

Whole Child Task Force

Agenda

Thursday, September 23, 2021

1-3 p.m.

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Whole Child Task Force members present:

- Sheila Ashby, *Kaskaskia Special Education 801*
- Dr. Terri Bresnahan, *Elk Grove School District 59 (left at 1:53 p.m.)*
- Chris Bridges, *Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights*
- Dr. Colleen Cicchetti, *Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago*
- Sandy De Leon, *City Colleges of Chicago*
- America Gutierrez, *Student Advisory Council*
- Dr. Colandra Hamilton, *Midlothian School District 143*
- Dr. Lori James-Gross, *Unity Point School District 140*
- Victoria Mikos, *Schaumburg Consolidated School District 54*
- Krish Mohip, *Illinois State Board of Education*
- Barbara Outten, *East St. Louis School District 189*
- Lauren Pett, *Chicago Public Schools*
- Dr. Kennedy Strickland-Dixon, *Oak Park River Forest High School*
- Jocelyn Vega, *Illinois Collaboration on Youth (joined at 1:22 p.m.)*
- Ann Whalen, *Advance Illinois*

Whole Child Task Force members absent:

- Karyn Aguirre, *Chicago Public Schools*
- Bessie Alcantara, *Alternatives, Inc.*
- Kristine Argue-Mason, *Partnership for Resilience*
- Avery Bourne, *State Representative, 95th District*
- Maryam Brotine, *Illinois Association of School Boards*
- Dr. Maria Del Carmen Robles Sinkule, *Illinois Association of School Social Workers*
- Dale Fowler, *State Senator, 59th District*
- Maria Gandara, *Chicago Public Schools*
- Jaime Guzman, *Illinois State Board of Education*
- Dr. Shaniqua Jones, *Thornton Chicago Public Schools Township High School District 205*
- Dr. Jody Lack, *Southern Illinois University School of Medicine*
- Kimberly Lightford, *State Senator, 4th District*
- Rita Mayfield, *State Representative, 60th District*
- Dr. Tiffany Nelson, *Illinois Association of School Social Workers*
- Courtney Pharms-Marks, *Bloomington School District 87*
- Alisa Seo-Lee, *Chicago Public Schools*

ISBE Staff present:

- Krish Mohip, *Deputy Operational Education Officer*
- Jeff Aranowski, *Executive Director for Safe and Healthy Climate*
- Jen Saba, *Executive Director for Regional Services*
- Cara Wiley, *Director for Wellness Department*
- Dawn Frison-Cook, *Assistant to Executive Director for Regional Services*
- Athanasia Albans, *Assistant to Deputy Operational Education Officer*

Chair: Krish Mohip

Vice Chair: Victoria Mikos

I. Welcome/Roll Call

Mr. Mohip welcomed all attendees. Mr. Mohip brought the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was not present.

II. Approval of Minutes

a. August 12, 2021

The minutes were not approved and will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

III. Presentation by ISBE

Mr. Mohip stated that ISBE collaborates with many external organizations and today Dr. Cicchetti would present on the Resilience Education to Advance Community Healing (REACH) project. He informed everyone that the presentation would be recorded and distributed to all members. He asked subcommittee leaders to encourage their group members to watch/listen to the recording if they were absent. In addition, Mr. Mohip stated that that Ms. Wiley, director of Wellness at ISBE, was present to answer any questions and provide additional information.

Dr. Cicchetti stated that many members have asked about the REACH project; therefore, she wanted to explain how this pilot program, which has been expanded statewide using federal funds, intersects with the work of the task force prior to launching the workgroups. She reiterated that this is a pilot that is moving quickly. She added this is an opportunity for a model, and the goal is for the task force members to look at, reflect upon, critique, and modify it.

While explaining REACH, Dr. Cicchetti stated that when this model is fully up and running, everyone who is doing trauma-responsive work in the state can connect with this project, contribute, measure the work they are doing, and, most importantly, understand how to evaluate it by getting buy-in and support across the state.

Dr. Cicchetti shared who the key partners of the project are, explained how the pandemic has affected the pilot, described the alignment of work to other organizations, provided information about the data available on trauma-informed approaches, and explained the designation model for Illinois along with the Trauma Responsive Schools Implementation Assessment (TRS-IA) tool.

Dr. Cicchetti shared that the REACH project is the school part of the work and looks at how to prepare educator to support students, how to foster educators' personal and professional resilience so that they can both take care of their students and themselves, and how to help school districts use data to create the structures to build this forward. She added that, ultimately, the goal is to have this locally driven so that districts across the state can connect with each other.

Dr. Cicchetti explained the path of how REACH will be expanded statewide. She provided data on eight Chicago Public Schools that are part of the pilot and used the TRS-IA. She explained how to read and understand the data.

Dr. Cicchetti shared the common themes and additional data from the schools that are involved in the pilot. She then provided an overview of REACH.

Ms. Mikos asked whether it was discussed when this work would be built into a school day and whether other educator responsibilities would be removed in order to focus on this important work.

Dr. Cicchetti stated that they are still collecting data, but she found that each school did it differently in terms of how they built in time to do reflections and assessment together on their Action Plan and creating them. She explained the different approaches.

Dr. Cicchetti continued with her presentation. She spoke about funding, the infrastructure, how REACH interfaces with the Illinois Quality Framework, and how internal and external partners are helping in the work and their roles. She added that the work is continuing in the areas of race, equity, trauma and how that all fits together; self-care; community engagements; and how to involve after-school organizations.

Dr. Cicchetti shared that this project is launching October 1 and finishing in 20 months, so the timing of this task force with this project being launched is going to help provide opportunities for the task force to interface with the model and provide feedback.

Dr. Cicchetti explained how the REACH pilot informs the work of the Whole Child Task Force and how the Whole Child Task Force helps the REACH pilot.

Ms. Mikos asked if it whether school board groups will be involved.

Dr. Cicchetti stated that in some schools, school boards have been part of the decision-making process. She added that part of this is going to be using this group and thinking about other groups that can help deliver these messages and talk to different audiences about how this meets their needs. She made a note for herself to include school boards as membership organizations.

Dr. Gross added that involving school boards will be absolutely critical because they are going to have to think very differently about school scheduling and school finance, and ultimately shift their mindset.

Ms. Whalen made a comment about Evidence-Based Funding.

Ms. Wiley stated that according to new legislation that was put into effect this year, school board members will be required to have training in trauma-responsive care starting in the 2023-24 school year. She added that ISBE acknowledges all the work -- outside of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief dollars -- from the homeless funds to the after-school funds that are being aligned and made note of the work being important and valuable.

Mr. Mohip clarified that that Maryam Brotine of the Illinois Association of School Boards is on this task force, -and she takes information back to school boards. He added, just as it was stated early, the work needs to get to where individual and local school district board members are involve and updated on what is happening.

Ms. Whalen asked for the timeline for the evaluation release of the different pilots and when the information will be accessible to people.

Dr. Cicchetti stated that the Trauma Responsive Schools-Designation pilot data is being analyzed now, so everything shared today was preliminary. In addition, she shared data for the pilot involving the 55 schools.

Mr. Mohip ask, specifically the leads/co-leads of subcommittees, if they had any questions. There were no questions.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Adjourn

Ms. Outten made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Maria Del Carmen Robles Sinkule seconded the motion.

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