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Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: Friday, February 3, 2023, | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Location: Due to COVID-19 Concerns, this meeting was held virtually via WebEx

Audience: Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

MAC Members Present:

Acting Chair (*)

Alejandro Clavier, Esperanza Health Centers at VIDA Pediatrics
Amber Smock, Access Living -
Andrea Danes, Foster Parent
Audrey Pennington, Aunt Martha's
Brian Cloch, Transitional Care Management -
Cheryl Whitaker, Next Level Health
Howard Peters, HAP Inc. Consulting
Kimberly Mercer-Schleider, Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities
Larry McCulley, Metro East – Southern Illinois Health Foundation

Absences Recorded

Aaron Beswick, Illinois Department of Public Health
Derek Robinson, Blue Cross Blue Shield
Kathy Chan, Cook County Health*

HFS Staff Present:

HFS Director (*)

Medicaid Administrator ()**

Angela Ryan	Kristine Herman
Arvind Goyal	Kyle Daniels
Ben Winick	Laura Ray
Dana Wilson	Lisa Gregory
Dani Mendez	Margaret Dunne
Evan Fazio	Mary Doran
Gabriela Moroney	Melishia Bansa
Jaime Munks	Patrick Hostert
Janene Brickey	Patrick Lindstrom
Jason Hollinshead	Regina Pessagno
Jean Davis	Robert Mendonsa
Jenny Aguirre	Sergio Obregon
Jesse Lava	Tracy Keen
John Hoffman	Veronica Archundia

Jose Jimenez

Kati Hinshaw

Kelly Cunningham**

Keshonna Lones

Kimberly McCullough-Starks

Kristin Hartsaw

MAC Meeting Minutes: February 3, 2023

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Howard Peters, Appointed Designee of the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC), Friday, February 3, 2022, at **10:01 a.m. on the WebEx Platform.**
- II. **Roll Call of Committee Members:** Ms. Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to the Director of HFS, facilitated roll call of Committee Members.
- III. **Introduction of HFS Staff:** Ms. Bansa, introduced Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator of HFS and Jenny Aguirre, Assistant Director of HFS. Presenters from the HFS Executive Team were asked to make introductions during their presentations in the order they were listed on the agenda. All other HFS staff were asked to provide introductions utilizing the chat feature of the virtual meeting platform. HFS staff present will also be reflected in the meeting minutes.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Nov 4, 2022, Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. **Motion:** Howard Peters, MAC Designee, presented motion for approval of meeting minutes. This motion was moved by Andrea Danes, MAC Member. Cheryl Whitaker, MAC Member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
- V. **Healthcare & Family Services (HFS) Executive Report:** Howard Peters, MAC Designee introduced the HFS Executive Report.
- A. **The Public Health Emergency:** This complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed on the HFS MAC Website at the following link: [MAC Meeting Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#).
 1. **Public Health Emergency: Flexibilities** - Update was provided by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator.
 2. **The Public Health Emergency: Continuous Coverage** -Update was provided by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator.
 3. **The Public Health Emergency: Tele-Health** - Update was provided by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator.
 4. **The Public Health Emergency: Communications | Outreach and Partnership Engagement** - Update was provided by Evan Fazio, Communications Director. Mr. Fazio.
- B. **Innovations:** This complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed on the HFS MAC Website at the following link: [MAC Meeting Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#).
 1. The Healthcare Transformation Collaborative (HTC) update was presented by Kimberly McCullough-Starks, Deputy Director. Mrs. McCullough-Starks.
 - a. The HTC update was followed by a special presentation from core leaders of the Medicaid Innovation Collaborative.
 2. The Program for All Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE) update was presented by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator of HFS.
 3. The Community Health Workers Status update was presented by Dr. Kenneth Campbell, IDPH Representative.
- C. **HFS Program Updates:** This complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed on the HFS MAC Website at the following link: [MAC Meeting Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#).
 1. The HealthChoice Illinois update was presented by Robert Mendonsa, Deputy Administrator for Care Coordination, Bureau of Managed Care.

2. The Eligibility update was presented by Sergio Obregon, Special Assistant to Director of HFS and Division of Medial Eligibility.
3. The Reproductive Healthcare update was presented by Mary Doran, Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination.
4. The Health Benefits for Immigrant Adult Update was provided by Ben Winick, Chief of Staff.
5. The Veto Session and Spring Legislation Outlook was provided by Angela Ryan, Director of Legislative Affairs.

VI. Subcommittee Reports & Recommendations: This complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed on the HFS MAC Website at the following link: [MAC Meeting Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)

- A. Community Integration:** Amber Smock, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
- B. Health Equity and Quality Care:** Howard Peters, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
- C. Public Education:** Nadeen Israel, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
- D. NB Stakeholder:** Kristine Herman, Lead Subcommittee Admin, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
- E. Special Bylaw Committee:** *Arvind Goyal, HFS Medical Director, ex-officio member of special bylaw committee, presented updated draft of MAC bylaws to the MAC for consideration.*

VII. Public Comment: This was facilitated by Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS.

- A.** No Public Comments Reported

VIII. Additional Business: Old & New

- A.** Items for future discussion
 1. None discussed.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

- A. Motion:** Howard Peters, MAC Designee presented motion to adjourn meeting. Andrea Danes, MAC Member, moved a motion to adjourn meeting. Audrey Pennington, MAC member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
 - B.** Next Meeting May 12, 2023.
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