



Representing community providers of services and supports for children and adults with intellectual / developmental disabilities, mental illness and other disabilities.

## **IARF 2017 PLAN FOR ACTION AND ACHIEVEMENT**

At no time before has there been a more critical need for IARF to be clear in its goals, identified outcomes, and directed advocacy. Our members rely on us to lead them through challenging times. To that end, the Board of Directors has established the following priorities.

- *Sustainability and growth of the community-based system of care.*
- *System accountability that is person-centered and focused on the lived experience of individuals with ID/DD and SMI residing in the community.*
- *A strong Community of Practice that prioritizes collaboration, sharing and implementing best practices, and education.*

To achieve those priorities, strategies will be implemented as outlined below.

### **Sustainability and growth of the community-based system of care.**

- *Seek information from the Administration about their priorities with the FY17/18 budgets.*
- *Utilize access through consultants to present the priorities of IARF for the FY17/18 budgets.*
- *Identify opportunities for additional revenue and advocate for consideration.*
- *Employ the trained and aware grassroots members of IARF to elevate our message on the budget.*
- *Engage providers not affiliated with IARF or other trades to bring their voice to the budget discussion.*

### **System accountability that is person-centered and focused on the lived experience of individuals with ID/DD and SMI residing in the community.**

- *Focus discussions and decisions on items that enable providers to meet the expectations of individuals and families, comply with regulators and funders, and prioritize the reality of funding versus compliance.*
- *Embrace uncertainty by identifying and influencing changes so that providers are clearly informed of expectations from funders and not disadvantaged by lack of decisions.*
- *Initiate clear communication as the ongoing foundation of cooperation and partnership.*

### **Communities of practice through collaboration, sharing and implementing best practices, and education.**

- *Continue member skill development so they are civically engaged leaders in their communities and statewide.*
- *Increase member participation so they might offer their skills and experience to development of policy.*
- *Include the right people at the right levels at the right time to ensure our advocacy is proactive to the degree possible.*
- *Seek and establish partnerships that increase IARF's ability to increase competencies and confidence.*

**Contact:** Joshua Evans  
Vice President of  
Government Relations  
E: [jevans@iarf.org](mailto:jevans@iarf.org)  
P: 217-725-7859

Sarah Myerscough-Mueller  
Director of Policy for  
Developmental Disabilities  
E: [smyerscough-mueller@iarf.org](mailto:smyerscough-mueller@iarf.org)  
P: 217-836-9584

Emily Miller  
Director of Policy for  
Behavioral Health  
E: [emiller@iarf.org](mailto:emiller@iarf.org)  
P: 217-753-1190

Janet S. Stover, President / CEO  
Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, Inc.

206 South Sixth Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Phone: (217) 753-1190  
Fax: (217) 525-1271