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Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: Friday, February 23, 2024, | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Location: This meeting was held virtually via WebEx

Audience: Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

MAC Members Present:

Chair (*)

Amber Smock, Access Living

Andrea Danes, Foster Parent

Audrey Pennington, Aunt Martha's*

Brian Cloch, Transitional Care Management

Howard Peters III, HAP Inc. Consulting

Kathy Chan, Cook County Health

Kimberly Mercer-Schleider, Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities

Larry McCulley, Metro East – Southern Illinois Health Foundation

Dan S. Lustig, Haymarket Center

John J. Spears, Foster Parent

Kimberly A. Hefner, Riverside School District 96, Parent

Mary Cooley, Aetna Better Health of Illinois

Absences Recorded

Flavia Lamberghini, UIC Pediatric Dentistry Department, Apple Dental Care

Lettie Beatrice Hicks, COFI Parent

HFS Staff Present:

HFS Director (*)

Medicaid Administrator ()**

Arvind Goyal

Ben Winick

Dani Mendez

Dana Kelly

Dana Wilson

Dave Barnes

Dawn Wells

Jaime Munks Jenny Aguirre

John Hoffman

Kelly Cunningham**

Kelsey Lock

Laura Phelan

Margaret Dunn

Melishia Bansa

Melissa Black

Nathan McCann

Elizabeth Whitehorn*

Tracy Keen

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Audrey Pennington, Chair Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC), Friday, February 23, 2024, at **10:02 a.m. on the WebEx Platform.**
 - A. **Audry Pennington, MAC Chair,** Introduced herself to the MAC.
 - B. **General Meeting Operations and Communications:** This was provided by Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS.
- II. **Roll Call of MAC Committee Members:** Ms. Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to the Director of HFS, facilitated roll call of Committee Members. Quorum was confirmed.
- III. **Introduction of HFS Staff:** Ms. Bansa, introduced, Director of HFS, Elizabeth Whitehorn, Dana Kelly, HFS Chief of Staff, Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator of HFS and **Jenny Aguirre, Assistant Director of HFS, Dr Arvind Goyal, HFS Medical Director.** **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. **Presentation on MAC Parliamentary Meeting Procedures:** Bylaws and Roberts Rules was provided by Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS.
- V. **Review and Approval of the November 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes:**
 - A. **Motion:** Audrey Pennington, MAC Chair, presented motion for approval of meeting minutes. This motion was moved by Amber Smock, MAC Member. John Spears, MAC Member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
- VI. **Welcome of the New Director of HFS and reading of** was provided by the Audrey Pennington, MAC Chair.
- VII. **Director Whitehorn Comments:** Director Whitehorn expressed her gratitude to the MAC, shared more details regarding her professional experience, shed a light on her passion for Medicaid, and reiterated the commitment of HFS.
 - A. **Director Whitehorn introduced Dana Kelly, HFS Chief of Staff.**
- VIII. **Healthcare & Family Services (HFS) Executive Report:** Kathy Chan, MAC Chair introduced the HFS Executive Report.
 - A. **Innovations & Equity:** 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. **HFS Budget:** The HFS FY25 All Funds Budget was presented by Director Lizzy Whitehorn.
 2. **Maternal and Child Health Initiatives:** This was presented by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator.
 3. **The 2024-2027 Quality Strategy:** This was presented by Dawn Wells, Bureau Chief of Quality Management.
 4. **Status of Redetermination Activity:** This was presented by Tracy Keen, Division of Eligibility Administration.
 5. **Communications: Rede Campaign Update:** This was presented by Tracy Withrow, Communications.
 6. **HBIA/HBIS Updates** was presented by Dana Kelly, HFS Chief of Staff.

7. **1115 Waiver Application Status:** was presented by Kelly Cunningham, HFS Medicaid Administrator.

B. 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. **Physician Rates:** was presented by Ben Winick, HFS Chief Operating Officer.
2. **Other Administrative Comments or Updates** were provided by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator.

IX. 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. Health Equity and Quality Care Subcommittee Update:** Howard Peters, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
- B. NB Stakeholder Subcommittee Update:** Regina Crider, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
- C. Public Education Subcommittee Update:** Nadeen Israel, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.

X. Public Comment: Katie Thiede, Executive Director, ICAN! (Illinois Contraceptive Access Now) Alliance Chicago provided public comment. Director Thiede also applauded HFS for expanding access to family planning and related services with the family planning state plan amendment.

XI. Additional Business: Old & New

A. Items for future discussion:

1. Proposed future topic regarding an update on the Money Follows the Person, was recommended by Amber Smock, MAC Member

B. HFS Announcements: Ms. Bansa provided general HFS Announcements. 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. Ms. Bansa provided an overview of the new HFS MAC Member Welcome Packet Table of Contents.
2. Ms. Bansa presented additional information regarding MAC and Subcommittee additional resources.

XII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

- A. Motion:** Audrey Pennington, MAC Chair presented motion to adjourn meeting. Howard Peters, MAC Member, moved a motion to adjourn meeting. Kim Hefner, MAC member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
 - B. Next Meeting** May 2024.
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