Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Acute Care and Crisis Response (Derek's Promise) Task Force

Meeting Minutes **10/13/2026**

I.	**Call to Order**		
Time/Place	Date: 10/13/2026 Place: Virtual via Microsoft Teams Meeting Called to Order: 9:03 a.m.		
II.	**Roll Call**		
	Task Force Member	Status	
	Rep. Rhonda Butler (Chair)	Present	
	Bernard Brown (Co-Chair)	Present	
	Brian Bennett	Present	
	Brandon Bueche	(Carmen Valliere present on behalf of)	
	Liam Doyle	Present	
	Tiffani Ducote	Present	
	Lee Eagan	(Appointment not yet final; present)	
	Lacey Ellis	Present	
	Casey Henry	Present	
	Tish Johnson	Present	
	Shannon Maguire	Absent	
	Rep. Annie Spell	Present	
	Number of Members Present: **9**	Quorum: **Yes**	
III.	**Agenda**		
	III.	Approval of Minutes • September 15, 2026	**Brown** displayed the minutes from the September 15, 2026 meeting and opened the floor for public comment on the minutes. None received. **Butler** motion to approve the minutes; **Spell** second. No objections. No amendments. Motion passes.
	IV.	Presentation from Bernard Brown on Emergency Room/Medicaid Data	**Brown** presented a PowerPoint on "How OIDD and Non-OIDD members use acute and emergency care: Acute care costs, ER visits, hospital stays and top ER diagnoses: Medicaid Utilization Comparison for SFY 2025." The Task Force discussed:

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		• Behavioral health vs. physical health diagnoses, possible causal factors for self-injurious behavior, and potential related limitations in the data • Whether the data could be sorted by ICF vs. non-ICF I/DD populations
V.	Task Force Work Plan	• **Discussion of Areas of Focus** The Task Force discussed: o Importance of caregiver involvement and support, particularly for nonverbal individuals, in appropriate diagnosis and care o Leveraging dual diagnosis for co-occurring behavioral issues to improve ICF readmissions post-ER stay o Training for front-line medical staff on communication, diagnosis, and care for people with I/DD; and potential partnerships with medical schools o Rate model flexibility, shifting from ICAP to more acuity-based rate-setting, and work already underway o Difficulty of measuring prevention effects and tie to specific types of prevention o Leveraging Dual Special Needs Plans for individuals eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare to coordinate care and supports o Capacity building to support and adapt services for individuals with I/DD; tapping national best practices; partnering with other states for training; incentive options for hospitals and other providers o Three areas of focus for recommendations: training for hospital staff and acute care practitioners on supporting people with I/DD; capacity-building partnerships with hospitals; and billing flexibility for BCBAs and other behavioral health specialists, separate from in-patient stays.

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		Brown opened the floor for public comment at multiple points during the discussion, and comments were received from: ○ Ashley McReynolds ○ Claire James ○ Kensie Lasseigne • **Discussion and Consideration of Future Meeting Dates and Topics** The Task Force discussed potential meeting dates/times, and whether the meeting should be in-person or virtual, and reached consensus on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 9-11 a.m., and meeting virtually to allow for more participation.
VI.	**Additional Public Comment**	
	Public comment was received from: • Claire James Additional comments were received in the Teams Chat from the following members of the public: • Sandra Trammell • Casie Trosclair • Ashley McReynolds • Amy Miller • Claire James • Mylinda Elliott • Colleen Kelly	
VII.	**Adjournment**	
	Motion by Bernard Brown to adjourn until 9 a.m., Tuesday, November 17, 2026, and to hold the meeting virtually. No objections**.** Meeting adjourned 11:02 a.m. **Next Task Force meeting:** Tuesday, November 17, 2026 Time: 9 a.m. Location: Teams https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/295588311037650?p=f4iy2sWvRSFsAcFO6j	

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