

**OFFICE OF ILLINOIS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JULIANA STRATTON**

**Healing-Centered Illinois Task Force (HCITF) Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

**Meeting Location(s)**

Illinois Conference Room – First Floor  
555 West Monroe Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60661

Main Conference Room  
Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
Illinois State Capitol  
214 State House  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

<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		
Jennifer Wooldridge	Chair of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board or their 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
NAME	REPRESENTATIVE CATEGORY	IN PERSON	PHONE/ VIDEO	ABSENT
Matthew Buckman	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	
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 10:08 am.
- b. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established with twenty-two (22) members joining in-person.
  - i. Three (3) other members attended virtually, and six (6) members were absent.

**II. Approval of Board Members Virtual Attendance Per OMA**

- a. Moved by Lisa Daniels.
- b. Seconded by Dana Weiner.
- c. All in favor.
- d. No oppositions.
- e. No abstentions.

**III. Approval of Minutes from 08/06/2024 Meeting**

- a. Moved by Verletta Saxon.
- b. Seconded by Dana Weiner.
- c. All in favor.
- d. No oppositions.
- e. No abstentions.

**IV. Approval of HCITF Bylaws**

- a. Moved by Lisa Daniels.
- b. Seconded by Robert Vickery.
- c. All in favor.
- d. No oppositions.
- e. No abstentions.

**V. Chairperson's Remarks**

- a. Lieutenant Governor Stratton thanked Karen Galbraith, an active member of the HCITF who serves as the designee from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), for her leadership in guiding the last meeting as co-chair during the Lieutenant Governor's absence.

- b. Lieutenant Governor provided a brief overview of previous peer presentations and introduced Dr. Shawn Ginwright, Professor of Practice at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.

**VI. Presentation by Dr. Shawn Ginwright**

- a. Dr. Shawn Ginwright shared that there is a crisis in youth mental health. In 2021, CDC found that nearly one-third (29%) of high school teens experienced poor mental health. A recent CDC study found that nearly half (44%) of teens feel persistently sad or hopeless. Approximately 50% to 75% of youth in the juvenile justice system meet the criteria for a mental health disorder.
- b. Dr. Ginwright provided Task Force members a social ecological and medical model of the social determinants of trauma to show how trauma is currently understood. The current version of our systems and institutions cannot address the scale of the mental health issue. We have misdiagnosed the scale of trauma exposure among young people and families. There is also a lack of adequate mental health delivery.
- c. Dr. Ginwright explained that healing-centered engagement is a process that align institutions with a perspective, approach and strategy that addresses harm and restores well-being using the assets and strengths of individuals, families and communities. Healing-centered engagement supports systems with shifting from a culture of harm, discipline, punishment and confinement to restoration, hope, and healing.
- d. Dr. Ginwright shared the CARMA (Culture, Agency, Relationships, Meaning, and Aspirations) principles for a healing-centered approach. Dr. Ginwright also noted that a system is a set of relationships. Healing-centered systems are a holistic approach to trauma and trauma exposure that aligns policies, practices and norms that emphasizes identity, community assets, and collective healing all aimed at building structural well-being. Burns Institute define structural well-being as public policies, institutional and inclusive practices, cultural representations and other norms that establish a sense of belonging and work to strengthen families, communities, and individual well-being for positive life outcomes. Dr. Ginwright provided examples of a healing-centered system such as CalAIM, a multi-year reform led by California's Department of Health Care Services to integrate the Medi-Cal program seamlessly with other social services.
- e. Dr. Ginwright shared the following policy considerations:
  - i. Mandate Training Programs – Require healing-centered engagement training for all professionals working in health, education, social services, and law enforcement sectors.
  - ii. Allocate Resources – Allocate state funding specifically for healing-centered and community-based healing initiatives, as well as mental health services.
  - iii. Policy Integration – Integrate healing-centered principles into state policies across sectors, including criminal justice, healthcare, child welfare, and housing.
  - iv. Cross-Sector Collaboration – Foster partnerships between government agencies, nonprofit organizations, academics, and private sector stakeholders to leverage resources and expertise.

**VII. Discussion**

- a. Lieutenant Governor Stratton facilitated questions and discussion between Task Force members and Dr. Ginwright.

**VIII. Member Updates**

- a. Dana Weiner shared an invitation to join partners in addressing trauma at the National Center for Adoption Competent Mental Health Services Technical Assistance Initiative Kick-Off Meeting on October 8, 2024, from 11:00am to 4:00pm at the iHotel in Champaign, Illinois.
- b. Lisa Masinter announced that IDPH in partnership with the Illinois State University and the SIU School of Medicine is hosting the 2024 Illinois Women and Families Health Conference between October 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois.
- c. Colleen Cichetti uplifted Karen Crawford-Simms presentation to the Illinois Association for Infant Mental Health on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- d. Mamie Cosey invited Task Force members to attend the launch of Shining a Light: How Parent-Led Solutions Can Heal Our Communities and Address Trauma tomorrow, Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10:00am to 11:30am at COFI's Office, located at 2245 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 200, Chicago, Illinois 60616.

**IX. Public Comment**

- a. Ellyn Ahmer, Eyob Villa-Moges, Dr. Tara Gill, and Emily Cole provided public comment.

**X. Adjournment**

- a. Moved by Lisa Daniels.
- b. Seconded by Dr. Colleen Cichetti.
- c. All in favor.
- d. No oppositions.
- e. No abstentions.
- f. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00am-11:30am.**