

# Emotional Intelligence and Social Emotional Learning Task Force

Meeting Notes for July 21, 2020

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Via Webinar: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/386405757>

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## I. Welcome

Jeff welcomed members to the meeting and gave members till 1:35 pm to join before calling the meeting to order.

## II. Roll Call

Jeff asked that Jacob call roll, members that were present are: Jeff, Anna, Teena, Tracy, Brenda, and Raul. Members not present; Theo Eddins and Carlos Evans.

## III. Approval of March 11, 2020 Minutes (voice vote)

Jeff requested to move approval of minutes to the August 2020 meeting to post the draft minutes to [www.ISBE.net/SEL](http://www.ISBE.net/SEL) for members to review.

## IV. 2020-2021 Joint Transition Guidance and Back to School

Jeff walked members through the guidance regarding back to school. He wanted to allow all the members to level set around the guidance and understand the present state and possible options moving forward. Jeff will provide Jacob the slide deck to include in the notes and for posting to [www.isbe.net/sel](http://www.isbe.net/sel). The guidance is to be utilized by schools and communities for planning a return to school in the fall, whatever that may be for them locally. The overview included details about best practices, public health guidelines, implementation suggestions, frequently asked questions, etc. After the presentation, members were shown the [isbe.net/Pages/covi19.aspx](http://isbe.net/Pages/covi19.aspx) site that contains more resources and documents for the public to access. Jeff opened the floor for questions: Anna K asked if there was a deadline for schools and districts to submit a plan or ask questions to the State Board regarding back to school planning. Jeff's answer is no; there is no deadline for communities. They

## V. ISBE SEL Developments/Updates

Cara Wiley, Director of Wellness joined to update members on SEL efforts as an agency. There will be a new internal committee that has members from all areas of the agency to promote alignment and coherence to the variety of programs that touch on SEL. There are several efforts Cara would like to get task force members to advise and participate in:

- Federal Grant: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Awareness (IL AWARE) – Rush University and IDPH
- Federal Grant: Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence
- External Grant: CASEL and CCSSO SEL and MTSS Grant with Laurie’s Children Hospital

Cara opened up the floor for questions; Brenda asked about the program in three different districts. Would those efforts be in-person or virtual? Cara explained that we ideally want the programs to be in-person, but also considered that virtual is a ‘new normal’ at this time. Anna K asked about the model and getting input from the larger behavioral institutions that serve populations of students from across the state. Cara explained that we had some input when developing the applications, and wrote it with capacity building at the core as we move those efforts forward. Cara also added that we need to engage more people in those efforts, so suggestions and collaboration would be greatly appreciated.

Jeff mentioned the creation of a new Student Cares Department (physical, emotional, educational, etc. wellbeing of students.

Jacob gave members a brief overview of the Mobile Museum of Tolerance (MMOT) and SEL Essential Standards Work. The MMOT will be a resource for schools to utilize both in-person and virtually on a variety of topics pertaining to combating hate, understanding bias/discrimination, and exploring historical contexts. The standards work centered around identifying the key standards that are essential for student knowledge acquisition and growth as we head back into the new school year. The SEL standards were kept the same, that working group decided SEL was an integral part of any return to school this coming year.

## VI. Reconstitution of Working Groups and Next Steps

Jeff opened up the floor to discussions about the following working groups:

- a. SEL Screener Working Group: Teena and Tracy
  - a. Need to get an update in the SEL screener from IDPH
- b. SEL Standards Working Group: Theo and Carlos
  - a. Will be working towards setting up meetings and getting some progress made on evaluating the current standards and exploring the possibility of drafting up new standards.
- c. Support and Resources Working Group: Brenda and Anna

- a. Wants to collaborate with us in the coming weeks to develop a plan for addressing the support and resources task.
- d. Partnership Guidelines Working Group: Raul and Teena
  - a. Need to reconnect to the work, as the pandemic as impacted the progress on this topic.

#### VII. Public Comment

Jeff opened the floor up to the public for comment, no one came forward during that time.

#### VIII. New Business

Jeff opened the floor for any new business that the task force needs to consider.

#### IX. Adjourn

Brenda motioned for adjournment at 2:49 pm, and the motion was seconded by Anna. Jeff called for a voice vote; there was no one opposed. Adjourned at 2:50 pm.