

**For Discussion Only**  
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**Vision:** *All Children in Iowa have access to the integrated system of coordinated services and supports they need in their communities to successfully reach adulthood*

- There is a need to build a bigger, broad comprehensive children's system that
  - includes all children/youth.
- This system's primary focus will be to make the existing silos more porous with a
  - seamless transition to the adult system. This is an opportunity to connect them
  - for the common good of the children/youth and families.
- There may be a need to develop an intelligent coordinating entity, such as a
  - governance board. This board will help to connect the silos. Who you want at the table of governance?

**The challenges to creating an IDEAL Governance Board**

Have the power to make decisions and effect change.

Have the will to make (mandate?) change.

Must be the right individuals to build the system and individuals who have the  
 appropriate authority from their agency/department.

Can they make data-driven decisions/effective change?

Can they make evidence-based decisions?

Children/youth and family members are involved, and have a means to have  
 them participate with the use of technology/webinar so participation can occur  from afar. This will allow for more active participation.

Specific charge to the workgroup with outcomes: create a means of obtaining  
 aggregate data for system performance; there are inequities across the state in  terms of access and overall inefficiencies to leverage funding for reinvestment

Legislative deliverables.

Cross agency systems for problem solving.

A means to report outcomes.

Sunset clause with renewal potential/opportunities.

Include private providers.

Solve system problems.

Outreach— board is expected to go out to the communities and talk with  
□community leaders, families, providers, etc. □

### **Summary of SWOT**

#### Strengths –

State Level: statewide partnership (including public/private), collaborative experience and commitment with some financial resource

Local Level: There are pockets of excellent providers, providers and systems

#### Weaknesses –

State Level: Lack of people, infrastructure and “system” as well as fear and anxiety around change

Local Level: Hard to define a populations of focus when population centers are varied, services are kept in silos and communication among providers varies. Poverty and diversity among children are increasing

#### Opportunities –

State Level: Now is the time to create a new system – there is political will, resources and new models for care available

Local Level: Families and non-traditional partners are more involved so that children can stay in their communities where resources co-exist and are shared.

#### Threats –

State Level: the demographics are changing, families are more stressed and the change needed is overwhelming especially in the face of a decrease in resources

Local Level: Disparities among communities in funding and services continue along side an anti-government feeling. Communities feel that their identity is threatened.