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Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: Friday, Aug 5, 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:

Acting Chair (*)

Alejandro Clavier, Esperanza Health Centers at VIDA Pediatrics
Andrea Danes, Foster Parent
Amber Smock, Access Living
Audrey Pennington, Aunt Martha's
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

Absences Recorded

Brian Cloch, Transitional Care Management

HFS Staff Present:

Director of HFS (*)

Medicaid Administrator ()**

Andy Allison	Lauren Polite
Arvind Goyal	Lisa Gregory
Ben Winick	Margaret Dunne
Dan Jenkins	Mary Doran
Dani Mendez	Melishia Bansa
Eric Foster	Patrick Hostert
Evan Fazio	Robert Mendonsa
Jason Hollinshead	Tanya Ford
Jenny Aguirre	Theresa Eagleson*
Jesse Lava	Tracy Keen
Jose Jimenez	Veronica Archundia
Kati Hinshaw	
Kelly Cunningham**	
Keshonna Lones	
Kimberly McCullough-Starks	
Kristin Hartsaw	
Kristen Kennedy	

MAC Meeting Minutes: Aug 5, 2022

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS Friday, Aug 5, 2022, at 10:01 a.m. on the WebEx Platform.
- II. **Roll Call of Committee Members:** Ms. Bansa, facilitated Roll Call of Committee Members.
- III. **Introduction of HFS Staff:** Ms. Bansa, introduced Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator 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. **Resignation of Chair Ann Lundy & Further Leadership of MAC Chair:** Ms. Bansa provided explanation for the resignation for Madam Chair Ann Lundy. She also reiterated the shared gratitude of the entire HFS staff and MAC for Madam Chair Lundy's immense dedication and service to the MAC.
 - a. Ms. Bansa reviewed options to address the MAC Chair vacancy with Committee Members per guidance of the MAC Bylaws.
 1. **Proposal provided:** Kathy Chan will serve as Acting Chair of the MAC to fill the remaining term to the end date, December 31, 2023, left vacant by former chair Ann Lundy's resignation. The Vice Chair position will remain open. If the Acting Chair is unavailable to run MAC meetings, the MAC Bylaws allow Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator, or her designee to run the MAC meetings at that time. **No objections were presented by any MAC Member. Kathy Chan accepted the role of Acting Chair of the MAC and proceeded with agenda.**
 - b. Kathy Chan, Acting Chair of the MAC, expressed her gratitude to the MAC Committee and to HFS for all their work in helping to provide Medicaid beneficiaries with a quality program. Madam Acting Chan also shared her appreciation and sentiment for all the great work that goes into the planning and execution of the MAC Meetings.
 - c. Madam Acting Chair Chan acknowledged Dr. Sameer Vohra, recent former MAC member, in his new role as Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health. Madam Acting Chair Chan expressed her gratitude and thanks for Dr. Vohra's dedication and service as a former member of the MAC.
- V. **Review and Approval of May 9th, 2022, Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. **Motion:** Kathy Chan, Madam Acting Chair, moved approval of meeting minutes. Moved by Larry McCulley, MAC Member. Howard Peters, MAC Member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
- VI. **Healthcare & Family Services Executive Report:** Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator of HFS, introduced this section by highlighting components of the Mission, Vision, and Values of HFS that focus on the importance of establishing equity for all Medicaid customers. She stressed the importance of encompassing equity, improving quality of life, integration of services, and expanding expertise in addressing social determinants of health as key elements to focus on during MAC meetings. Particularly in the areas of innovation and program developments in the newly reorganized MAC agenda.

A. HFS 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 Nursing Home Rate Reform Update was presented by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator of HFS.
 - a. Ms. Cunningham shared the following positive highlights regarding: the HFS' rate reform legislation signed into law by Governor Pritzker, State Plan Amendment Approved by CMS, Tax Uniformity Waiver approved, improvements in submission process for nursing facilities to submit CNA employee experience, and more.
2. The Healthcare Transformation Update was postponed to later in the agenda by Kathy Chan, Madam Acting Chair.
3. The PHE Communication, Resources & Update was presented by Jesse Lava, Special Assistant to Director of HFS. Mr. Lava reviewed the Address Update Campaign Toolkit and strategies to help guide stakeholders in helping Medicaid customers prepare for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency End.
4. The Children's Health Coordination and Expansion Update was presented by Kati Hinshaw, Policy Manager. Ms. Hinshaw reviewed the status, goals, and intended services of the Pathways to Success Program.
5. The Healthcare Transformation Update was presented by Kimberly McCullough-Starks, Deputy Director. Mrs. McCullough-Starks provided a status update regarding the first cohort of collaboratives and the status of the HTC application cycle.
 - a. The HTC overview was followed by an additional collaborative highlight presentation by core leaders of the Supportive Reentry Network Collaborative.

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. The Budget Update provided during the May 9, 2022, meeting was referenced by Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS.
2. The Legislative Update was presented by Dani Mendez and Patrick Hostert, Legislative Liaisons in which they shared information regarding the upcoming Veto Session scheduled for November 15, 16, 17 & November 29, 30 and December 1.
3. The HealthChoice Illinois Metrics Update was presented by Robert Mendonsa, Deputy Administrator for Care Coordination, Bureau of Managed Care. Mr. Mendonsa provided further insight into the MMAI Transition.
4. The Eligibility Metrics Update was presented by Tracy Keen, Division of Eligibility. Ms. Keen provided an overview of Eligibility Metrics and reviewed information pertaining to Undocumented Coverage and CHIP.
5. The Vaccine Update was presented by Jose Jimenez, in which he provided further information regarding the most recent COVID-19 fee schedule and provider notices regarding reimbursable vaccine counseling. This was followed by an update on Adm Rate Increase.
6. The Reproductive Healthcare Update was presented by Mary Doran, Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination. Ms. Doran provided information regarding supporting access to abortion services, pharmacist dispensing of contraception, family planning program implementation, 12-Month Postpartum SPA, and exploring addition of Family Planning Measure to future MCO Metrics.

- VII. 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:** Kathy Chan, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
 - D. NB Stakeholder:** Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS filled in for Kristine Herman, Subcommittee Chair, to provide brief insight subcommittee progress to date.
- VIII. Public Comment:** There were no public comments provided.
- IX. Additional Business: Old & New**
- A.** Items for future discussion
 - a.** None Presented.
 - B.** HFS Announcements
 - a.** Dr. Arvind K. Goyal, HFS Medical Director shared information regarding the Opioid Policy Recommendation from Drug Utilization Review Board (DUR).
 - 1.** Dr. Goyal requested feedback from MAC members on the following topics before changes are to be implemented: changing of opioid initial scripts from current seven-day supply to five days regarding initial scripts that have not been prescribed in the last sixty days; and secondly, feedback regarding benzodiazepines becoming limited to fourteen days at the time of initial scripts where no other script was written in the last 60 days. Please forward all feedback to Dr. Goyal or Ms. Bansa.
 - b.** Dr. Goyal also provided a Monkey Pox-Update in response to this public health emergency.
 - c.** Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS shared MAC website details and Social Media Updates.
- X. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.
- A. Motion:** Kathy Chan, Madam Acting Chair moved a motion to adjourn meeting. Dr. Derek Robinson, MAC member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
 - B.** Next Meeting November 4, 2022.
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