

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Health Equity and Quality Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2023

Members Present

*Howard Peters, HAP, Inc.
**Derek Robinson, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois
Craig Chico, Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council
Larry McCully, Touchette Regional Hospital
Amber Kirchoff, Illinois Primary Health Care Association
Lisa Green, Family Christian Health Center

*Chair
**Co-Chair

Members Absent

Jennifer Cartland, Lurie Children's Hospital
Melissa Simon, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Andrea McGlynn, Cook County Health
Karen Aguilar, Chicago Hearing Society
Lauren Messmore, University of Illinois at Chicago
Ned Budd, Thorek Hospital

HFS Staff Present

Kyle Daniels	Lauren Polite
Arvind K. Goyal	Mary Doran
Dawn Wells	Melishia Bansa
Kim McCullough	Michelle Eckhoff
Dani Mendez	Patrick Lindstrom
Evan Fazio	Jenny Aguirre
Teresa Flesch	Sergio Obregon
Robert Mendonsa	Dan Jenkins
Sue DeBoer	Monica Wright

- 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 MACHEQC Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes from the previous meeting were circulated to the subcommittee members for review. Once they are approved, they will be posted online. The minutes will be approved at a future meeting.
- V. **Telehealth Feedback:** The presentation can be found at this link:
<https://hfs.illinois.gov/about/boardsandcommissions/mac/healthequityandqualitycaresubcommittee/presentationdecks.html> Dawn Wells, HFS Bureau Chief of Quality Management, discussed telehealth feedback. HFS will utilize this subcommittee to receive and discuss feedback related to telehealth. HFS values stakeholder feedback and will use it to advise the department regarding recommendations pertaining to telehealth. Please send any suggestions or feedback

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to Melishia.Bansa@illinois.gov. Please put in the subject line of your correspondence: Feedback for telehealth.

- Dr. Goyal, HFS Medical Director, referenced a proposal from the Drug Enforcement Administration pertaining to telemedicine practice of referring physicians or prescribers of patient medication assisted treatment for opioid related issues.
- Larry McCulley, Subcommittee Member, mentioned a subcomponent of telemedicine regarding service delivery, recruitment, and access. He referenced examples such as the Veteran's Administration and other private entities.

- VI. MCOs Report Out: SSDOH Data Gathered and New Initiatives:** The MCOs gave the following presentation which can be found at this link:
<https://hfs.illinois.gov/about/boardsandcommissions/mac/healthequityandqualitycaresubcommittee/presentationdecks.html>
- VII. Public Comments:** No public comments were submitted.
- VIII. Additional Business: Old and New:** The old and new business was dispensed with and moved to a subsequent meeting.
- IX. Items for Future Discussion:** If there are any recommendations or issues regarding telehealth, please send those to Melishia Bansa.
- X. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:02pm. The next meeting will be held August 2023.