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Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)
N.B. Stakeholder Subcommittee
Monday, March 23, 2026, | 3:00 P.M. to 4:30 PM

Members Present

Janeth Barba
Stephanie Barisch
Michelle Churchey-Mims
Regina Crider
Jud DeLoss
Stephanie Duckworth
Andy Durbin
Michele Esser
Michelle Herron
Amelia Joseph
Jason Keeler
Jeff Lata
Emily Miller
Dee Ann Ryan
Diana Taylor Meneses

Family Service Association of Greater Elgin Area
Center for Youth and Family Solutions
Community Behavioral Healthcare Association (CBHA)
Family Advocate
Illinois Association for Behavioral Health (IABH)
Centerstone of Illinois
Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY)
Lake County Health Department
Community and Residential Services Authority
Pillars Community Health
Allendale Association
DuPage County Health Department
Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (IARF)
Family Advocate
Children's Home Association of Illinois

Members Absent

Angie Hampton
Laura Kane
Michael Naylor

Egyptian Health Department
Marshmallow's HOPE Nonprofit Organization
University of Illinois at Chicago

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call of Committee Members** (Quorum achieved. Meeting initiated at 3:02 pm)
- III. Meeting Minutes** (1-26-26 meeting minute were approved)
- IV. Introduction of HFS Staff** (No new HFS staff were present)
- V. HFS Presentation:**
 1. Implementation Update
 - A. Starting in January 2026, HFS began sending each CCSO and MCO the full list of NB Class Members that were newly identified or redetermined eligible within their DSAs.
 1. Tier 1 = 147 Tier 2 = 962
 2. CCSOs that do not have adequate staff remain responsible for



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supporting the identified NB Class Members in their DSA by contacting the Class Member and their guardian to determine if they would like to participate in other Pathways services while waiting for a care coordinator to begin services

- The CCSO is responsible for reviewing the IM+CANS with the family, updating it to include the requested Pathways services and making referrals to the other Pathways providers.

3. HFS is continuing to work on identifying and onboarding additional Pathways service providers in DSA 10 and an Intensive Home-Based provider in DSA 8.
4. HFS will be revising the Quarterly Implementation Updates to include overall service utilization information.

B. HFS meets regularly with CCSOs and other stakeholders to ensure that we provide updates and allow for adequate input and feedback.

1. HFS continues to meet with each of the CCSOs individually on a monthly basis to troubleshoot identified issues and has reinstated the monthly all CCSO Office Hours meetings.
2. HFS staff attended the CBHA-facilitated Office Hour meetings to discuss program changes, answer questions, and gather feedback.

C. HFS has finished the RFQ process for DSAs 27, 28, and 29a as well as DSA 7. UCAN will assume CCSO responsibilities in DSAs 27, 28 and 29a. Memorial will assume CCSO responsibilities in DSA 7. Final start dates will be determined after readiness reviews are completed.

2. Strategies to improve youth/family engagement in the Pathways to Success program.

- A. Presentation from Hope Wins regarding Family Run Organization operations and family engagement strategies
- B. Presentation from Family First regarding Family Run Organization operations and family engagement strategies

3. Discussion

A. What is the timeline for PRTF implementation?

1. Implementation has been delayed due to concerns regarding children's safety in PRTFs that was identified by the Senate Finance Committee and will result in new federal requirements for PRTF oversight. In addition, Pathways to Success services need to be



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further developed before PRTFs are brought in-state and current budget pressures require HFS to focus on Pathways services first.

B. When will N.B. Class Members who are DCFS Youth in Care be enrolled in Pathways?

1. HFS continues to collaborate with DCFS. No timeframe has been established by DCFS to enroll N.B. Class Members who are DCFS Youth in Care into Pathways.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Additional Business: Old & New

A. Items for future discussion

1. Engagement strategies
2. Marketing Strategies

B. HFS Announcements

VIII. Adjournment (Meeting ended at 4:12 pm)
