

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services**  
**Health Equity and Quality Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 29, 2024**

**Members Present**

\*Howard Peters, HAP, Inc.  
Amber Kirchhoff, Illinois Primary Health Care Association  
Lisa Green, Family Christian Health Center  
Lauren Krause, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Melissa Simon, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine  
Ned Budd, Thorek Hospital  
Karen Aguilar, Chicago Hearing Society  
\*Chair

**Members Absent**

Larry McCulley, Touchette Regional Hospital  
Craig Chico, Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council

**HFS Staff Present**

Kyle Daniels	Dawn Wells
Arvind Goyal	Melishia Bansa
Michelle Eckhoff	Kelly Cunningham
Melissa Black	

- I. **Call to order:** Howard Peters, Chairman, called the meeting to order.
- II. **Roll Call of Committee Members:** Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS, facilitated roll call of committee members.
- III. **Introduction of HFS Staff:** HFS Staff were asked to provide introductions utilizing the chat feature of the virtual meeting platform. HFS Staff that were present are reflected in these meeting minutes.
- IV. **Review and Approval of the MAC HEQC Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes from the previous meeting were circulated to the subcommittee members for review.
- V. **Quality Strategy Review:** Dawn Wells, HFS Bureau Chief of Quality Management, presented the Quality Strategy for 2024-2027. Right now, this information is being sent to administration for review. The final draft will go out to the MCOs for comments. Dawn went over the general idea of how the Quality Strategy is laid out. Michelle Eckhoff, Health Assurance Quality Manager of BQM, went over the Pay For Performance (P4P) and Pay For Reporting (P4R) part of the presentation. The presentation can be found at this link: [Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)
- VI. **LTSS Workgroup:** Howard Peters, Chairman, gave the following presentation which can be found at this link: [Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)
- VII. **Public Comments:** No public comments were submitted.
- VIII. **Additional Business: Old and New:** Ned Budd made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Karen Aguilar seconded the motion. The motion passed and the August meeting minutes were approved. There was no new business.
- IX. **Items for Future Discussion:** There were no items brought up for future discussion. If there are any items or issues that you feel that this committee should discuss, please send those to Melishia Bansa. Melishia will get the information to the proper staff so it can be brought up as a

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future agenda item. Please go to any of our social media pages: Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. There is a lot of great information on these pages.

- X. Adjournment:** Amber Kirchhoff made a motion for adjournment. Ned Budd seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17am. Please check the meeting schedule for the next meeting date on the HFS website.

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