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Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: Friday, May 12, 2023, | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Location: Due to COVID-19 Concerns, this meeting was held virtually via WebEx

Audience: Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

MAC Members Present:

Acting Chair (*)

Alejandro Clavier, Esperanza Health Centers at VIDA Pediatrics
Amber Smock, Access Living -
Andrea Danes, Foster Parent
Audrey Pennington, Aunt Martha's
Brian Cloch, Transitional Care Management -
Cheryl Whitaker, Next Level Health
Derek Robinson, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois
Howard Peters, HAP Inc. Consulting
Kathy Chan, Cook County Health *
Kimberly Mercer-Schleider, Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities
Larry McCulley, Metro East – Southern Illinois Health Foundation

Absences Recorded

None recorded

HFS Staff Present:

HFS Director (*)

Medicaid Administrator ()**

Arvind Goyal

Dan Jenkins

Dani Mendez

Jenna King

Jenny Aguirre

Jose Jimenez

Kati Hinshaw

Kelly Cunningham**

Keshonna Lones

Kimberly McCullough-Starks

Kristin Hartsaw

Kristin Kennedy

Kristine Herman

Kyle Daniels

Laura Phelan

Lauren Polite

Laura Ray

Lisa Gregory

Margaret Dunne

Mary Doran

Melishia Bansa

Robert Mendonsa

Sergio Obregon

Shawn McGady

Tanya Ford

Theresa Eagleson*

Tracy Keen

Tracy Withrow

Veronica Archundia

MAC Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2023

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Kathy Chan, Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC), Friday, May 12, 2023, at **10:02 a.m. on the WebEx Platform.**
- II. **Roll Call of Committee Members:** Ms. Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to the Director of HFS, facilitated roll call of Committee Members.
- III. **Introduction of HFS Staff:** Ms. Bansa, introduced Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator of HFS and Theresa Eagleson, Director of HFS. Presenters from the HFS Executive Team were asked to make introductions during their presentations in the order they were listed on the agenda. All other HFS staff were asked to provide introductions utilizing the chat feature of the virtual meeting platform. HFS staff present will also be reflected in the meeting minutes.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Feb 3, 2023, Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. **Motion:** Kathy Chan, MAC Chair, presented motion for approval of meeting minutes. This motion was moved by Howard Peters, MAC Member. Cheryl Whitaker, MAC Member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
- V. **Special Bylaws Committee:** Presentation regarding an overview of the proposed changes to the MAC bylaws submitted by MAC members and reviewed by Special Bylaw Committee were presented by Dr. Arvind Goyal, assisted by Melishia Bansa, both members of HFS Staff.
 - a. **Motion:** Kathy Chan, MAC Chair, presented motion for approval of MAC Bylaws. There was some discussion regarding MAC meeting operational logistics. This motion was moved by Howard Peters, MAC Member. Audrey Pennington, MAC Member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
 - b. Kathy Chan, MAC Chair, Commended the Special Bylaw Committee for their collaborative work on the bylaws. Members of the Special Bylaw Committee: Mr. Peters and Ms. Pennington, both members of the MAC, along with Dr. Goyal and Ms. Bansa, both HFS Staff.
- VI. **Healthcare & Family Services (HFS) Executive Report:** Kathy Chan, MAC Chair introduced the HFS Executive Report.
 - A. **End of Public Health Emergency:** This was presented by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator and Tracy Keen, Division of Eligibility Administration. This complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed on the HFS MAC Website at the following link: [MAC Meeting Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#).
 1. **Public Education Subcommittee Update: Nadeen Israel, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.**
 - a. **Communications | Outreach and Partnership Engagement -** Update was provided by Tracy Withrow, HFS Communications and Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS.
 - B. **Innovations and Equity:** This complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed on the HFS MAC Website at the following link: [MAC Meeting Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#).

1. **Transformation of Existing Behavioral Health Waiver** was presented by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator.
2. **Health Equity and Quality Care Subcommittee Update:** Howard Peters, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.

C. HFS Program Updates: This complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed on the HFS MAC Website at the following link: [MAC Meeting Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#).

1. The Reproductive Healthcare update was presented by Laura Phelan, HFS Policy Director.
2. The Health Benefits for Immigrant Adult opportunity for questions will be forthcoming was referenced by Kathy Chan, MAC Chair
3. Other Administrative Comments or Updates were provided by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator.

VII. Community Integration Final Subcommittee Report: This report was presented by Amber Smock, Chair of the Community Integration Subcommittee for MAC consideration. This complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed on the HFS MAC Website at the following link: [MAC Meeting Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)

VIII. Other Subcommittee Reports & Recommendations:

A. NB Stakeholder: Regina Crider, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.

IX. Public Comment: This was facilitated by Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS. Public Comments were provided by the following attendees:

- A.** Amber Kirchhoff, MA, Director, Public Policy + Government Affairs, Illinois Primary Health Care Association
- B.** Dawn V. Gay, MBA-HCM, Executive Director, CareAdvisors, Fellow, IOMC
- C.** Robin Lavender, Client Access Coordinator, DuPage County Health Department. Ms. Lavender's public comment was read during the meeting.

X. Additional Business: Old & New

- A.** Items for future discussion
 1. None Discussed
- B.** HFS Announcements: Ms. Bansa provided general information regarding MAC membership opportunities.
 1. Howard Peters, MAC member, encouraged MAC members & meeting attendees to respond to the 1115 Waiver and to send any feedback regarding Telehealth to Ms. Bansa: Melishia.Bansa@illinois.gov

XI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

- A. Motion:** Kathy Chan, MAC Chair presented motion to adjourn meeting. Howard Peters, MAC Member, moved a motion to adjourn meeting. Larry McCulley, MAC member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
 - B.** Next Meeting Aug 4, 2023.
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