

ACMHAI Membership Meeting

Challenges and Changes for the I/DD Community

April 25, 2024



Agenda

- **Introduction**
- **Overarching Goals of IARF**
- **Recent Accomplishments**
- **2024 Strategic Framework**
- **Initiatives In Play**
- **Working Together**





Introductions

- **Incorporated in 1975 – Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities**
- **Primarily Vocational Rehabilitation Providers.**

- **Evolved as provider community evolved over time.**
- **5 Staff focused on Community, Advocacy, and Policy**

Overarching Goals of IARF

- Guiding Principles:
 - Community-based services must be person-centered and accountable.
 - Services and supports must be sustainable to foster innovation.
- Organizational Imperatives:
 - Advance policy priorities focused on high quality services and supports.
 - Facilitate membership networking and engagement to foster a community of practice.
 - Promote and share best practices to meet the needs of individuals and families
 - Proliferate system intelligence and navigation.



Moving Priorities Forward

**2023 Community, Policy, and
Advocacy Outcomes**

Community, Advocacy, Policy

Community

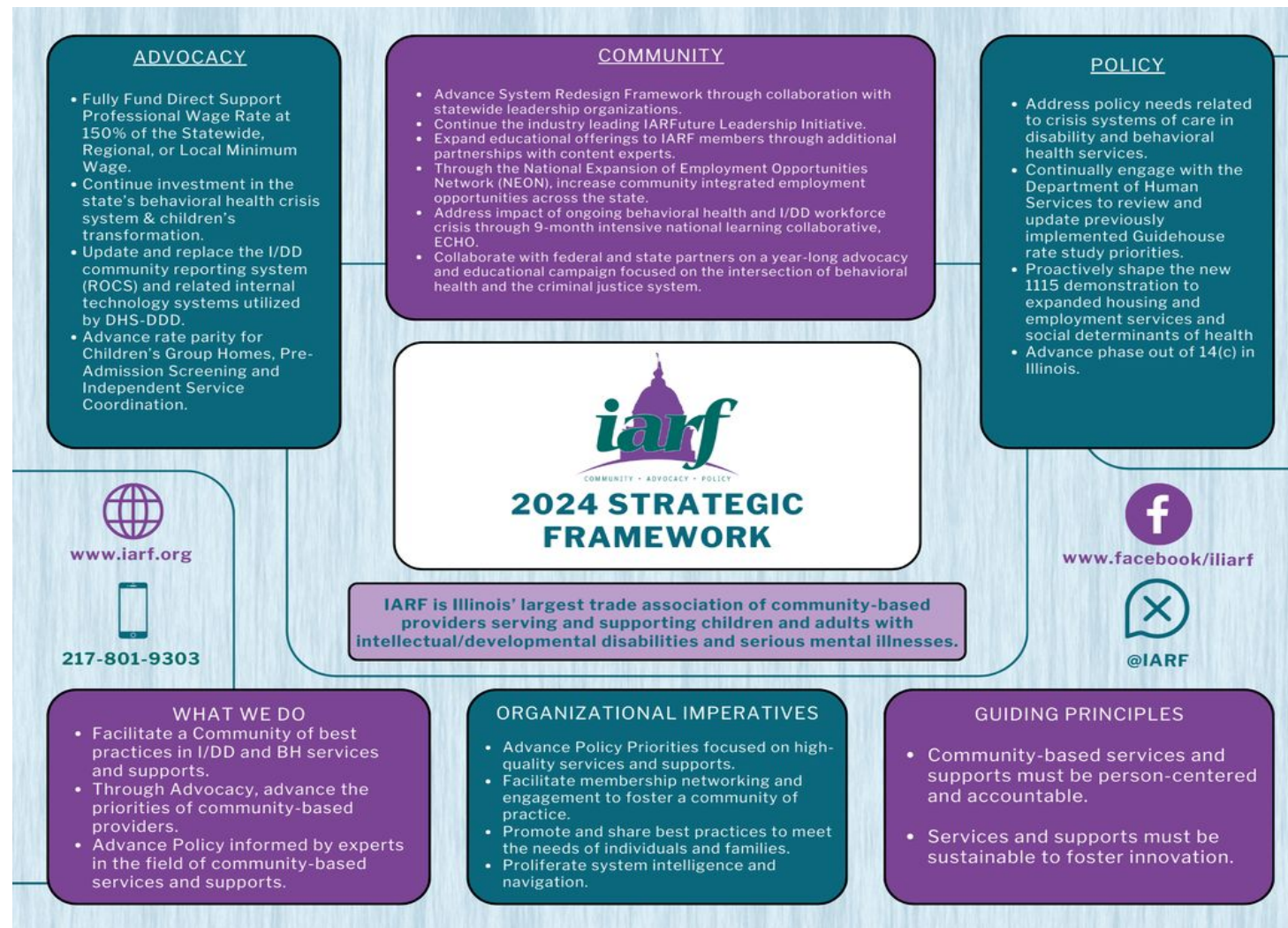
- **Piloted ABA Skills Training**
- **Statewide FLS Trainings**
- **Continued NEON TA**
- **Grew Conference Attendance**

Advocacy

- **\$2.50/hr DSP wage rate increase.**
- **15% Rate regionalization factor for NE Illinois.**
- **\$30 million for targeted Medicaid mental health rates.**

Policy

- **Expanded and increased funding for Community Behavioral Health Professional Loan Repayment**
- **Funded I/DD Telemedicine consulting**
- **Expand STSH & LTSH models**
- **Advanced CCBHC models**



2024 Strategic Framework

Issues in Play

SB 3764/HB 4806 - \$3.00/hr DSP Wage Rate Legislation

SB 3522 – Targeted Medicaid Psychiatric Services Rates

HB 793 – Dignity in Pay

SB 860 – Rationalizing Medication Administration

HB 4475 – Strengthening BH Parity

Working Together!

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