

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Health Equity and Quality Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2024

Members Present

*Howard Peters, HAP, Inc.
Amber Kirchhoff, Illinois Primary Health Care Association
Larry McCulley, Touchette Regional Hospital
Lisa Green, Family Christian Health Center
Lauren Krause, University of Illinois at Chicago
Karen Aguilar, Chicago Hearing Society
Ned Budd, Thorek Hospital
*Chair

Members Absent

Craig Chico, Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council
Melissa Simon, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

HFS Staff Present

Kyle Daniels	Melissa Black
Arvind Goyal	Melishia Bansa
Michelle Eckhoff	Sue DeBoer
Arvind Goyal	Helena Lefkow

- 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. Those minutes were approved.
- V. **Quality Strategy Review:** Michelle Eckhoff, Acting HFS Bureau Chief of Quality Management, presented the Quality Strategy for 2024-2027. The presentation can be found at this link: [Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#). This link also has an additional link where you can find the 2021-2024 Comprehensive Medical Program Quality Strategy. <https://hfs.illinois.gov/info/reports.html>
- VI. **LTSS Workgroup:** Michelle Eckhoff, Acting HFS Bureau Chief of Quality Management, gave the following presentation which can be found at this link: [Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#). Here is the link for MAC opportunities: [Medicaid Advisory Committee \(MAC\) | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)
- VII. **Public Comments:** No public comments were submitted.
- VIII. **Additional Business: Old and New:** There was no new business.
- IX. **HFS Announcements:** Melissa Black invited everyone to attend the MAC meeting on August 2, 2024.
- X. **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.

- XI. Adjournment:** Amber Kirchhoff made a motion for adjournment. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:43pm. Please check the meeting schedule for the next meeting date on the HFS website.