

## Response to CSAC Issue Brief, June 25, 2021

Response dated January 4, 2022

CSAC made 6 recommendations to the System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC). The Council considered this brief at the December 7, 2021 meeting and thanks Sandy Bumpus and Joseph Stepanenko for representing CSAC at the meeting.

Please find replies to each recommendation below:

1. That the statewide SOCAC provide an intentional behavioral health and wellness communication pathway, and regular reporting (at least quarterly) to CSAC around system of care related policy development, planning, fiscal development, coordination across systems and evaluation of SOC service delivery and functioning.

**Response:** The SOCAC recognizes that a strong system of care requires collaboration across systems and agrees with this recommendation.

**Next steps:** Agree a liaison and reporting pathway. The SOCAC wants to ensure that this is a communication loop and does not put members in a position of having to represent SOCAC.

Options for consideration:

- Information can be provided to CSAC with the SOCAC Executive Director attending CSAC quarterly and present on the work that is happening
  - There are shared members that can report on the SOCAC. CSAC can decide who is the SOCAC representative.
2. The statewide SOCAC ensure representation of at least one member of the statewide SOCAC to be a member of CSAC.

**Response:** SB1 (2021) limits the ability of the SOCAC to change composition of members, however SB4 (2021) allows reconsideration of this via future legislation.

**Next steps:** This recommendation is being referred to the SOC council composition group. The proposal made is that this could be in by-laws for both groups and not in statute for simplicity.

3. That the CSAC members are considered as a group of potential members for the statewide SOCAC for involvement on subcommittees and workgroups associated with the statewide SOCAC.

**Response:** The SOCAC agrees with this recommendation. The list of dates and times for SOCAC committees is [available](#) and all CSAC members are

welcome to actively participate in any committees. This information has been shared with CSAC members at a CSAC monthly meeting.

4. That the statewide SOCAC offer the ability of other state level systems advisory councils to also have a similar role and relationship as what is being proposed for CSAC. These groups include: Statewide Advisory Council on Special Education (Education program area), State Child Welfare Advisory Council – (Child Welfare/Foster Care program area), Children’s Statewide Advisory Group – (I/DD program area) and the Family Advisory Councils, State Interagency Coordinating Council (Early Childhood) and groups such as those on this list related to Children’s System of Care.

**Response:** The SOCAC agrees with this recommendation.

**Next steps:** The SOCAC will be working to establish intentional engagement with relevant advisories and believes that doesn’t have to be membership but can be information sharing for awareness.

The SOCAC needs to understand purpose and scope of each advisory and proposes that this will be a task for the new SOC Executive Director.

5. Develop alternative, meaningful and connected ways of engagement and feedback from youth, young adults, and families who are involved in the SOC service delivery and share their experiences. The desire is to have holistic ways to provide voice which is integrated into work of the statewide SOCAC.

**Response:** The SOCAC agrees with this recommendation and sees this as integral to the work set out for the SOC in the [System of Care Plan](#) for Oregon issued November 4, 2021.

6. Youth, young adults and families are offered stipends for their participation in providing feedback to the statewide SOCAC and are given support to prepare them for these meetings, are supported through the process of sharing, and after the meeting.

**Response:** The SOCAC agrees with this recommendation.

Note: Oregon law allows state Board and Commission members to receive statutory per diem compensation and reimbursement of certain expenses for each day or portion thereof which they spend time performing Board or Commission duties. House Bill 2992, which was passed during the 2021 Legislative session, is intended to reduce systemic barriers to participation in state Boards and Commissions. [FAQs on HB 2992](#).

**Next steps:** This recommendation is referred to staff and the composition workgroup for exploration of options for payments for other youth and family member participants who are not officially appointed members.