

MCO Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: Thursday, April 23, 2026 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: This meeting was held virtually on the WebEx Platform.

Audience: MCO Oversight Commission

MCO Oversight Group Members Present:

Co-Chair (*)

Anthony (Tony) LoSasso, Academic Expert on Medicaid Managed Care Program

Arti Barnes, Illinois Department of Public Health

Camille Lilly*, State Representative

Charles (Matt) Hartman, Rep. of a Long-Term Care Association

Cornetta Levi, Pharmacy Representative of a Pharmacy

David Sharar, Representative of Behavioral Health Providers

Garth Reynolds, Representative of Pharmacists

Gerald (Jud) DeLoss, Representative of a Behavioral Health Association

Jennie Pinkwater, Representative of Pediatricians

Jordan Powell, Member of Statewide Assoc. Representing Maj. of Hospitals

Marie Rucker, Representative of a Development Disability Association

Mark Corey, Dept. of Human Services

Sen. Mattie Hunter*, State Senator

Nadeen Israel, Medicaid Consumer Advocate

Nina Davis, Department of Children and Family Services

Olumide (Ollie) Idowu, Representative of Federally Qualified Health Centers

MCO Oversight Proxies Present:

Melissa Woodbury, proxy for **David Sharar**, Representative of Behavioral Health Providers

Cheryl Larson, proxy for **Sen. Dave Syverson**, State Senator

Sarah Sugar, proxy for **Keshonna Lones**, Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Absences Recorded:

Audrey Tanksley, Representative of an Association Representing Physicians

Caprice Carthans, Medicaid Consumer

Sen. Dave Syverson, State Senator

Raul Garza, Member of Statewide Association Representing Primary Care Providers

Ryan Spain, State Representative

William Simon, Representative of a Dental Association

HFS Staff Present:

HFS Director (*)

Medicaid Administrator ()**

Melishia Bansa

Sarah Sugar

Sue DeBoer

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Senator Mattie Hunter, MCO Commission Co-Chair, on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 12:08 PM via the WebEx Platform.
 - A. **General Meeting Operations and Communications:** This was provided by Melishia Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach | Boards and Commissions.
- II. **Welcome by Co-Chairs:** Comments provided by Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach | Boards and Commissions.
- III. **Roll Call of MCO Commission Members:** Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach | Boards and Commissions, facilitated roll call of Commission Members. **Quorum was confirmed.**
- IV. **Introduction to HFS Staff:** Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach | Boards and Commissions, introduced HFS staff who were present at the meeting. Dana Kelly, Chief of Staff, Helena Lefkow, Deputy Administration, Managed Care Performance, Keshonna Lones, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Managed Care, Sarah Sugar, Special Assistant to the Director for Managed Care.
- V. **Review of Meeting Minutes:** Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach | Boards and Commissions, called for a motion to approve the July 24, 2025 and December 10, 2025 meeting minutes. Nadeen Israel, MCO Commission member, moved to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Garth Reynolds, MCO Commission member. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
- VI. **Healthcare & Family Services Executive Presentations: Complete presentations will be made available under the MCO Oversight Commission Presentations Decks at the following link:** [Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Commission \(illinois.gov\)](https://www.illinois.gov/medicaid/managed-care/oversight-commission).
 - A. **Point 9:** presented by Sarah Sugar, HFS Senior Public Service Administrator, briefly reviewed compliance of all MCOs with state contracts and penalties for non-compliance.
 - B. **Point 3:** presented by Sue DeBoer, HFS Bureau Chief of Quality Management, briefly reviewed and assessed the appropriateness of metrics used in the Pay-for-Performance programs.
 - C. **MCO Oversight Commission Annual Report:** presented by Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach | Boards and Commissions, briefly discussed the annual report, which was submitted December 2025. The next report is due in December 2026.
- VII. **Discussion:** No further discussion.
- VIII. **Public Comments:** None.
- IX. **Additional Business Old & New:**
 - A. **Items for Future Discussion** were provided by Senator Hunter, MCO Oversight Co-Chair. Suggestion made for HFS to provide updates on procurement awardees of MCO state contracts at next meeting, as well as term conditions.
 - B. **HFS Announcements:**
 - i. **Meeting Dates:** upcoming meetings: July 8, September 9, December 9.
 - ii. **Reminder to complete trainings**
- X. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:09 P.M.
 - A. **Motion:** Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach | Boards and Commissions, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Camille Lilly, MCO Co-chair, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nadeen Israel, MCO Commission member. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**