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Medicaid Advisory Committee
Community Integration (CI) Subcommittee
WebEx Meeting Minutes - Approved
March 3, 2022, 3-5 PM

CI Subcommittee Members

Present

Amber Smock (Chair), Access
Living
Jessie Beebe, AIDS Foundation of
Chicago
Kathy Carmody, Institute on Public
Policy for People with
Disabilities
Sydney Edmond, Illinois Public
Health Institute
Maria 'Carmen' Gonzalez DJangi,
Metropolitan Family Services
Amie Lulinski, The Arc of Illinois
Ann Lundy, Access Community
Health Network
Jodi Mahoney, North Central
Behavioral Health Systems
Missy Munday, Cornerstone Services
Marsha Nelson, Shawnee Health
Service
Mark Stutrud, Lutheran Social
Services of Illinois
Ashley Warren, NAMI Chicago
Greg Will, SEIU Healthcare Illinois-
Indiana

**Department of Healthcare and
Family Services (HFS) Staff
Present**

Melishia Bansa
Arvind Goyal, MD
Susana Marchan-Ochoa
Kim McCullough

Cynthia Mester
Robin Morgan
Gabriela Moroney
Lauren Tomko
Pamela Winsel

Other State Staff Present

Meg Cooch, Department of Human
Services (DHS) Division of
Developmental Disabilities
(DDD)
Amy Lulich, Department on Aging
(Aging)
Lora McCurdy, Aging
Kimberly Mercer-Schleider, Illinois
Council on Developmental
Disabilities
Rahnee Patrick, Director, DHS
Division of Rehabilitation
Services
Carrie Wilcox, DHS Division of
Mental Health

Public Attendees

Randa Abdelrahim
Yesica Alvarez
Sherie Arriazola Martinez
L. Marie Asad
Lore Baker
Dani Brazee
Cassandra Broadway
Barb Cohen
Celia Corona
Laurinda Dodgen

David Esposito
Kristen FeldLeticia Galvez
Chante Gamby
Dawn Gay
Antoine Givens
Michael Grice
Gretchen Grieser
Gail Hamilton
Jill Hayden
Dave Hurter
Andrea Kindseth
Mike Maginn
Sarah McCoy
Ryan McGraw
Kira Meskin
Angel Miles
Emily Miller
Nica Nuestro
San O
Shqipe Osmani
Stephanie Peden-Fox
Donna Peek
Sharon Pittman
Shelly Richardson
Andrea Rizor
Margaretta Ross-Senyah
Michael Roszyk
Marina Salman
Heather Souba
Angela Stewart
Stella Van Dan Eeden
Kaoru Watanabe
Nana Wiafe-Gyambrah

- I. **Call to Order** – Amber Smock, chairperson of the subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
- II. **Review and approval of meeting minutes from November 4, 2021**— Amie Lulinski made a correction to the draft meeting minutes, which were then approved by the subcommittee.
- III. **Public Comment** – Several members of the public offered comment to the subcommittee: Randa Abdelrahim, Michael Grice, Gail Hamilton, Donna Peek, Celia Corona, Cassandra Broadway, and Angela Stewart. Comments conveyed issues and recommendations related to the following topics: home and community-based services (HCBS) for individuals with disabilities, including:
 - Lack of awareness among unpaid caregivers about professional/funded services and supports, often along cultural and religious lines.
 - Importance of communication between managed care organizations and service providers regarding home service plan.
 - Wage stagnation and high rates of employee turnover for home health workers.Additional public comment was received in written format from Marina Salman and Randa Abdelrahim regarding the experience of immigrants in accessing services.
- IV. **Discussion of Illinois’s HCBS American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending plan** – Pam Winsel from HFS reviewed and responded to subcommittee member questions about the state’s HCBS ARPA spending plan, for which the state has received conditional approval. Final approval is contingent upon the State meeting quarterly reporting requirements. The approval can be found here: <https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/ILFY2022Q2ConditionalApproval.pdf> .
- V. **Discussion of top Illinois HCBS workforce issues – Subcommittee members engaged** in discussion about Illinois HCBS workforce issues. Providers’ ability to compete with wages in other sectors was a central theme. Multiple members expressed appreciation for the individuals making public comment.
- VI. **Review proposed agendas for May and July meetings** – Chairperson Smock led the committee in a discussion of agenda items for the next two meetings. Consensus was established to address community mental health services, Money Follows the Person, and HCBS for immigrant groups in the May meeting.
- IX. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.

