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

**Date | Time:** Monday, May 9, 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

**\*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

**Absences Recorded**

Andrea Danes, Consumer Representatives

**HFS Staff Present:**

**Director of HFS (\*)**

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

Arvind Goyal

Ben Winick

Dani Mendez

Evan Fazio

Jamie Tripp

Jason Hollinshead

Jesse Lava

Jose Jimenez

Kelly Cunningham\*\*

Keshonna Lones

Kimberly McCullough-Starks

Kristin Hartsaw

Kristine Herman

Laura Phelan

Lauren Polite

Lisa Gregory

Melishia Bansa

Patrick Hostert

Sergio Obregon

Shawn McGady

Tanya Ford

Tracy Keen

**MAC Meeting Minutes:**

**May 9, 2022**

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ann Lundy, Madam Chair on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 10:01 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 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. **Review and Approval of Feb 4th, 2022, Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. **Motion:** Ann Lundy, Madam Chair, moved approval of meeting minutes. MAC Member: Howard Peters, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
- V. **Healthcare & Family Services Executive Report:**
  - A. 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. Before the update, Kelly Cunningham, acknowledged the sad news regarding the recent passing of Pat Curtis, a longtime member of the HFS team, Head of the Bureau of Medicaid Eligibility and Special Projects. She expressed, that more than the intrinsic value of her work that she shared with HFS, she was brilliant, and an expert on many facets of Medicaid eligibility. She was a wonderful person. More sincere sentiments were expressed by members of the HFS staff and the MAC.
    2. Presentation regarding Nursing Home Rate Reform was presented by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator of HFS.
      - a. Ms. Cunningham shared positive news regarding the HFS' rate reform legislation, House Bill 246, passed the General Assembly unanimously on April 7, 2022, and is awaiting the Governor's signature.
      - b. **Motion:** Ann Lundy, Madam Chair asked the MAC if anyone would like to move forward a motion to formally recognize Pat Curtis and the MAC committee's appreciation and gratefulness to her for all that she's done for Illinois. This motion was moved by Howard Peters, MAC member. The motion was seconded by Derek Robinson, MAC member. The MAC voted unanimously in favor of this motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
      - c. Howard Peters, MAC Member, also recommended that the MAC commend HFS for its work on Long-Term Care Reform. He expressed that the high-quality work put into this two-year endeavor should not go unrecognized. This sentiment was shared by Brian Cloch, MAC Member and recommendation **Seconded by** Cheryl Whitaker, MAC Member.
    3. Presentation regarding Healthcare Transformation was presented by Kimberly McCullough-Starks, HFS Deputy Director of Community Outreach. She shared positive news regarding the upcoming grand opening of the 55<sup>th</sup> & Pulaski Health Collaborative.

- a. The HTC overview was followed by an additional presentation by Core leaders of the West Side Health Equity Collaborative.
4. Presentation regarding PHE Communication and Resources was presented by Evan Fazio, Communications Director. Mr. Fazio reviewed the Address Update Campaign toolkit in preparation for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
- 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 was presented by Jaime Tripp, Supervisor of Medical Budgeting, HFS Division of Finance. The Legislative Update was presented by Dani Mendez and Patrick Hostert, Legislative Liaisons.
  2. The HealthChoice Illinois Metrics Update was presented by Keshonna Lones, Bureau of Managed Care.
  3. The Eligibility Metrics Update was presented by Tracy Keen, HFS Division of Eligibility.

**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.
  1. **Motion:** Howard Peters, MAC Member and Subcommittee Chair, proposed a motion for the MAC having reviewed the Community Safety-Net Hospital set of recommendations that they be adopted by the MAC. The motion was moved by Madam Chair Lundy and seconded by Amber Smock, MAC member. The MAC voted unanimously in favor of this motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
- C. **Public Education:** Kathy Chan, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
- D. **NB Stakeholder:** Kristine Herman, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.

**VII. Public Comment:** There were public comments provided by Elizabeth Durkin, Manager of Health Care Education and Counseling, AgeOptions.

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

**A.** Items for future discussion

1. None Presented.

**B.** HFS Announcements

1. Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS shared MAC website details and Social Media Updates.

**IX. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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

**B.** Next Meeting Aug 5, 2022.

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