

# ILLINOIS MENTAL HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH DIVERSION TASK FORCE

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# Agenda

Topic	Time
Welcome / Introductions - Minutes Approval	10:00 – 10:15 AM
National Perspectives Panel	10:15 – 11:30 AM
Information Gathering Debrief	11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Break	12:00 – 12:10 PM
Action Team Kick-Off	12:10 – 12:50 PM
Public Comments	12:50 – 12:55 PM
Next Steps	12:55 – 1:00 PM

# Who is in the room

- Name
- Organization



# Minutes

- Approve Minutes from 7/24



# Today

- Provide additional information about diversion models seen as best practices on a national level
- Allow for discussion and questions related to national models
- Debrief on activities to this point
- Kick off action teams



# NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

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Discussion

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# Patrick Gardner

President of Young Minds Advocacy Project



- Expert in children’s mental health law and policy.
- Former Deputy Director of National Center for Youth Law, where he oversaw NCYL’s work to develop and improve juvenile mental health courts.
- Served as co-counsel in class action lawsuits to improve access to mental health care for Medicaid eligible youth in Arizona, California, and Washington.
- Last year, Patrick received the California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth’s “Advocate of the Year” award

# Hon. Nan Waller

Co-Chair Oregon State Court Juvenile Justice Mental Health Task Force  
Presiding Judge, Multnomah County Circuit Court



- Judge Nan Waller became the presiding judge for the Multnomah County Circuit Court on January 1, 2012, after serving as the chief family court judge in Multnomah County for five years.
- Judge Waller has been involved in numerous collaborative efforts to improve outcomes for children and families. She chairs the Wraparound Multnomah Collaborative Council, a local initiative to address the needs of children with complex mental health issues, and has been involved in the Cross-Over Youth Practice Model. She is the statewide convener for the Casey Partnership, an initiative to safely and equitably reduce the number of children in foster care.
- Currently, she also co-chairs Wraparound Multnomah, a children's mental health initiative.
- Accolades include the Chief Justice's Juvenile Court Champion Award, and the Oregon Department of Human Services Mental Health Award for Excellence

# DEBRIEF

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# How did we get here?

- **Illinois Panel**
- **National Panel**
- **Measures of Success**



# Panel Discussions

- Was there an aspect of any of the models that really caught your attention?
- What's your reaction to the breadth of diversion models?
- What model was the most promising practice to you in the intercept you're interested in?
- What diversion models do you think should be including in recommendations?
- What common barriers were presented?
- What information is missing that you need to address in your action teams?



# Measures of Success

- Focus the 18 and under population, while including young adults up to 25 in the conversation and making recommendations where possible.
- Focus on earliest point of diversion.
- Be applicable across the state, which requires broad representation and participation from throughout the State.
- Consider how sectors outside of law enforcement and mental health can support diversion, including school interventions, primary care, and emergency department staff, and ensure representation in decision making includes judicial, education, and health sector representatives.
- Consider how family units impact youth and mental health and consider family systems in recommendations when possible.
- Identify demographic needs and differences, and consider adolescent development and social/emotional learning needs.
- Identify opportunities for creating continuum of care and consider other discussions around strengthening the continuum of care for youth.
- Consider how strengthen the safety net will contribute to youth diversion.
- Focus on attempts to reduce recidivism for the backend intercept programs.
- Consider accountability mechanisms for progress following action.
- Identify opportunities to inform other processes and policies with the work done by the Task Force.

What are the common themes of this discussion that help inform moving into the action teams?



# BREAK

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# ACTION TEAM KICKOFF

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# Action Teams

- Community Diversion: Rebecca Levin & Sen. Donne Trotter
- Law Enforcement & Initial Detention: Brandy Brixy & Rep. Deb Conroy
- Court & Re-entry: Rob Vickery & Brian Conant

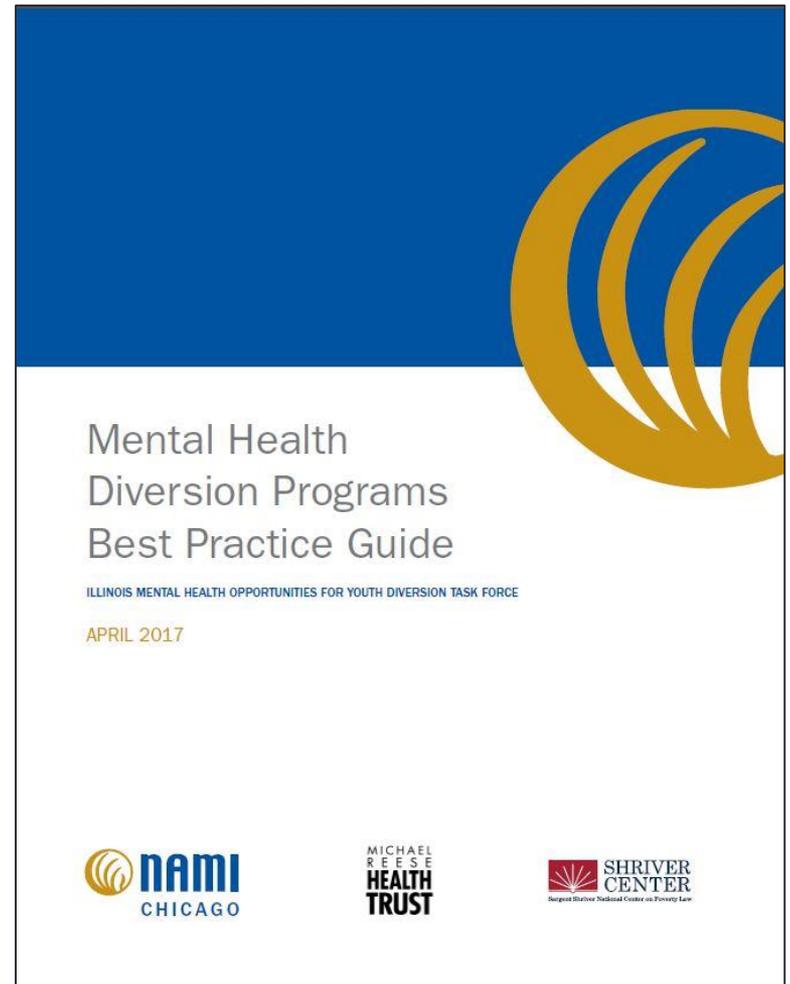


# Goals of Action Planning

- Develop an action plan to divert youth in contact with law enforcement agencies that require mental health treatment into the appropriate health care setting rather than initial or further involvement in the juvenile justice system.
  - Review existing and potential diversion opportunities for youth with mental health needs from the point of police contact and initial contact with the juvenile justice system
  - Identify funding sources for expanding diversion programs
  - Identify barriers to the implementation diversion models and recommend policies to address these barriers
  - Recommend pilot programs and policy changes based on the research conducted through the Task Force

# Action Team Tools & Resources

- Template
  - Emailed out + hard copies
- Timeline
  - September & October
- Resources
  - Best Practice Guide
  - Google Folders



# Discussion

- Break into groups with the following objectives:
  - Review action planning template and timeline
  - Review resource documents, discuss additional resources
  - Discuss missing stakeholders



# Public Comments

- State your name, affiliation
- Comments should be no longer than 2 min



# Next Steps

- Meet in Action Teams
- Begin developing recommendations
- Come together as Task Force on Monday, November 6

