

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services**  
**IM+CANS Workgroup**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 12, 2022**  
**Held virtually via WebEx**

**1. Roll Call**

Stephanie Barisch	Center for Youth and Family Solutions
Matt Stinson	University of Illinois School of Social Work
Ellie Feldmann	JCFS
Carmen Gonzalez-Djangi	Metropolitan Family Services
Cris Mugrage	Sinnissippi Centers
Chelsea Mueller	Heritage Behavioral Health
Carlie Kasten	Community Resource Center
Daphne Bogenschneider	The Helen Wheeler Center
Laura Kuever	Catholic Charities
Eileen Niccolai	Thresholds
Virginia Rossi	Thresholds

**A quorum was established with 11 of 14 members present.**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- a. The minutes from the January 5, 2022 meeting were approved with no edits.

**3. Review and Continued Discussion of Policy Bucket Items**

- a. The items in the policy bucket were reviewed for additional items to add the list, modify, or remove.
- b. Suggestion to remove the item to extend the IM+CANS reassessment timeline from 180-days.
  - i. Workgroup members indicated that, based on the conversations in previous meetings addressing the expectations for the 180-day reassessment and intervening updates, this item did not need further discussion. The reassessment should be a review to see if the IM+CANS accurately reflects the needs/strengths of the clients, modify accordingly, and document to support maintenance, progression, or regression.
- c. The requirement for LPHA review and approval of the IM+CANS was discussed. HFS indicated that this was not an item that could be implemented, as it is a requirement of Medicaid.
  - i. It was discussed how this does create a challenge at agencies because of staffing issues, as the LPHA review is required at every review/update.
- d. The Workgroup suggested forming a small group to review the requirements for the ACT/CST monthly care plan review.
  - i. Items for consideration include allowing a QMHP to supervise the team and moving the care plan requirement to quarterly rather than monthly.

- e. Several items included in the Policy bucket originally were moved to more appropriate buckets, an updated list has been sent to the workgroup and posted to the HFS Website.
- f. The requirements for Therapy Counseling: Brief Intervention was discussed, including possibly making a recommendation to allow a QMHP to provide the service under the supervision of an LPHA.

**4. Next Steps**

- a. The Workgroup reviewed items for discussion for the January 26 meeting, including continuing the Therapy Counseling: Brief Intervention conversation, an update on the HRA Workgroup, and discussing the final items in the Policy Bucket.

**5. Adjournment**