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**Medicaid Advisory Committee  
Community Integration (CI) Subcommittee  
WebEx Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2022, 2-5 PM**

**Subcommittee Members  
Present**

Amber Smock (Chair),  
Access Living  
Kathy Carmody, Institute  
on Public Policy for  
People with Disabilities  
Lashun James, Addus  
HomeCare  
Jordyn Jensen, UIC  
Department of  
Disabilities and Human  
Development  
Amie Lulinski, The Arc of  
Illinois  
Jodi Mahoney, North  
Central Behavioral Health  
Services  
Kimberly Mercer-  
Schleider, Illinois  
Council on  
Developmental  
Disabilities  
Missy Munday,  
Cornerstone Services  
Marsha Nelson, Shawnee  
Health Service  
Greg Will, SEIU  
Healthcare Illinois-  
Indiana

**Subcommittee Members  
Absent**

Lori Hendren, AARP  
Mark Stutrud, Lutheran  
Social Services of Illinois  
Ashley Warren, NAMI  
Chicago

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

Melishia Bansa  
Dr. Arvind Goyal  
Dani Mendez  
Cynthia Mester  
Robin Morgan  
Gabriela Moroney  
Lauren Tomko  
Pamela Winsel

**Other State Staff Present**

Mike Berkes, Department  
on Aging (Aging)  
Sally Lisnek, Aging  
Amy Lulich, Aging  
Lora McCurdy, Aging  
Meg Cooch, DHS-Division  
of Developmental  
Disabilities  
Carrie Wilcox, DHS  
Division of Mental  
Health

Rahnee Patrick, Director,  
DHS Division of  
Rehabilitation Services

**Other Participants  
Present**

Alicia Ozier  
Andrea Kindseth, LIFE  
CIL  
Andrea Rizor, EFE  
Bridgette Schram  
Brittani Provost DSCC  
Carrie Chapman  
cthompson  
Dave Hurter  
Eli Baum  
Elizabeth Durkin  
Jared Hoffman  
JB Meier  
Jennifer Di Nicola  
Jodi Newmark  
John W Abbate  
Julie Nelson  
Ken Ryan  
Kira Meskin Schiff  
Lindsay DuBois  
Liz Vincent  
Margaretta Ross-Senyah  
Meghan Carter  
Mike Maginn  
Rose Dunaway  
Shelly Richardson  
Shqipe Osmani

- I. **Call to order** - Amber Smock, chairperson of the subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 2:02.
- II. **Roll call of committee members** – Gabriela Moroney, HFS, completed roll call. She also announced the resignation of the following MAC Subcommittee Members: Jessie Beebe, Andrea Danes, Sydney Edmond, Carmen Gonzalez DJangi, and Ann Lundy.
- III. **Introduction of HFS staff** – Gabriela Moroney introduced HFS staff and representatives from other state agencies.
- IV. **Review and approval of meeting minutes from July 7, 2022** – Gabriela Moroney announced that the meeting minutes were not sent to subcommittee members with sufficient time for review. Kathy Carmody made a motion to postpone vote on approval of minutes until the next session. Amie Lulinski seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- V. **Subcommittee recommendations – status and instructions** – Chairperson Smock provided an update on the status of the development of the subcommittee’s recommendations to the Medicaid Advisory Committee. She expressed her intent to distribute updated draft recommendations by September 23, and asked subcommittee members to respond with additional input and edits by early October. She asked whether subcommittee members would be receptive to a special meeting in October to review the next iteration and identify last steps to finalize the recommendations. Kim Mercer-Schleider moved that the subcommittee meet the week of October 10. Kathy Carmody seconded, and the motion carried.
- VI. **HCBS Waiver Program for Medically Fragile/Technology Dependent Children**– Pam Winsel, Chief of the HFS Bureau of Waiver Operations made a presentation on the waiver program for Medically Fragile/Technology Dependent Children and engaged in Q&A with subcommittee members.
- VII. **Community Integration for the reentry population** – Sherie Arriazola Martinez from the Cook County Sheriff’s Office provided background on the needs of the individuals re-entering the community from carceral settings and engaged in dialogue with subcommittee members.
- VIII. **HCBS Waiver for Persons who are Elderly** – Lora McCurdy, Deputy Director of the Department on Aging, made a presentation on the waiver program for persons who are elderly. She and her colleagues from Aging engaged in Q&A with subcommittee members.
- IX. **Public Comments** – Gabriela Moroney announced that there were no requests for public or written comment in this meeting. She also announced a clarification of HFS policy on written comment, which is that written comment must be read into meeting record and must not exceed three minutes when read aloud. Instructions for public comment, including written comment, are included in the meeting notices.

- X. Additional Business: Old & New** – Gabriela Moroney reminded the subcommittee of the resignations announced earlier in the meeting. She also announced that HFS had recently received notice of an award of federal funding to establish a Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program. And Melishia Bansa asked subcommittee members to please be in touch with the HFS to support the Public Health Emergency unwinding efforts.
- XI. Adjournment** – Kathy Carmody moved to adjourn the meeting. Amie Lulinski seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.