



Community & Residential Services Authority

Authority Meeting
ISBE Building – Springfield
555 W. Monroe - Chicago
October 10, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

In person – Springfield

Ms. Carie Johnstone
Chair
Legislative Designee

Ms. Sarah Schroeder
DHS/DMH

Ms. Carolyn Cochran Kopel
Gubernatorial Appointee

Mr. Dustin Knollenberg
HFS

In person – Chicago

Mr. Neal Takiff
Vice-Chair
Gubernatorial Appointee

Ms. Judith Levitan
Secretary
OAG

Ms. Amanda Clay
ISBE

Dr. Seth Harkins
Legislative Designee
Via conference line
Dr. Kathy Briseno
Legislative Designee

Ms. Malisha Webber
DHS/DRS

Ms. Mariel Hamer-Sinclair
Gubernatorial Appointee

Ms. Tyrie Fluker
DJJ

Dr. Wynne Korr
Gubernatorial Appointee

Ms. Kristen Marshall
DHS/DFCS

Ms. Alicia Robinson
DHS/DDD

Mr. Keith Polan
DCFS

Mr. Monte Mister
Gubernatorial Appointee

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Michelle Herron
Executive Director

Ms. Leah Guffey
Executive Assistant

Via Conference Line
Ms. Kimberly Johnson
Regional Coordinator

Ms. Kristin Gharst
Regional Coordinator

Ms. Chelsey Smith
Regional Coordinator

Ms. Nancy Aguirre
Regional Coordinator

GUESTS – via conference line

None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Chairperson Carie Johnstone.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 8, 2024, AUTHORITY MINUTES

The Authority reviewed the minutes of the August, 2024, minutes.

MOTION: *Neal Takiff moved, and Amanda Clay seconded that the minutes of August 8, 2024, minutes be approved.. The motion carried unanimously.*

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Updates:

The FY 24 expenditures have been closed out; a copy was provided in the meeting packet. A draft of FY 24 annual report was included in the meeting packet for 1st read during today's meeting. The annual report will be voted on at the December board meeting.

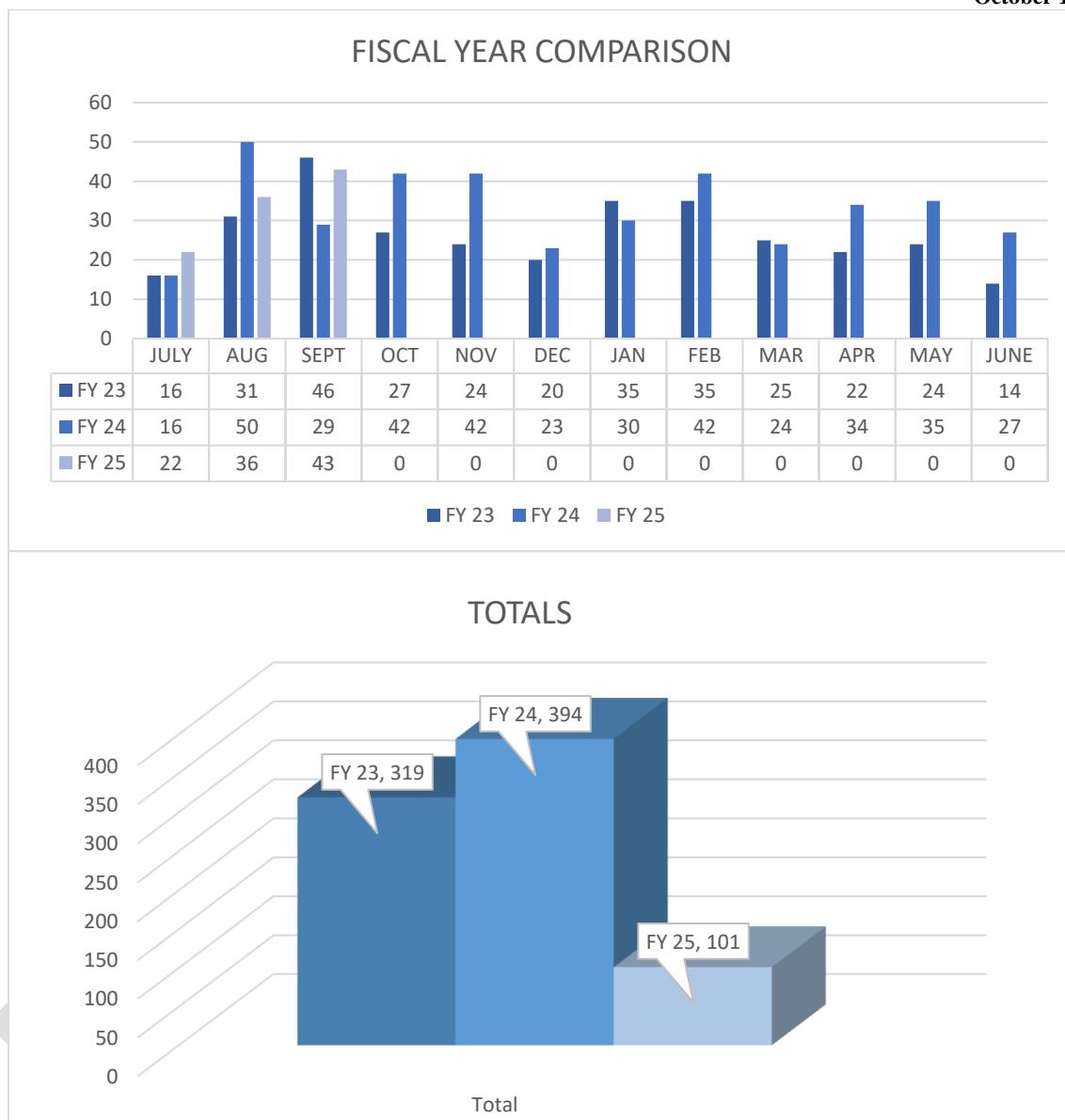
CBHTI Update:

The new BEACON portal launched in August. CRSA staff participated in several trainings and continue to participate in the weekly interagency crisis calls. Currently, CRSA staff are working collaboratively as assigned "parent navigators" on 17 cases within the BEACON portal.

CRSA Progress:

CRSA staff have started FY 25 with a bang! They have been busy attending IEP meetings, serving as parent navigators, conducting presentations, and increasing their community outreach efforts. We are preparing to exhibit and attend the Illinois Statewide Transition conference on 11/7-11/8/24 in Springfield. I continue to participate in weekly CBHTI Interagency Crisis Staffing calls, monthly Mental Health Summit, Southland Transitional Planning, Special Education Advisory Committee to the Attorney General, and quarterly Public Education Subcommittee meetings.

CRSA staff have continued to maintain a presence in the community. During August and September, staff participated in (43) IEP meetings, (21) family meetings, conducted (6) presentations, attended (68) other meetings and conferences, and led (16) outreach efforts.



IV. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Trainings:

Trainings have been completed – thank you again for your cooperation and participation.

Legislation –

Veto session gets underway in November.

Budget –

Budget books will be prepared – we will be submitting for an increase of \$100,000 and I'll be working with the budget folks of ISBE to put our request in the ISBE Budget book.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. **CRSA Strategic Planning:** it was discussed that taking strategic planning back out of the board agenda and discussing it with clear cut goals and objectives at another time would be a better opportunity to drill down the discussion. Meeting was set for November 14, 2024, at 2pm. Leah will send out an invitation to all board members to participate.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. **FY 2024 Annual Report:**

Please review the FY 2024 Annual Report for changes and have it to Michelle and Leah by Nov 30. We will vote at the December meeting.

VII. CHANGING LIVES

A. CRSA Central Regional Coordinator, Kristin Gharst presented a case with a positive outcome.

VIII. AGENCY REPORTS

Illinois State Board of Education: Amanda Clay reported: ISBE Special Education is entering a very busy season with presentations planned at numerous conferences including IAASE in Tinley Park in October and Proficio in Oak Lawn in November. Additionally, we've been heavily involved in the communications surrounding the BEACON portal Phase 2 roll out which will include special education administrators, school social workers, and school counselors. We will be hosting two webinars previewing the care portal to this limited audience on October 31 & November 1

Illinois Health Care and Family Services: Dustin Knollenberg reported: Since posting a Notice of Funding Opportunity for providers who wished to establish new Community Mental Health Centers, Behavioral Health Clinics, and/or begin providing Pathways to Success and other community-based services in February this year and receiving over 70 applications from interested providers, we now have 19 CCBHCs established and proving services in Illinois.

In addition, Pathways to Success continues to add new youths to the program each month as well. We have referred nearly 3000 youth over the past 9 months, and about 70% are currently active within the program.

In September, HFS staff attended the AOIC event in Chicago and were part of the training and conversation revolving around rethinking the intersection of competency to stand trial, competency restoration, and mental health systems for both children and adults. We spoke with

Illinois judges, state representatives, public defenders, law enforcement, IDOC and IDJJ staff, as well as staff from Cook County jail and other county detention centers to have meaningful conversations about putting mental health services other resources in place for individuals while incarcerated or paroling and reentering back into the community in order to reduce recidivism.

HFS continues to collaborate closely with the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative and continues to participate in the interagency team Staffings, where we staff cases on a weekly basis, and work on a daily basis to help identify resources for these portal youth.

HFS is currently working with the team to help establish a capacity reporting tool that will allow us to identify the number of beds available in real time across all state agencies that may accept youth entered into the BEACON portal.

IDHS Division of Mental Health: No report

IDHS Division of Developmental Disabilities: No report

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: No report

IDHS Division of Rehabilitation Services: No Report

Office of Attorney General: No report

IDHS Division of Family and Community Services: No report

Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice: No report

IX. BOARD MEMBER REPORT

No report

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XI. COMMNTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *Dr. Seth Harkins moved, and Carolyn Cochran Kopel seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:59am