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**Medicaid Advisory Committee
Community Integration (CI) Subcommittee
WebEx Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2022, 3-5 PM**

Subcommittee Members

Present

Amber Smock (Chair),
Access Living
Maria 'Carmen' Gonzalez
DJangi, Metropolitan Family
Services
Amie Lulinski, The Arc of
Illinois
Marsha Nelson, Shawnee
Health Service
Lashun James, Addus
HomeCare
Ashley Warren, NAMI
Chicago
Greg Will, SEIU Healthcare
Illinois-Indiana
Kimberly Mercer-Schleider,
Illinois Council on
Developmental Disabilities

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

Present

Melishia Bansa
Dr. Arvind Goyal
Kristin Hartsaw
Cynthia Mester

Robin Morgan
Gabriela Moroney
Pamela Winsel

Other State Staff Present

Meg Cooch, DHS-Division
of Developmental Disabilities
John Eckert, Department on
Aging (Aging)
Lora McCurdy, Aging
Rahnee Patrick, Director,
DHS Division of
Rehabilitation Services
Carrie Wilcox, DHS Division
of Mental Health

Other Participants Present

Terry Abbasy
Luis Andrade
Lore Baker
Eli Baum
Danie Brazee
Ellen Byrne
Arnold Davis
Maeve Dixon
Mike Spud Egbert
Tanya Ford
Michael Gelder
Jill Hayden

Patrick Hostert
Alison Howlett
Andrea Kindseth
Destiny Lee
Larry Lewis
Amy Lulich
Mona Martin
Ryan McGraw
Chanda Mehta
JB Meier
Dani Mendez
Emily Miller
Julie Mirostaw
Julie Nelson
Danica Nuestro
Karen
Shqipe Osmani
Shelly Richardson
Margaretta Ross-Senyah
Ken Ryan
Courtney Sedlacek
Jodi Scott
Alex Sierra
Stella Van Den Eede
Vicente Vargas
Liz Vincent
Yesica
JK
Amy Zimmerman

- I. **Call to order** - Amber Smock, chairperson of the subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 3:01. Gabriela Moroney went over housekeeping items.
- II. **Roll call of committee members** - Roll call completed.
- III. **Introduction of HFS staff**
- IV. **Review and approval of meeting minutes from May 5, 2022** – Marsha Nelson moved to approve the minutes from May 5, 2022. Lashun James seconded the motion and was approved by the subcommittee.
- V. **Recommendations drafting and timeline** – Amber Smock reviewed the process to date along with future deadlines. Subcommittee members’ input via survey response is due August 1st. Kimberly Mercer-Schleider reviewed survey which will be sent via email to committee. Once it is completed, please send to Amber Smock. The subcommittee voted to make the survey available to the public. Amber will draft the initial set of recommendations by September 1. After the subcommittee’s next meeting on September 1, Amber will also field any additional suggestions for the recommendations. The draft will then be discussed and hopefully approved at the November subcommittee meeting. Amber welcomes one-on-one assistance/input as the draft develops.
- VI. **Eligibility for Medicaid HCBS – Impact of income and asset limits** – Gabriela Moroney explained Medicaid eligibility criteria and Medicaid programs offered. Gabriela Moroney shared link to informational document: [IDHS: Impact of Employment on Eligibility for Medical Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities \(state.il.us\)](https://www.idhs.gov/IDHS-Impact-of-Employment-on-Eligibility-for-Medical-Assistance-for-Individuals-with-Disabilities-state.il.us).
- VII. **Subcommittee discussion on housing and community integration – issues and potential solution. Subcommittee members, please consider–**
 - What approved Medicaid housing-related initiatives in other states are relevant to community integration efforts in Illinois?
 - Lore Baker shared information on Texas System 811 housing.
 - Amber Smock discussed an affordable housing program in San Francisco called The Kelsey.
 - Meg Cooch reported they have partnered with developers in efforts to assist in the housing for people with disabilities.
 - HFS has submitted application for Money Follows the Person. Will hear about status sometime mid-August.
- VIII. **Additional Business: Old & New** – Next meeting 09/01/22 will be extended from 2 – 5 pm. Committee agreed to this change. It was also announced that Ann Lundy has stepped down as a member.
 - A. Items for future discussion - Items to be discussed for next meeting will be the Medically Fragile and Technology Dependent waivers, Aging Waiver and community-based services in relation to re-entry.
 - B. Melishia Bansa informed the subcommittee that a survey related to the Public Health Emergency was sent by email to every subcommittee along with toolkits, and asked members to check emails. A follow up email or call will be made to further discuss the survey.

- IX. Public Comments** – None at this time. The chair encouraged subcommittee members and attendees to use the public comment opportunity.
- X. Wrap up/action items** – None at this time.
- XI. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.