

**OFFICE OF ILLINOIS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JULIANA STRATTON**  
 Healing-Centered Illinois Task Force (HCITF) Regular Meeting Minutes  
 Tuesday, March 26, 2024

<b>A present majority of filled HCITF member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. at least 16 members present</b>				
<b>Member</b>		<b>Attendee</b>		
<b>EX-OFFICIO</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>IN PERSON</b>	<b>PHONE/ VIDEO</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton	Office of the Lieutenant Governor	X		
Heather Dorsey	Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts or the Director's Designee	X		
Karen Galbraith	Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority or the Director's Designee		X	
Victoria Gwiasda	Secretary of Human Services or the Secretary's Designee	X		
Jesse Lava	Director of Healthcare and Family Services or the Director's Designee			X
Sophia Manuel	Director of Corrections or the Director's Designee	X		
Lisa Masinter	Director of Public Health or the Director's Designee	X		
Brian Pastor	Director of Aging or the Director's Designee	X		
Verletta Saxon	Director of Children and Family Services or the Director's Designee	X		
Julia Strehlow	State Superintendent of Education or the State Superintendent's Designee			X
Robert Vickery	Director of Juvenile Justice or the Director's Designee	X		
Dana Weiner	Director of the Governor's Children's Mental Health Transformation Initiative or the Director's Designee			X
Representative Maura Hirschauer	Speaker of the House of Representatives			X
Representative Tom Weber	Minority Leader of the House of Representatives		X	
Senator Dale Fowler	Minority Leader of the Senate			X
<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE CATEGORY</b>	<b>IN PERSON</b>	<b>PHONE/ VIDEO</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Matthew Buckman	Expertise in trauma-informed policies and practices within health care, public health, public			X

	education, the criminal legal system, violence prevention, child welfare, human services, adult behavioral health services, or law enforcement			
Karen Crawford Simms	Expertise in trauma-informed policies and practices within health care, public health, public education, the criminal legal system, violence prevention, child welfare, human services, adult behavioral health services, or law enforcement	X		
Lisa Daniels	Expertise in trauma-informed policies and practices within health care, public health, public education, the criminal legal system, violence prevention, child welfare, human services, adult behavioral health services, or law enforcement	X		
Anquetette Perkins	Expertise in trauma-informed policies and practices within health care, public health, public education, the criminal legal system, violence prevention, child welfare, human services, adult behavioral health services, or law enforcement	X		
Cara Wiley	Expertise in trauma-informed policies and practices within health care, public health, public education, the criminal legal system, violence prevention, child welfare, human services, adult behavioral health services, or law enforcement			X
Marlita White	Representative from an organization that brings parents together to improve mental health and supports for children and families	X		
Mamie Cosey	Representative from an organization that brings parents together to improve mental health and supports for children and families	X		
Rosalia Salgado	Representative from an organization that brings parents together to improve mental health and supports for children and families	X		
Aydin Tariq	Representative from student and youth counsels or advisory groups focused on advancing awareness and resources for mental health and trauma-informed services in diverse communities across the State	X		
Mashana Smith	Representative from the Resilience Education to Advance Community Healing (REACH) Statewide Initiative	X		
Colleen Cicchetti	Representative of a statewide coalition addressing childhood trauma	X		
A. Gita Krishnaswamy	Representative of a statewide collaborative addressing trauma across the lifespan (birth through older adulthood)		X	
Andrea Hall	Representative who has been impacted by State systems, including the criminal legal system and child welfare	X		

Johnny Page	Representative who has been impacted by State systems, including the criminal legal system and child welfare		X	
Shaan Trotter	Representative from a public-private partnership to support children's behavioral health	X		

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am.
- b. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established with 17 members in attendance.
  - i. Two (2) additional Task Force members arrived in-person shortly after. Four (4) others attended virtually.

**II. Approval of Minutes from 2/27/2024 Meeting**

- a. Motion moved by Verletta Saxon.
- b. Seconded by Mashana Smith.
- c. All in favor.
- d. No oppositions.
- e. No abstentions.

**III. Chairperson’s Remarks**

- a. Lieutenant Governor Stratton welcomed members, shared the Trigger Protection Mantra by Jhené Aiko, and described recent experience visiting a healing-centered art space for youth. She described the importance of centering communities, lived experience, and solidifying our roles as we engage in this work.
- b. Lieutenant Governor Stratton highlighted that the March HCITF Meeting’s focus is discussing subcommittees, specifically providing opportunities including and ensuring that everyone’s voices and perspectives are heard.

**IV. Task Force Member Introductions**

- a. Shaan Trotter will serve as the representative from a public-private partnership to support children’s behavioral health. Mr. Trotter is the Health Equity Officer for Aetna Better Health of Illinois.

**V. Presentation: Planning for Action**

- a. Dr. Kimberly Mann, Research Consultant to the Task Force and member of the Ad-Hoc Working Group.
- b. The presentation focused on how the HCITF Planning Ad-Hoc Committee visualized the Task Force implementing the legislative objectives, highlighting the importance of working in subcommittees, engaging community organizations, and evaluating continuously. Dr. Mann described how each subcommittee can support and meet the objectives:
  - i. Community Engagement: Building partnerships with community organizations.
  - ii. Workforce and Training: Supporting and planning for a fluid workforce, especially regarding post-training support. Examples include coaching, peer support, and/or learning collaboratives.
  - iii. Evaluation and Data: Developing a process for identifying universal and appropriate metrics, leveraging existing partnerships for support, and upholding data accountability and transparency, through sharing ongoing efforts and inviting feedback from stakeholders and the public.
  - iv. Policy and Systems Change: Coordinating policy efforts with partners.
  - v. Executive Committee: Establishing benchmarks and accountability structures.
- c. Dr. Mann emphasized the importance of working concurrently across agencies and building comprehensive teams within agencies to coordinate workforce training, program development and implementation, policy change, and evaluation.

- d. Planned outcome of HCITF: Preliminary framework to coordinate cross-agencies collaboration, align across Illinois, and an evaluation plan.
- e. Lieutenant Governor Stratton opened the floor up for Q&A.
  - i. Lieutenant Governor Stratton asked if Dr. Mann is referring to the agencies represented by HCITF members.
    - 1. Dr. Mann responded that the preliminary framework should support collaboration between the agencies both represented and not represented within the HCITF.
    - 2. Lieutenant Governor Stratton highlighted that the framework has to support healing-centered work across all agencies in Illinois. For example, agencies should be able to develop an agency-specific action plan to support the framework developed by the HCITF.
    - 3. Dr. Mann proposed an initial benchmark of whether the framework is robust enough to launch and frame efficient inter-agency conversation.
  - ii. Lisa Masinter asked about the deadline for the HCITF.
    - 1. Lieutenant Governor Stratton responded that the deadline is end of December 2024. Thus, it is important to work backwards from the deadline to develop intermediate benchmarks to ensure the HCITF can meet this deadline.
  - iii. Karen Simms Crawford asked about awareness of existing work in related sectors, such as education, youth services, mental health, and community development.
    - 1. Lieutenant Governor Stratton responded that agencies are already working with these sectors, and these partnerships should be built into agency-specific action plans.
    - 2. Colleen Cicchetti highlighted the importance of inviting interested individuals to apply for subcommittee positions.
  - iv. Karen Simms Crawford asked about inviting funders to the HCITF, since she has previously experienced limitations in producing policy change without financial means.
    - 1. Lieutenant Governor Stratton responded that this elevates a question for subcommittees: What representation are we missing in these conversations?

## **VI. Subcommittee Breakout Discussion**

- a. Members divided into breakout groups to discuss:
  - i. Are the proposed subcommittees appropriate?
  - ii. Who should be included in the subcommittees?
  - iii. Who and/or what are missing from the subcommittees?
- b. Breakout Group Discussions: Share Out
  - i. Group 1: Karen Galbraith, Johnny Page, Representative Tom Weber, Gita Krishnaswamy, Heather Dorsey, Aydin Tariq, Brian Pastor
    - 1. Members discussed the value of performing an initial needs assessment.
    - 2. Members discussed having the policy subcommittee share their efforts with other subcommittees to facilitate developing coordinated training and support.
    - 3. Members discussed integrating training and community engagement into all subcommittees.
  - ii. Group 2: Robert Vickery, Marlita White, Karen Simms Crawford, Victoria Gwiasda, and Mashana Smith
    - 1. Members discussed the importance of getting clarity and operationalizing the shared definitions.

2. Members discussed having funding, lived experience, and technology integrated into all subcommittees. Scope and sequencing of subcommittees should be considered given the inter-dependent nature of their work. As for evaluation, systematic analysis across subcommittees would be valuable to capturing themes, and outcomes should capture collective impact on the state.
- iii. Group 3: Andrea Hall, Lisa Daniels, Rosalia Salgado, Colleen Cicchetti, and Verletta Saxon
  1. Members discussed the importance of the Executive Subcommittee Chair delineating timelines and deliverables.
  2. Members discussed adding a Sustainability and Implementation Subcommittee, which could include representation from funders and philanthropy. Many currently doing this work are volunteers and face barriers to participating. Barriers could be addressed through trainings, such as courses through community colleges, to allow interested individuals to learn more and conduct this work in their communities.
  3. Members discussed integrating community engagement in all subcommittees, rather than as a separate subcommittee. For example, a committee of community members with lived experience could conduct a final review of the agencies' recommendations.
- iv. Group 4: Lisa Masinter, Mamie Cosey, Anquetette Perkins, Sophia Manuel, and Shaan Trotter
  1. Members discussed outlining roles, payment, and sustainability. The importance of community voice and engagement was also highlighted.
  2. Members discussed the value of disseminating HCITF's recommendations and connecting with other sectors. This could be one individual's or a subcommittee's responsibility.
- c. Whole Task Force Discussion
  - i. Lieutenant Governor Stratton elevated the need to step back and rethink processes. As there is trauma currently within agencies, how can the HCITF center healing and support when government agencies and employees are not healed?
  - ii. Marlita White highlighted the example of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as an example of addressing the trauma that systems and agencies perpetuate.
  - iii. Lisa Daniels emphasized the importance of acknowledging and addressing the harm committed by government systems.
  - iv. Rosalia Salgado elevated that her organization, Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI), works with parents and offers restorative justice trainings.
  - v. Lieutenant Governor Stratton brought up the question of who are the healers and how can we bring them to the forefront of this work?

**VII. Member Updates**

- a. Omitted for time.

**VIII. Public Comment**

- a. Member of the public expressed their excitement for the progression of this work.

**IX. Adjournment**

- a. Motion moved by Colleen Cicchetti.
- b. Seconded by Andrea Hall.
- c. All in favor.
- d. No oppositions.
- e. No abstentions.

f. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 4:00pm-5:30pm.**