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**Illinois Department of Healthcare and
Family Services Medicaid Advisory
Committee**

Date: Aug 6, 2021
Time: 10:00AM–12:00PM
Virtual WebEx Meeting

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Meeting number (access code): 177 487 7807 Meeting password: AugustMAC2021

**MAC Members Present:
Chair and Co-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
Larry McCulley, Metro East – Southern Illinois Health Foundation
Sameer Vohra, SIU SOM
Sergio Obregon, Chicago Public Schools

**HFS Staff Present:
Director of HFS (*)**

Andy Allison	Kristine Herman
Arvind K. Goyal	Laura Phelan
Eric Foster	Lisa Gregory
Jane Longo	Melishia Bansa
John Hoffman	Patrick Lindstrom
Jose Jimenez	Sharice Bradford
Kelly Cunningham	*Theresa Eagleson
Keshonna Lones	
Kimberly McCullough-Starks	

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** by Chairperson Dr. Cheryl Whitaker.
 - A. Called to order on Aug 6th, 2021 at 10:14 a.m.
- II. **Thank You to Past MAC Members:** by Chairperson Dr. Cheryl Whitaker.
- III. **Introduction of Newly Appointed MAC Members:** Presented by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator.
 - A. Brian Cloch, Transitional Care Management.
 - B. Kim Mercer-Schledier, Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities.
 - C. Derek Robinson, Blue Cross Blue Shield.
 - D. Larry McCulley, Metro-East- Southern Illinois Health Foundation.
 - E. Audrey Pennington, Aunt Martha's (BH/FQHC/CMHC).
 - F. Kathy Chan, Cook County Health
 - G. Sergio Obregon, Chicago Public Schools.
- IV. **Roll Call of Committee Members:** Presented by Kimberly McCullough – Starks Deputy Director for Community Outreach.
- V. **Introduction of HFS Staff: Presented** by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator.
 - A. Quorum established: by Chairperson Dr. Cheryl Whitaker.
- VI. **Review and Approval of the Minutes:** Presented by Cheryl Whitaker, MAC Chair.
 - A. Madam Chair raised a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7th meeting.
 1. The motion was approved by Howard Peters, MAC Member.
 2. The motion was seconded by Ann Lundy, MAC Member, along with several committee members voting in favor of the approval of the May 7th meeting minutes.
 3. No objections recorded.
- VII. **Public Comments:** Presented by Kimberly McCullough – Starks.
 - A. No public comments were received.
- VIII. **Healthcare & Family Services Executive Report:** Updates provided by HFS Executive Management Team Leadership Staff.
 - A. Strategic Plan Overview: Presented by Theresa Eagleson, Director of HFS.
 1. Provided an overview of the HFS Mission, Vision, and Values.
 - B. ARPA Funding Plan: Presented by Kelly Cunningham.

1. Provided an update on the details of the spending plan to implement Section 9817 of the American Rescue Act and enhance, expand, and strengthen Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).

C. Healthcare Transformation (HTC) Update: Presented by Kimberly McCullough–Starks.

1. HTC's First Awardees are: Chicago North Side Collaborative, Collaborative Bridges, East St. Louis Health Transformations Partnership, Integrated Hub, The Prison Emergency Early Release Response (PEERR) Network, South Side Healthy Community Organization, Target Health, & West Side Health Equity Collaborative.

D. Enrollment, Eligibility & Redetermination: Presented by Jane Longo, Deputy Director, New Initiatives.

1. Provided an update on the status of the following: Applications and Redeterminations, Senior Immigrant Program, and Eligibility Related Legislation.

E. Federal Waivers, State Plan Amendments, and Other Changes: Presented by Kelly Cunningham.

1. Provided an update on State Plan Amendments.
2. Provided an overview of the 1915i. State Plan Amendment Development.
 - i. Kristine Herman, Bureau Chief of Behavioral Health, NB Stakeholder Administrator provided an overview of supported programs, services and timelines.

F. Nursing Home Rate Reform: Presented by Kelly Cunningham.

1. Provided an update Status of HFS Nursing Home Rate Reform.
2. Provided an overview of the ARPA Spending Plan for Nursing Homes in the BIMP.

G. Legislative Update: Was interwoven into other HFS reports to allow for more time to be allocated for other agenda items.

IX. Health Choice Illinois Update: Presented by Keshonna Lones, Senior Advisor for Medical Program in the Bureau of Managed Care.

A. Provided update on Managed Care:

1. Effective July 1, 2021, the Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI) Program expanded statewide.
 - a. Provided an overview of this new integrated approach which aims to enhance a seamless experience for enrollees and providers.

X. Subcommittee Reports: Presented by Kimberly McCullough–Starks

A. Newly Constituted Subcommittees:

1. Community Integration Subcommittee:
 - a. New Members Notified of Appointment.
 - b. Upcoming Meetings will be posted on HFS MAC Website.
2. Opioid Withdrawal Subcommittee:

a. Written Report will be provided.

3. Public Education Subcommittee:

a. Recently met and new updates will be provided soon.

XI. Medicaid Advisory Committee Recommendations: Discussion by MAC members.

XII. New Business/Announcements: Presented by Cheryl Whitaker, MAC Chair.

A. Appointment of Nominating Committee: Nomination of MAC Chair and Vice Chair for 2-year term beginning January 2022.

1. Nominating Committee Nominations: Howard Peters, Brian Cloch, & Andrea Danes.

a. All three individuals accepted their nominations.

XIII. Old Business:

A. None Reported.

XIV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

A. Madam Chair raised a motion to adjourn.

1. Motion to adjourn accepted by Howard Peters.

2. Seconded by Ann Lundy.

3. No objections recorded.