

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services**  
**Health Equity and Quality Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 8, 2021**

**Members Present:**

**Chair (\*) & Co-Chair (\*\*)**

Amber Kirchhoff, Illinois Primary Healthcare Association

Andrea McGlynn, Cook County Health Plan

Ann Lundy, Access Community Health Network (MAC Member)

Barrett Hatches, Chicago Family Health Center

Beverly Hamilton-Robinson, Human Services Consultant

Craig Chico, Back of the Yards Neighborhood Counsel

\*\*Derek Robinson, Blue Cross Blue Shield (MAC Member)

\*Howard Peters, HAP Inc (MAC Member)

Jennifer Cartland, Lurie Children's Hospital

Karen Aguilar, Chicago Hearing Society

Karin Norington-Reaves, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership

Larry McCully, Touchette Regional Hospital

Lauren Messmore, University of Illinois at Chicago

Lisa Green, Family Christian Health Center

Maryam Hormonzy

Melissa Simon, Northwest University Fineberg School of Medicine

Ned Budd, Thorek Hospital

**HFS Staff Present**

Arvind K. Goyal

Melishia Bansa

Dawn Wells

Michelle Eckhoff

Kim McCullough

Kyle Daniels

- I. **Call to order:** This was the first meeting of the Health and Equity Subcommittee. Howard Peters was announced as the chair for this subcommittee.
- II. **Review and approval of minutes:** There were no minutes to review at this meeting.
- III. **Introduction and Quality Strategy:** Kim McCullough discussed the overall objectives for the Health and Equity Subcommittee. Dawn Wells made the opening presentation. The document she went over is attached below. It includes the equity pillar pay for reporting including demographics HFS.
- IV. **MCO Presentations Equity Innovation:** Attached below are the MCO presentations.
- V. **Recommendations from committee to HFS:** It was recommended that the MCOs expand on collaboration which would include: Other community organizations, faith-based organizations, minority owned small businesses, after school programs, food pantries, etc. It was also recommended to keep in mind availability for deaf/hard of hearing and blind/partially sighted individuals. It was asked if we can bring language preference into view.
- VI. **New Business – Community safety net hospitals:** We need to look at the definition of community safety net hospitals. We're looking for recommendations on how to proceed with this discussion.
- VII. **Meeting Schedule for 2021:** September 8, 2021 and December 8, 2021
- VIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

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**IX. Next meeting:** December 8, 2021 at 10:00am.