

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
N.B. Stakeholder Subcommittee of the Medicaid Advisory Committee
April 24, 2023, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the N.B. Stakeholder Subcommittee was held via WebEx.

Members Present

Amanda Walsh	IL Children's Mental Health Partnership
Angie Hampton	Egyptian Public and Mental Health Department
Anna Harvey	University of Illinois Urbana Champaign – School of Social Work
Bernadette May	Family Service Association of Greater Elgin
Dee Ann Ryan	Family Advocate
Emily Miller	Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Jason Keeler	Allendale Association
Jennifer Roland	University of Illinois Urbana Champaign – School of Social Work
Dr. Michael Naylor	University of Illinois at Chicago
Michelle Churchy-Mims	Community Behavioral Healthcare Association
Regina Crider	Youth and Family Peer Support Alliance
Stephanie Barisch	Center for Youth and Family Solutions

Members Absent

Andrea Danes	Accelerant Health
Ashley Deckert	Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Brandy Moore	Centerstone
Christine Achre	Primo Center for Women and Children
Jennifer McGowan-Tomke	NAMI Chicago
Josh Evans	Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Jud DeLoss	Illinois Association for Behavioral Health
Michaela Granger	Youth and Family Peer Support Alliance

I. Welcome and Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was opened, and roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The February and March meeting minutes were approved.

III. Healthcare & Family Services Implementation Update

A. General Implementation Activities

Kristine provided the following update on the implementation of the Pathways to Success program:

- There are now 20 active CCSOs and 838 youth have been referred. Tier 1 includes 179 and Tier 2 includes 659 youth
- HFS continues to manually prioritize youth for the existing and new CCSOs once they have completed the on-sites. The number of youth referred continues to be matched to CCSOs

staffing capacity with half caseloads for High Fidelity Wraparound and 1/3 caseloads for Intensive Care Coordination.

- In addition, the weekly CCSO Office Hours continue and offer a good forum for getting feedback from the CCSOs about what is going well and what areas need attention during the roll out.
- The ARPA grant agreements have been completed and the dollars should be released very soon.
- An update on training was provided. There were 16 CCS core trainings with 142 individuals completed; nine supervisory trainings with 55 individuals completed; 22 individuals have completed Therapeutic mentoring; 12 individuals have completed Family peer support; 36 individuals have completed Intensive Home-Based and six individuals have completed Intensive home based for team leads.
- HFS continues to try to recruit providers for the community-based Pathways services through partnering with MCOs and specific outreach to Behavioral Health Clinics.

Q: Does the 838 include the ones that opted-out of the program?

A: 838 were referred. Further detail on those that opted out will be available soon.

Q: How many of the Family Peer Support individuals trained actually had lived experience?

A: HFS discussed this issue with PATH who is working on a new tracking system for registrations that includes an attestation that the individual applying for training has lived experience. HFS is also reinforcing this requirement with providers in our communication regarding this service.

Q: Is HFS still concerned about the number of youth that are tiering into Tier 1?

A: HFS continues to monitor both the number of IM+CANS submitted for youth under the age of 21 and the number of youth who tier into High-Fidelity Wraparound. The IM+CANS still tend to have lower ratings than would be expected for youth who have had multiple crises and hospitalizations.

Q: Could an IM-CAT be used to determine eligibility?

A: If an IM-CAT has been completed, this information should be used to begin the completion of an IM+CANS.

Q: How many IM+CANS have been submitted for youth under the age of 21 who have a behavioral health need indicated?

A: The last tiering run included a little over 21,000 IM+CANS that met those criteria, with almost 600 youth in Tier 1 and about 7000 in tier 2. HFS is looking into these numbers to determine what may have caused the increase in the overall number of IM+CANS.

B. Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative Update

Dr. Dana Weiner presented an overview of the state's Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative Blueprint (link is here: [Blueprint for Transformation: A Vision for Improved Behavioral Healthcare for Illinois Children - DocumentCloud](#))

Q: How does the Transformation work intersect with the NB Consent Decree work?

A: HFS has been involved with the development of the transformation blueprint from the beginning. The goals for HFS and for the Blueprint are very much aligned to ensure that youth receive the services that they need when they need them. Pathways to Success is building critical infrastructure around care coordination, mobile crisis response and a broader array of community based services for Medicaid-eligible youth with complex needs. That infrastructure can be built upon for youth who are not Medicaid-eligible and for youth with less complex needs.

C. Family Leadership Development within NB Subcommittee

Chairperson Crider lead a discussion regarding recruiting more members with lived experience to participate in the Subcommittee and asked members to provide contact information for candidates.

D. Communications Plan / Implementation Update

Kristen Kennedy provided an update on the communications plan and implementation. HFS website has been updated to include a button for Behavioral Health information from the Medical Programs home page. The Behavioral Health landing page has been updated to include more general information on behavioral health programs. HFS would like the subcommittee’s feedback on that information.

Kristen also shared an outline for the structure of the website and asked the committee to review and provide feedback at the next committee meeting.

A recommendation was made by the subcommittee to get parent feedback on the website organization and content very early in the process. Regina will work with Bernie and Kristen to provide the parent group with the information and gather their feedback before additional work is completed.

IV. Subcommittee Feedback on Provider and Family Engagement Strategies

A. Update from Family Workgroup

Chairperson Crider will have update for next meeting.

B. Update from Provider Workgroup

No update

C. Paraprofessional Workforce Development Workgroup

No update

V. Additional Business: Old & New

A. Old Business

None

B. Items for future discussion

C. Announcements

None

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:26pm