

201 South Grand Ave. East
Springfield, Illinois 62704

Telephone: 1-217-782-1200
TTY: (800) 526-5812

Medicaid Advisory Committee
Community Integration (CI) Subcommittee
WebEx Meeting DRAFT Minutes
September 2, 2021, 2:30-4:30 PM

CI Subcommittee Members Present

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
Lori Hendren, AARP
LaShun James, Addus Homecare
Jordyn Jensen, UIC Department of Disability
and Human Development
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
Amber Smock, Access Living
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
Maureen Haugh Stover
Kim McCullough
Robin Morgan
Gabriela Moroney
Lauren Tomko
Pam Winsel

Public Attendees

Amy Bowers, Anixter Center
Ashley Deckert, Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Kristen Feld, Clearbrook
Jill Hayden, Medicaid Policy Network
Talya Hellman, Access Community Health
Network
Renee Kroplewski, CareAdvisors
Ryan McGraw, Access Living
Angel Miles, Access Living
Brielle Osting, CareAdvisors
Shquipe “Sheri” Osmani, SO Strategies, LLP
Ryan Voyles, Health News Illinois
Jeffery Wright, University of Illinois Hospital

Other State Staff Present

Casey Burke, Department of Human Services-
Division of Developmental Disabilities
(DHS-DDD)
Jean Davis, Governor’s Office of Early
Childhood Development
Amy Lulich, Department on Aging
Lora McCurdy, Department on Aging
Kimberly Mercer-Schleider, Illinois Council on
Developmental Disabilities
Rahnee Patrick, DHS-DDD
Carrie Wilcox, DHS-Division of Mental Health

- I. **Call to Order** – HFS staff member Gabriela Moroney called the meeting to order on September 2 at 2:35 PM.
- II. **Background and systems overview** – Ms. Moroney provided a presentation on the background of the subcommittee and the services available within the Illinois Medicaid program that support community integration. See attached presentation for content.
- III. **Introductions of subcommittee members** – Subcommittee members introduced themselves and provided information about their interest in serving on the subcommittee. Generally speaking, subcommittee members voiced strong enthusiasm for their work on the subcommittee.
- IV. **Selection of subcommittee chair** – Ann Lundy nominated Amber Smock to serve as chair of the subcommittee. This nomination was seconded by Kathy Carmody. The subcommittee unanimously elected Ms. Smock as chair.
- V. **Expectations for subcommittee members** – Ms. Moroney reviewed expectations for subcommittee members. See attached presentation for content.
- VI. **Discussion and public comment** – Subcommittee members discussed their hope that the subcommittee would develop actionable recommendations to submit to the Medicaid Advisory Committee. Key themes included:
 - Importance of prioritizing the person.
 - Need to grow awareness across the health and human service sector of the resources available to support community integration.
 - Need for workforce development.
 - Essential role of supportive housing.
 - Value of technology to support people in the community.
 - Need to better coordinate services on behalf of individuals with disabilities and older adults.

Time remained for public comment, however, no members of the public elected to offer comment during this session.

The subcommittee established consensus that the subcommittee would meet the first Thursday of every other month from 3-5 PM. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 4 from 3-5 PM.

- VII. **Identify agenda focus for November meeting** – The subcommittee agreed that the focus of the November meeting would be to elicit input from the subcommittee and the public on unmet needs for individuals wishing to receive services and supports in the community.
- VIII. **Adjournment** – 4:30 PM