

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
N.B. Stakeholder Subcommittee of the Medicaid Advisory Committee
December 15, 2021 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

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

Members Present

Josh Evans	Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Bernadette May	Family Service Association of Greater Elgin
Christine Achre	Primo Center for Women and Children
Ashley Deckert	Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Andrea Danes	Accelerant Health
Michelle Churchy-Mims	Community Behavioral Healthcare Association
Dr. Michael Naylor	University of Illinois at Chicago
Jason Keeler	Allendale Association
Jennfier McGowan-Tomke	NAMI Chicago
Regina Crider	Youth and Family Peer Support Alliance
Jud DeLoss	Illinois Association for Behavioral Health
Michaela Granger	Youth and Family Peer Support Alliance
Brandy Moore	Centerstone
Jennifer Roland	University of Illinois Urbana Champaign – School of Social Work
Anna Harvey	YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago
Stephanie Barisch	Center for Youth and Family Solutions
Walsh, Amanda	IL Children's Mental Health Department
Dee Ann Ryan	Family Advocate

Members Absent

Daniels, Sarah	Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY)
Angie Hampton	Egyptian Public and Mental Health Department

I. Welcome and Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was opened, and roll call was taken at 3:00pm. Quorum was not established until 3:15pm.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Once the quorum was established, minutes from the previous meeting were approved with one change to the attendance list.

IV. Implementation Update

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

- HFS is still working with CMS on the approval of the 1915(i) State Plan Amendment Application and does not have an estimated timeline for receiving CMS approval. Therefore, HFS will delay

the announcement of the Care Coordination and Support Organization application approvals until we have a more solid timeframe established for CMS' approval of the application .

- However, HFS is continuing with implementation preparation including ensuring that all systems are ready to accept provider enrollment, trainings are ready to be provided, billing systems for HFS and MCOs are ready and that public messaging regarding services is also ready.
- HFS will continue to gather feedback form this committee particularly regarding the public messaging for services and will continue to update the committee regarding implementation progress.
- John Obrien added that he is hearing reports from other states that have submitted applications for 1915(i)s that are also taking extra time for CMS to review. The issue seems to be bandwidth at CMS due to many other priorities and does not appear to be an issue with Illinois' submission specifically.

Q: Would the state be able to move forward with implementing services before the application is approved?

A: No. The State would not be able to obtain federal match for the services if implementation occurred prior to approval. But, HFS is going to continue moving forward with implementation preparation, so we are ready to implement as soon as we receive approval from CMS.

Q: Is there any timeframe being contemplated? If so, we need to make sure that providers have ample time to prepare.

A: No timeline has been established yet. HFS will ensure that there is ample time prior to the implementation date to make sure that providers can hire staff, send staff to required training and be ready to implement services.

Q: Should the State move forward with implementation of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) now before the rest of the services are implemented?

A: The State will not move forward with implementation of PRTFs until the new community-based services are implemented. However, the State will be working to establish an estimate of the PRTF capacity that will be needed and establishing a selection process for PRTFs while community-based services are being implemented.

V. Pathways to Success Services Feedback

- **Intensive Home-Based Services**
 - **Next Round of Public Messaging**

Kristine indicated that HFS had received good feedback from the last meeting regarding the current information available on Intensive Home-Base services (IHB) and had incorporated that feedback into a new presentation that was designed to create interest for providers to offer this service. Kristine shared the presentation with the group and then asked Matt Stinson to discuss the training requirements for the service.

Kristine then asked for feedback from the committee regarding the content of the presentation and any changes that they would recommend.

Suggestion: The first mention of the Functional Behavioral Analysis was on the slide that discussed the supervisor's role. Would be helpful to discuss that earlier in the presentation to outline what it is and who is responsible for completing it.

Suggestion: Potential enrollment numbers do not really include the level of engagement that might be anticipated, so are probably an over-estimate. May want to add a caveat to the numbers to indicate that.

Suggestion: Committee members would like to pull together a smaller group to discuss subcontracting. Michelle Churchy-Mims agreed to facilitate that smaller working group and come back with recommendations at the next meeting.

Suggestion: There are more questions than we can answer during our scheduled time. HFS will send the presentation out to the group and will ask for feedback to be discussed at our next meeting.

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.