

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
N.B. Stakeholder Subcommittee of the Medicaid Advisory Committee
February 24, 2025, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Members Present

Stephanie Barisch	Center for Youth and Family Solutions
Regina Crider	Family Advocate
Michelle Churchey-Mims	Community Behavioral Healthcare Association (CBHA)
Jud DeLoss	Illinois Association for Behavioral Health (IABH)
Stephanie Duckworth	Centerstone of Illinois
Andy Durbin	Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY)
Michele Esser	Lake County Health Department
Angie Hampton	Egyptian Health Department
Michelle Herron	Community and Residential Services Authority
Amelia Joseph	Pillars Community Health
Laura Kane	Marshmallow's HOPE Nonprofit Organization
Jason Keeler	Allendale Association
Jeff Lata	DuPage County Health Department
Emily Miller	Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (IARF)
Michael Naylor	University of Illinois at Chicago
Dee Ann Ryan	Family Advocate
Diana Taylor Meneses	Children's Home Association of Illinois

Members Absent

Janeth Barba	Family Service Association of Greater Elgin Area
Kendra Barlow-Johnson	Family Advocate
Susan Harris	Central Illinois Care Service

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:03pm

II. Roll Call of Committee Members

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

III. Introduction of HFS Staff

Kristine Herman, Kristen Kennedy, and Crystal Jordan from HFS were introduced as well as N.B. Court Expert, John Obrien, and Representative LaPointe

IV. Healthcare & Family Services Implementation Update

A. Introduction of new subcommittee members

New subcommittee members introduced themselves.

B. Subcommittee Meeting Schedule for 2025

A link to the updated [CY2025 meeting schedule](#) was provided.

C. Updates on Implementation Activities

An orientation to the [NB Consent Decree](#) and the [NB Subcommittee](#) was provided for new members.

Clarification on the timeline for the requirement benchmarks was provided indicating that the first set of benchmarks would be certified in 2027 and then the second set of benchmarks would be certified in 2029.

Concerns were raised regarding the availability of services across the state.

Concerns were raised regarding increasing family awareness of Pathways services to help increase engagement.

Subcommittee agreed that these areas should be included in future discussions.

D. Other items

Another meeting was scheduled on March 24th for an overview of the QA Plan.

V. HFS Presentation: Proposed N.B. Consent Decree Quality Assurance Plan for review and comment

The presentation of the Quality Assurance Plan will be presented at the March meeting.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Additional Business: Old & New

A. Items for future discussion

Subcommittee member requested that implementation challenges be addressed at a future meeting.

B. HFS Announcements

HFS announced that an extension for the spending of ARPA funds was approved to assist with establishing additional service providers across the state.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.