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**Medicaid Advisory Committee**  
**Community Integration Subcommittee Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 4, 2021, 3-5 PM**

**Due to COVID-19 concerns, this meeting will be held using WebEx:**

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**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review and approval of meeting minutes from September 2, 2021
- III. Discussion of HFS mandatory training for subcommittee members
- IV. Department of Human Services - Division of Rehabilitation Services brief presentation on customer feedback on Home Services Program
- V. Input from subcommittee members on needs and opportunities for improving community integration for older adults and individuals with disabilities (see questions below under Public comment)
- VI. Public comment
- VII. Discussion
- VIII. Identify agenda focus for November meeting
- IX. Adjourn

**Public Comment**

Members of the public who wish to comment during the meeting must submit an email request with the statement *MAC CI Public Comment* in the Subject line. Send this request to

[Gabriela.M.Moroney@illinois.gov](mailto:Gabriela.M.Moroney@illinois.gov) no later than 5 PM on November 2, 2021. The Department will try to accommodate as many requests as possible, however there is limited availability for public comments. At the Department's discretion and based upon the public comment time allotted, each speaker will be limited to 1-3 minutes. Written comments are welcome and can be submitted to the same email address.

In this meeting, the subcommittee is especially interested in hearing about the both opportunities and unmet needs for improving community integration for older adults and individuals with disabilities. Specific questions the subcommittee may explore are:

- Which groups of Medicaid enrollees are not fully served by Illinois Medicaid-funded home and community-based services? What barriers are they experiencing?
- Where and with which populations is demand for home and community-based services rising?
- Do delays exist in accessing Medicaid HCBS services? If so, which services are affected and what is your understanding of the nature of the delays?
- What are some ideas for expanding access to Illinois Medicaid home and community-based services?

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**Medicaid Advisory Committee**  
**Community Integration (CI) Subcommittee**  
**WebEx Meeting DRAFT Minutes**  
**September 2, 2021, 2:30-4:30 PM**

**CI Subcommittee Members Present**

Jessie Beebe, AIDS Foundation of Chicago  
Kathy Carmody, Institute on Public Policy for  
People with Disabilities  
Sydney Edmond, Illinois Public Health Institute  
Maria ‘Carmen’ Gonzalez DJangi, Metropolitan  
Family Services  
Lori Hendren, AARP  
LaShun James, Addus Homecare  
Jordyn Jensen, UIC Department of Disability  
and Human Development  
Amie Lulinski, The Arc of Illinois  
Ann Lundy, Access Community Health  
Network  
Jodi Mahoney, North Central Behavioral Health  
Systems  
Missy Munday, Cornerstone Services  
Marsha Nelson, Shawnee Health Service  
Amber Smock, Access Living  
Mark Stutrud, Lutheran Social Services of  
Illinois  
Ashley Warren, NAMI Chicago  
Greg Will, SEIU Healthcare Illinois-Indiana

**Department of Healthcare and Family  
Services (HFS) Staff Present**

Melishia Bansa  
Arvind Goyal  
Maureen Haugh Stover  
Kim McCullough  
Robin Morgan  
Gabriela Moroney  
Lauren Tomko  
Pam Winsel

**Public Attendees**

Amy Bowers, Anixter Center  
Ashley Deckert, Illinois Collaboration on Youth  
Kristen Feld, Clearbrook  
Jill Hayden, Medicaid Policy Network  
Talya Hellman, Access Community Health  
Network  
Renee Kroplewski, CareAdvisors  
Ryan McGraw, Access Living  
Angel Miles, Access Living  
Brielle Osting, CareAdvisors  
Shquipe “Sheri” Osmani, SO Strategies, LLP  
Ryan Voyles, Health News Illinois  
Jeffery Wright, University of Illinois Hospital

**Other State Staff Present**

Casey Burke, Department of Human Services-  
Division of Developmental Disabilities  
(DHS-DDD)  
Jean Davis, Governor’s Office of Early  
Childhood Development  
Amy Lulich, Department on Aging  
Lora McCurdy, Department on Aging  
Kimberly Mercer-Schleider, Illinois Council on  
Developmental Disabilities  
Rahnee Patrick, DHS-DDD  
Carrie Wilcox, DHS-Division of Mental Health

- I. **Call to Order** – HFS staff member Gabriela Moroney called the meeting to order on September 2 at 2:35 PM.
- II. **Background and systems overview** – Ms. Moroney provided a presentation on the background of the subcommittee and the services available within the Illinois Medicaid program that support community integration. See attached presentation for content.
- III. **Introductions of subcommittee members** – Subcommittee members introduced themselves and provided information about their interest in serving on the subcommittee. Generally speaking, subcommittee members voiced strong enthusiasm for their work on the subcommittee.
- IV. **Selection of subcommittee chair** – Ann Lundy nominated Amber Smock to serve as chair of the subcommittee. This nomination was seconded by Kathy Carmody. The subcommittee unanimously elected Ms. Smock as chair.
- V. **Expectations for subcommittee members** – Ms. Moroney reviewed expectations for subcommittee members. See attached presentation for content.
- VI. **Discussion and public comment** – Subcommittee members discussed their hope that the subcommittee would develop actionable recommendations to submit to the Medicaid Advisory Committee. Key themes included:
  - Importance of prioritizing the person.
  - Need to grow awareness across the health and human service sector of the resources available to support community integration.
  - Need for workforce development.
  - Essential role of supportive housing.
  - Value of technology to support people in the community.
  - Need to better coordinate services on behalf of individuals with disabilities and older adults.

Time remained for public comment, however, no members of the public elected to offer comment during this session.

The subcommittee established consensus that the subcommittee would meet the first Thursday of every other month from 3-5 PM. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 4 from 3-5 PM.

- VII. **Identify agenda focus for November meeting** – The subcommittee agreed that the focus of the November meeting would be to elicit input from the subcommittee and the public on unmet needs for individuals wishing to receive services and supports in the community.
- VIII. **Adjournment** – 4:30 PM