

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

**Members Present**

Janeth Barba	Family Service Association of Greater Elgin Area
Stephanie Barisch	Center for Youth and Family Solutions
Kendra Barlow-Johnson	Family Advocate
Michelle Churchey-Mims	Community Behavioral Healthcare Association (CBHA)
Regina Crider	Family Advocate
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
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
Dee Ann Ryan	Family Advocate
Diana Taylor Meneses	Children's Home Association of Illinois

**Members Absent**

Angie Hampton	Egyptian Health Department
Susan Harris	Central Illinois Care Service
Emily Miller	Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (IARF)
Michael Naylor	University of Illinois at Chicago

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 3:02pm

**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.

**IV. Healthcare & Family Services Presentation**

HFS staff presented an overview of the Key Components of the N.B. Consent Decree Quality Assurance (QA) Plan including the purpose of the QA Plan, initial

structural measures, initial process measures, CMS Core Measures, outcome measures, utilization analysis, and baseline reporting. HFS then asked the subcommittee for feedback on the various areas.

Suggestions were made to include additional information on child welfare involved youth, additional feedback from youth and family members, deeper look into each child and family's goals to see if they were being met, days between referral and engagement, additional family communication and engagement strategies, increases in natural supports as youth progress through Pathways, MCO involvement in meetings, and language accessibility.

HFS expressed gratitude for the robust feedback and indicated that the areas identified would be considered for inclusion in the QA Plan if a systematic data collection process could be determined.

**V. Public Comment**

None

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

**A. Items for future discussion**

Additional discussion of the full QA Plan will be conducted at the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**B. HFS Announcements**

None

**VII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:01pm.