Underserved populations and communities across the United States

Eligibility:

- Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status
- Projects must align with one or more of the Foundation's three focus areas: healthcare access. social services, or education
- Priority given to proposals demonstrating measurable outcomes and community engagement

Award Amount: Up to \$500,000, depending on scope and alignment with Foundation priorities

Due Date: May 31, 2025

>> Click here to find out more



Child & Adolescent Committee

The C&A committee is working on finalizing the summer conference agenda and working through updates with the Wraparound programming.

Data Committee

Led by Ron Guidotti, Chair

In mid-March 2025, a change in Data Analytics Committee leadership occurred when **Demetrius Dillard** stepped down as Chair after several years due to increased demands as he serves on other statewide initiatives. Thank you, Demetrius, for your years of service!

Ron Guidotti graciously accepted and stepped into the role of sole Committee Chairperson. He is Director of Data Analytics & Quality Outcomes at Porter Starke and has previously served as Committee Co-chair.

The top 3 objectives of Data Analytics remains:

- Data Governance Frameworks for the Indiana Council and each agency
- 2. Data Advocacy for all Agencies and Partners
- 3. Advancement of Data Sharing

Members are encouraged to share their organization's data governance plans with others for a collective resource on best practices. Feel free to reach out to the following committee contacts for the link to the data governance plan shared folder or to email plans:

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Marketing Committee

- Zoe Frantz provided legislative updates
- Urged each member of the committee to contact their legislators
- The committee will plan an in-person meeting during the July 9-11 Indiana Council Meetings
- Committee discussed in depth, strategies and tactics for handling the good and bad on Social Media when related to their brand
- Discussed benefits of partnering with community watch groups on social media

Quality Improvement Committee

As of May 2025, Emily Neufeld joined Dr. Michelle Baker to serve as QI Committee Co-chair. Emily is Director of Compliance and Safety at Oaklawn.

The QI Committee continues working toward decreasing administrative burden and sharing resources for system improvements for Council members.

One QI priority involves following up with State partners on DMHA portal issues resulting in inordinately time-consuming efforts (i.e., Critical Incident Reporting and Certification and Licensure portals.) A special meeting with DMHA and the QI Committee regarding this topic has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 18th at 9am EST.

As a reminder, the QI Committee now meets at a monthly cadence at 10am EST the first Thursday of each month.

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REL Committee

The REL Committee, led by Cedalia Ellis, Chair, and Letecia Timmel, Co-chair, continues to bring quarterly Connection Hub Presentations as a valuable benefit to all members. The last presentation was in April on "Leadership Development: Leading through Change and Managing Conflict" by Cassandra Raine-Francis. You may view the recording of her very informative presentation via this link:

https://youtu.be/luxlqcRjAug

Details on the next REL Connection Hub will be forthcoming!

Please reach out to the following REL committee contact with any questions and/or suggested topics for future presentations:

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Grant update with Andy Zellers

As summer rolls in funds are flowing for several initiatives at Indiana Council. The group home grant continues to provide resources for new kitchens, bathrooms, HVAC systems - including the purchase and renovation of new facilities. Funds received have exceeded \$4,000,000, and the impacts are being felt across the state.

On the bridge grant front, requests have been made to centers for confirmation that DARMHA data was submitted (by the 16 non-demo center sites who are still eligible) for quarter one of 2025. Once confirmation is received, the claim will be sent for January through March. We are actively working with DMHA to develop a new process for data collection, as well as amended contracts for those still receiving the funding. Stay tuned!

The COVID grant has been officially closed. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent on testing and PPE materials over the last three years. Funds were impactful to our CMHC members by ensuring a safe and healthy environment for both staff and clients, and the Indiana Council appreciates the funding from the state to support our members.

Indiana Council held an enrollment blitz in May for the Behavioral Health in Aging Certificate through Boston University. Funds are available through Humana, and training is available to CMHC employees, and is ideal for front line staff and those who work with the aging population. We've enrolled 30+ trainees, and enrollment remains open! Contact Andy Zellers for more details on the program and enrollment.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Andy Zellers

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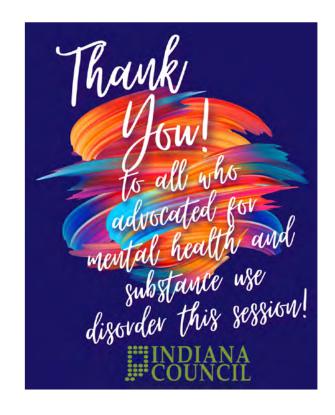






- **1** Sydney Moulton & Zoe Frantz attended NatCon in Philadelphia!
- **2** Special Thank you to Hall & Render for sponsoring our welcome reception at NatCon!
- 3 NatCon reception
- 4 End of Legislative Session Thank you











- Thank you Eleos for a FUN Bob Ross event at our quarterly meeting in Muncie! Pictured: Nancy Henry, Zoe Frantz & Jody Hortsman
- 6 Spring annual meeting in MuncieState Hospital Panel
- 7 Spring Annual Meeting in Muncie– Zoe Frantz, Sarah Sailors &Brittany Kelly
- 8 Indiana Council staff at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the "Kicking the Stigma" event with the Indianapolis Colts.







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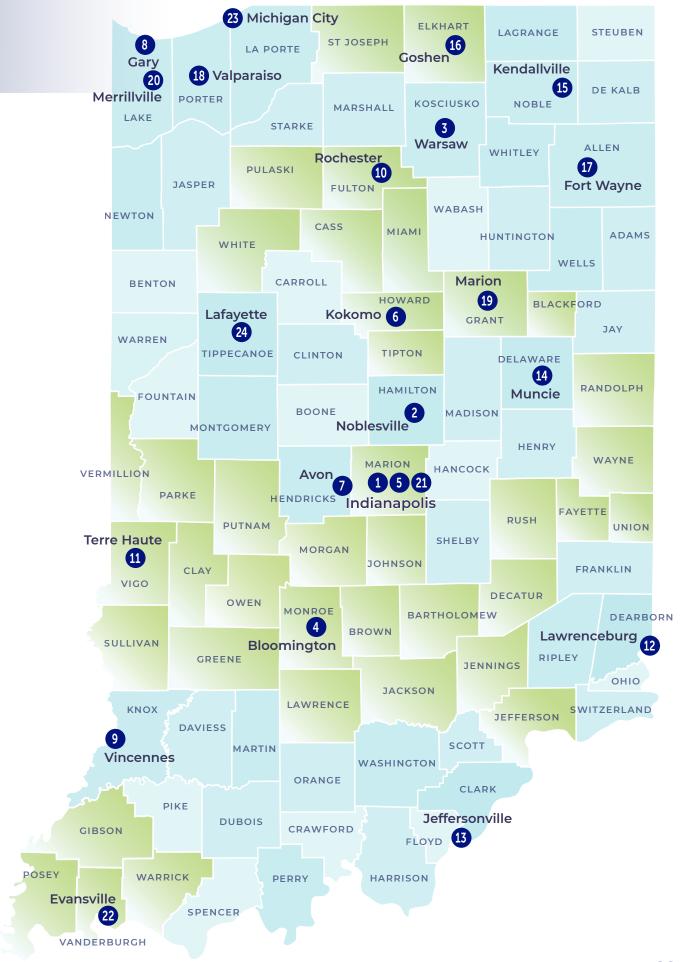
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Cup of Joe with Zoe

Half hour State leader meet and greet with our members and partners. Second Tuesday of every month at 8:30am EST via Zoom.



>> Click here for Zoom link

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2025 dates

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 11

December 9

UPCOMING EVENTS

- IPHCA Navigating **Unchartered Waters:** Federal Policy Shifts and Strategic Planning for Executive Leadership -June 12, IPHCA Headquarters, 150 West Market St, Indianapolis
- Summer Quarterly Meeting -July 9-11, Grand Wayne **Convention Center**
- Fall Quarterly Meeting -October 15-17, Hilton Garden Inn, Bloomington



For further information on any of these events please contact LeeAnn Jordan

Click here to visit our events pages