

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services**  
**IM+CANS Workgroup**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 4, 2022**  
**Held virtually via WebEx**

**I. Roll Call**

Stephanie Barisch	Center for Youth and Family Solutions
Matt Stinson	University of Illinois School of Social Work
Ellie Feldmann	JCFS
Carmen Gonzalez-Djangi	Metropolitan Family Services
Cris Murgage	Sinnissippi Centers
Chelsea Mueller	Heritage Behavioral Health
Carlie Kasten	Community Resource Center
Michelle Zambrano	Will County Health Department
Rebecca Horwitz	Kenneth Young Centers
Laura Kuever	Catholic Charities

A quorum was established with 10 members present.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- a. The minutes from the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with no edits.

**III. HFS Status Update on Recommendations**

- a. HFS did not have any updates to share.

**IV. Tool Breakout Groups Updates**

- a. Trauma Exposure
  - i. The focus of the Trauma Exposure group was on the language in the Reference Guide to make it more inclusive of all age ranges. The recommendations expand/shift the language a little to meet this need, including how to assess human trafficking items.
- b. Section 3 – Presenting Problem and Impact on Functioning
  - i. The Section 3 group similarly focused on the Reference Guide and the language. There was discussion on eliminating the need for the Preschool/Daycare Quality item.
- c. Section 4 – Safety
  - i. The Safety Group had made their way through the tool, with very few recommendations on the Reference Guide. They had several recommendations on items that will be included in final recommendations, and suggested adding a Suicide Risk module.
- d. Section 5 – Substance Use History
  - i. The Substance Use group agreed to aligning the IM+CANS with ASAM criteria to be able to use the IM+CANS for SUPR documentation needs. The suggestion is

to remove the Substance Use module and move it to an optional addendum that could be used to SUPR licensed providers.

- e. Section 8 – Client Strengths
  - i. The Client Strengths group focused on Reference Guide edits, including adding language to the Introduction of the section, with other wording changes.
- f. Section 9a – Cultural Considerations
  - i. The Cultural Considerations group felt the section was too brief with only 3 items, which does not leave a lot to rate, but don't want to add more items. They discussed the reference guide, including how to be more inclusive on language/communication needs, and being inclusive of the LGBTQ community, or those who are struggling with the sexual orientation or gender identity.

**V. Tool Updates Discussion**

- a. The tool updates discussion resumed with Section 14.
  - i. The Workgroup discussed that Section 14 is difficult to understand and is unclear. The anticipated outcome needs is the most difficult for staff to use. The Workgroup indicated that the section is unused, or difficult for clinicians and family's to understand.
  - ii. HFS clarified the section is meant to start a conversation with the customer/family about their priorities in treatment and the needs they want to target. The clinician then uses that to inform their clinical decisions for treatment.
  - iii. The Workgroup suggested eliminating or making optional Section 14, as it is unused, confusing and duplicative.
- b. Section 15
  - i. The Workgroup had no comments or recommendations on Section 15.
- c. Section 16
  - i. The Workgroup suggested adding a check box for "new" on the Goal Status.
  - ii. The Workgroup also suggested adding an optional text box to the Treatment Plan for Goal Updates to document progress in goals/treatment.

**VI. Public Comments**

- a. No public comments.

**VII. Next Steps**

- a. The May 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting was dedicated to the Section 3 Breakout Group

**VIII. Adjournment**