



## June 5

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## DIRECTOR'S DESK



[Molly Marsh](#), NACBH Association Director

School years are ending, the days are longer and summer vacations are on the mind. Wherever your summer travels may take you, know that NACBH is using our “summer vacation” to set off on a whole new adventure for the organization. You may recall that members of the NACBH Board of Directors gathered for a strategic planning session in late March; since then we’ve been

busy developing an implementation plan to translate that great vision for your association into the tangible resources, benefits and services that make your membership experience so worthwhile.

We plan to roll-out the strategic plan at the 2019 Public Policy Conference, highlighting the roadmap for our shared journey. But we're enjoying the planning so much we just had to share our goal statements so you, too, can begin to look forward to the amazing future in store for your association:

- 1. Membership – To build a diverse, dynamic, engaged membership which sustains the growth and reflects the values of NACBH.**
- 2. Identity – To position NACBH as a community for leaders and emerging leaders impacted by policy and rapidly-changing environments.**
- 3. Sustainability – To provide an ongoing, stable and transparent foundation for NACBH.**

Over the course of the next few weeks, we'll reveal just how we'll be working together to tackle each goal along the journey, so stay tuned to [nacbh.org](http://nacbh.org). Can't wait to get involved? [Contact us](#) and you can be a part of the ride from the beginning.

Get excited – we're getting ready to embark on an amazing trip!

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## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

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### States Delaying Family First Implementation

Just after we reported on this last month, the [Chronicle of Social Change](#) received additional information from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), adding 10 states to the earlier-reported 17, along with two territories and three native tribes. The list will almost certainly grow as October 1 approaches with necessary federal policy guidance in short supply. Currently, the *Chronicle* shows these expected delays:

1-year delay: Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Pennsylvania

2-year delay: Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Chickasaw Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community.

The sheer number of states that have announced they will delay demonstrates the unrealistic timeline that Congress imposed in passing such a sweeping reform of the child welfare system. Underlining the utter absurdity of the all-or-nothing implementation deadline is that 12 of the above-listed states are currently operating IV-E waivers that will end September 30. They will have to revert to the letter of the old IV-E law for a year or two, while putting their Family First implementation plans together. We don't have to describe for NACBH members what kind of havoc that will wreak.



### NACBH Submits Comments to MACPAC on The Medicaid IMD Exclusion

As earlier reported, the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) [requested](#) public comments about how Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs) are organized, regulated and paid, the types of services they offer, and the availability of community-based services for persons discharged from their 24-hour care.

NACBH took the opportunity to provide MACPAC with a description of how the Medicaid IMD exclusion restricts access to a full array of services for children and conflicts with states' obligations under their child welfare plans to provide for foster children's safety and wellbeing. We highlighted the looming threat of significant system disruption when the Family First Act is implemented.

[NACBH's comments](#) were submitted just before the deadline at close of business last Friday. We hope that the Commission will take us up on our offer to provide additional information – if not for the current study, which has a scope of inquiry prescribed by the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, then for future policy discussions at MACPAC.

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### Webinar: Approaches to Evaluating Services for Youth and Young Adults of Transition Age

June 27, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Eastern

The [Pathways](#) Research and Training Center at Portland State University will host this webinar to describe approaches for assessing services, supports and systems that serve older youth and young adults with significant mental health needs. The focus will be on assessment tools and strategies that are sustainable and efficient, and that produce useful data for stakeholders. Wraparound Milwaukee will share information about their [O-YEAH](#) program, including assessment strategies, findings, and how the findings have been used to improve and sustain services and systems.

[Register Here](#)

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### OJP Announces New Funding Opportunities

The Office of Justice Programs at the Department of Justice has announced two funding opportunities that may interest NACBH members:



- *Specialized Services and Mentoring for Child and Youth Victims of Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation:* Applicants may respond to only one of three program categories in this [solicitation](#): specialized services and mentoring for child and youth victims of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation; enhanced service delivery for boys who are victims of sex and labor trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, and preventing sex trafficking of girls and involvement in the juvenile justice system. For all three categories, OJP will consider applications from multiple entities (with one identified as the lead), which offers providers the opportunity to collaborate with other private or public entities without assuming responsibility for

the full scope of services. Up to 11 36-month awards will be made, three for enhanced services for boys and four for each of the other two categories, for up to \$450,000 each. A solicitation webinar will be held on June 18 at 1:30 Eastern; register [here](#). Application deadline: July 29, 2019.

- *Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims:* Up to 12 tribal and 12 non-tribal organizations will each receive up to \$750,000 for a period of 36 months, beginning October 1, 2019. The [solicitation](#) describes required activities and deliverables under three objectives: deliver information, services, and support to children and youth who are crime victims as a result of the opioid crisis; build and implement a feedback system to further identify and define the scope of the community- or jurisdiction-specific problem; and establish or enhance a seamless, comprehensive, community-driven, and multidisciplinary response to the target population. An optional pre-application webinar including Q&A will be held on June 10 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Eastern; register [here](#). Application deadline: July 11, 2019.

The grant solicitations incorporate the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) by reference, and applicants must register with [Grants.gov](#) before submitting an application. Even if you're not interested in these particular grant solicitations, it's worth reviewing the guide and registering on Grants.gov now, to be ready for future opportunities. It may also be useful to register for one or both webinars, to get a sense of how some OJP grants are structured.

## ENGAGE WITH NACBH

### NACBH Board of Directors Call for Nominations!

You are successful in your position as a CEO or leader of your organization because of the skills you possess and your dedication to advancing the work of caring for youth, children and families in your communities. We invite you to share your passion and talents with NACBH – and lead your association's strategic transformation – as a member of the Board of Directors.

2019 Board of Directors

Nominations Now Open!

[Click here](#) for full details on the nominating process. If you have any questions about nominating yourself or a colleague, please contact [Molly Marsh](#).

### Upcoming Vacancies

- 2019 - 2021 Vice President/President Elect
- 2019 - 2021 Directors
- 2019 - 2020 Director at Large (non-voting)

[Submit Your Nomination Here](#)



### Family First Prevention Services Act: Let's Talk!

We're delighted to announce that John Kelly, Editor-in-Chief of the [Chronicle of Social Change](#) – and the man behind the Freedom of Information Act request, appeal and follow-up that surfaced the list of delaying states – will join us at NACBH's

upcoming [Public Policy Conference](#).

Leading our session on the Family First Prevention Services Act, John will share the information he has gathered through his excellent and energetic reporting, from the feds, the states and the field. He's looking forward to a dynamic exchange with NACBH members and other meeting participants, to chew over the implications of both the guidance that has eked out and the policy questions left to be answered. He'll have up-to-the-minute information from the *Chronicle's* Who Cares project, an annual survey of foster family and group care capacity with additional questions this year on states' plans for Family First.

Launched in 2013, the *Chronicle of Social Change* is the premier online news publication producing solution-based reporting on child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health and educational issues faced by vulnerable children. This is a great opportunity to bring the attention of their national audience to the questions that should be asked – and need to be answered.

Check out the [conference program](#) for other exciting session and speaker updates!

[Register Here for the Public Policy Conference](#)

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## Conference Hotel Rate Deadline: June 18

Don't forget! Confirm your stay with the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill by June 18 to secure the [discounted conference rate!](#)



[Make a Reservation](#)



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## 2019 Emerging Best Practices Conference

NACBH is excited to announce that the **2019 Emerging Best Practices Conference**, December 5-6, will focus on the **Family First Prevention Services Act**. Want to help support your fellow members in looking for new program opportunities, evidence-based practices and more? Join the Program Committee! If you'd like to join, contact [Lily Pennington](#).

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## Best Practices Committee

**Join the Committee at the Standing Monthly Conference Call:**

**3rd Tuesday of each month, 1:00 – 2:00 (Eastern)**

Access information on the committee page or contact [lpennington@nacbh.org](mailto:lpennington@nacbh.org)