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UPDATED VERSION*

SUMMARY

- Establishes the Ohio Children's Behavioral Health Prevention Network Stakeholder Group to coordinate and plan for a comprehensive learning network to support young children in their social, emotional, and behavioral development and to reduce behavioral health disparities among young children.
- Requires the Stakeholder Group to submit recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The act establishes the Ohio Children's Behavioral Health Prevention Network Stakeholder Group to plan for and coordinate the creation of a comprehensive learning network to support young children and their families and facilitate children's social, emotional, and behavioral development, and to seek to reduce behavioral health disparities among young children.¹

Membership

The following are to serve as members of the Stakeholder Group:²

- The Director of the Governor's Children's Initiatives;
- The Director of Health or the Director's designee;

* This version updates the effective date.

¹ Section 1(A).

² Section 1(B).

- The Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services or the Director’s designee;
- The Medicaid Director or the Director’s designee;
- The Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent’s designee;
- The Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives or the Executive Director’s designee;
- The Executive Director of the Commission on Minority Health or the Executive Director’s designee.

In addition, the Director of the Governor’s Children’s Initiatives must select at least one parent of a child with mental illness and one or more members from each of the following entities: the Ohio Children’s Hospital Association; the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; the Ohio Children’s Alliance; the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio; federally qualified health centers; community behavioral health services providers; local alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services boards; and primary and secondary schools. The Director must select these members not later than 30 days after the act’s effective date.³

Meetings

Not later than 30 days after selecting the members, the Director of Children’s Initiatives must convene the initial meeting of the Stakeholder Group. The Group must continue to meet – at the call of the Director – during the 18 months following its first meeting.⁴

Duties

The Director of Children’s Initiatives is charged with determining the scope, implementation, and details of the Stakeholder Group’s work, and must coordinate the efforts of its members. Under the Director’s leadership, the act requires the Group to do the following:⁵

- Establish governance and steering teams related to the learning network;
- Develop common aims and goals for the Stakeholder Group;
- Establish a list of agencies and partners to participate in a prevention pilot program of the learning network;
- Develop prevention prototypes to be tested by participants in the prevention pilot program, including prototypes that are culturally and linguistically appropriate;
- Establish a peer leader group to lead in the identification of key resources and partners for early testing;

³ Sections 1(B) and (C).

⁴ Section 1(C).

⁵ Section 1(D).

- Conduct a baseline assessment of existing protocols and best practices for developing a comprehensive learning network to support children’s social, emotional, and behavioral development;
- Review current data systems and behavioral health prevention funding mechanisms;
- Collect aggregate data, with a focus on outcome based data;
- Collect disaggregated data, with a focus on race, ethnicity, parental income and education, and type of health insurance.

Funding

The Director of Children’s Initiatives is responsible for collaborating with the Departments of Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Medicaid, and Education regarding any funds necessary to complete the Stakeholder Group’s work. Any allocation of funds must be determined by those departments.⁶

Report and recommendations

At the conclusion of the 18-month period, the Director of Children’s Initiatives must complete a report that includes recommendations from the Stakeholder Group and submit it to the Governor and General Assembly.⁷

HISTORY

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⁶ Section 1(E).

⁷ Section 1(F); R.C. 101.68, not in the act.