

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
N.B. Stakeholder Subcommittee of the Medicaid Advisory Committee
March 29, 2021 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

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

Members Present

Achre, Christine	Primo Center for Women and Children
Crider, Regina	Youth and Family Peer Support Alliance
Walsh, Amenda	IL Children's Mental Health Department
Lindsey, Marvin	Community Behavioral Healthcare Association
Daniels, Sarah	Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY)
McGowan-Tomke, Jennifer	NAMI Chicago
Naylor, Michael	Illinois Psychiatric Society
Ryan, Dee Ann	Family Advocate

Members Absent

Carmichael, Michelle	Education Consultant
Doyle, Tamara	Family Advocate
Foster, Eric	Illinois Association for Behavioral Health
Lenzo, Eric	Mt. Sinai Health Services
Nierman, Peter	Illinois Psychiatric Society
Roberts, Katrina	Family Advocate
Hampton, Angie	Egyptian Public and Mental Health Department
Keeler, Jason	Allendale Association
Roethlisberger, Margo	Ada S. McKinley Community Services
Danes, Andrea	Accelerant Health

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was opened, and roll call was taken.

II. Introductions

A quorum was not met, but the meeting was held without voting on any official business. Minutes from the previous meeting were not approved.

III. Implementation Update

Dee Ann Ryan and Amy Starin provided an overview of the Workforce Development Workgroup Recommendations including a curriculum of central competencies that will be required for paraprofessionals; certification and credentialing; recruitment of paraprofessionals; and incentives for agencies to hire paraprofessionals who have obtained the certification/credential.

Kristine Herman notified the group that the DRAFT 1915(j) application had been submitted to CMS and that HFS was in negotiations with CMS on the approval, but no firm timeline was yet established. HFS is not anticipating major changes to the programmatic aspects of the 1915(i) but will keep the subcommittee updated as additional information is available.

IV. Feedback and Discussion

Concerns were raised that increasing paraprofessionals would increase the need for masters level supervisors and the cost of implementing the recommendations of the workgroup, specifically on training time and requirements.

HFS requested that the workgroup provide a recommendations section of the report to summarize the key areas for each section.

V. Adjournment