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**Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting Minutes**

**Date | Time:** Friday, February 4, 2022 | 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:**

**Chair (\*)**

**Vice Chair (\*\*)**

Alejandro Clavier, Esperanza Health Centers at VIDA Pediatrics  
Amber Smock, Access Living  
Andrea Danes, Consumer Representative  
**\*Ann Lundy, ACCESS Community Health Network**  
Audrey Pennington, Aunt Martha's  
Brian Cloch, Transitional Care Management  
Cheryl Whitaker, Next Level Health  
Derek Robinson, Blue Cross Blue Shield  
Howard Peters, HAP Inc. Consulting  
**\*\*Kathy Chan, Cook County Health**  
Kim Mercer-Schleider, Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Larry McCulley, Metro East – Southern Illinois Health Foundation  
Sameer Vohra, SIU SOM  
Sergio Obregon, Chicago Public Schools

**No Absences Recorded**

**HFS Staff Present:**

**Director of HFS (\*)**

**Medicaid Administrator (\*\*)**

Arvind Goyal	Laura Ray
Andy Allison	Lisa Gregory
Ben Winick	Melishia Bansa
Dani Mendez	Michelle Eckhoff
Dawn Wells	Mike Casey
<b>*Director Theresa Eagleson</b>	Patrick Hostert
Jason Hollinshead	Robert Mendonsa
Keshonna Lones	Shawn McGady
Kimberly McCullough-Starks	Tanya Ford
Kristen Kennedy	Teresa Flesch
Kristine Herman	Tracy Keen
Kyle Daniels	Veronica Archundia
Laura Phelan	

**MAC Meeting Minutes:**

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- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ann Lundy, Madam Chair on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 10:02 a.m. on the WebEx Platform.
- 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:** Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS, introduced Theresa Eagleson, 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.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Nov 19, 2021, Meeting Minutes:** Corrections to the meeting minutes were requested by MAC Committee Member(s): Derek Robinson and Kathy Chan, Madam Vice Chair.
  - a. **Motion:** Ann Lundy, Madam Chair, with necessary corrections, moved approval of meeting minutes. MAC Member: Dr. Cheryl Whitaker seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
- V. **Public Comments:** Were moved to the end of the meeting.
  - a. **Motion:** Ann Lundy, Madam Chair moved to change the place of public comments on the agenda to the end of the meeting. Howard Peters, MAC member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
- VI. **Healthcare & Family Services Executive Report:** An overview and introduction to the Executive report was provided by Theresa Eagleson, HFS Director. She summarized updates to nursing home rate improvements. The MAC was encouraged to share recommendations for future topics that could benefit the Medicaid population and help HFS innovate and improve the Medicaid Program. Director Eagleson referenced several newly implemented innovative highlights such as: provisions for home monitoring equipment for pregnant women in partnership with Managed Care partners, working with providers across the state in the Behavioral Space to the roll out a new assessment and care planning tool called the IM+CANS Provider Portal, and Nursing Home Rate Improvements.
  - A. Innovations: This complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed in the following sections: can be found presentation and/or meeting minutes section listed at the following link: [Medicaid Advisory Committee \(MAC\) | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)
    1. Presentation regarding Nursing Home Rate Reform was presented by Theresa Eagleson, HFS Director and Andy Allison, HFS lead on Nursing Home Reform.
      - a. **Motion:** Ann Lundy, Madam Chair asked the MAC if anyone would like to move forward a motion indicating the MAC's strong support of the efforts that HFS has demonstrated over the past two years regarding nursing home reform. This motion was presented by Brian Cloch, MAC member. The motion was seconded by Derek Robinson, MAC member. Howard Peters, MAC member, seconded the motion with the following amendment recommending additional language be included on behalf of the MAC to urge the legislature to take speedy action on implementing these reforms. The MAC voted unanimously in favor of this motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**

2. Presentation regarding Healthcare Transformation was presented by Director Eagleson and Kimberly McCullough-Starks, HFS Deputy Director of Community Outreach.
    - a. The HTC overview was followed by additional presentations by representative from the following:
      - i. Chicago North Side Collaborative.
      - ii. East St. Louis Metro Area Transformation Touchette Regional Hospital.
  3. Presentation regarding ADT was presented by Teresa R. Flesch, HFS Deputy Administrator of Operations for Medical Programs.
    - a. Amber Smock, MAC member urged the committee to imagine how stressful it can be for a person with a disability or mental illness and the inefficiency of the medical system to only rely on a medical diagnosis as an indicator of access needs. **Motion:** Amber Smock, proposed that the MAC recommend to HFS that disability and access data be included in the ADT records. This motion was moved forward by Ann Lundy, Madam Chair. This motion was seconded by Cheryl Whitaker with a recommendation to amend the motion to include they look into the capabilities of the tool and vendor selected to capture disability data on a person or a member seeking care in the Medicaid program. Amendment to motion moved forward by Ann Lundy, Madam Chair. No oppositions. No abstentions.  
**Motion Carried.**
- B. Program Updates:** This complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed in the following sections: can be found presentation and/or meeting minutes section listed at the following link: [Medicaid Advisory Committee \(MAC\) | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)
1. Budget and Legislative Updates were presented by Theresa Eagleson, HFS Director and Shawn McGady, HFS Office of Legislative Affairs.
  2. HealthChoice Illinois Metrics were presented by Robert Mendonsa, HFS Deputy Administrator for Care Coordination.
  3. Eligibility Metrics were presented by Tracy Keen, HFS Division of Medical Programs

**VII. Subcommittee Reports & Recommendations:** This complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed in the following sections: can be found presentation and/or meeting minutes section listed at the following link: [Medicaid Advisory Committee \(MAC\) | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)

- A. Health Equity and Quality:** Howard Peters, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
- B. Community Integration:** Due to time restraint, this update was not verbally presented. Please see complete update on MAC website utilizing link above.
- C. Public Education:** Due to time restraint, this update was not verbally presented. Please see complete update on MAC website utilizing link above.
- D. NB Stakeholder:** Due to time restraint, this update was not verbally presented. Please see complete update on MAC website utilizing link above.

**VIII. Public Comment:** There were public comments provided by Luis Rueda and his office assistant Valerie Bollini, Rueda Pediatrics.

**IX. Additional Business: Old & New**

**A.** Items for future discussion

1. None Presented

**X. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

**A. Motion:** Ann Lundy, Madam Chair moved a motion to adjourn meeting. Dr. Derek Robinson, MAC member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**

**B.** Next Meeting May 6, 2022.

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