

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
N.B. Stakeholder Subcommittee of the Medicaid Advisory Committee  
December 12, 2022, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

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

**Members Present**

Angie Hampton	Egyptian Public and Mental Health Department
Anna Harvey	University of Illinois Urbana Champaign – School of Social Work
Christine Achre	Primo Center for Women and Children
Emily Miller	Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Jennifer McGowan-Tomke	NAMI Chicago
Dee Ann Ryan	Family Advocate
Jennifer Roland	University of Illinois Urbana Champaign – School of Social Work
Jason Keeler	Allendale Association
Michelle Churchy-Mims	Community Behavioral Healthcare Association
Regina Crider	Youth and Family Peer Support Alliance
Dr. Michael Naylor	University of Illinois at Chicago
Stephanie Barisch	Center for Youth and Family Solutions

**Members Absent**

Amanda Walsh	IL Children's Mental Health Partnership
Andrea Danes	Accelerant Health
Ashley Deckert	Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Bernadette May	Family Service Association of Greater Elgin
Brandy Moore	Centerstone
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**

Minutes for the November meeting were tabled for review and approval to the January meeting.

**III. Healthcare & Family Services Implementation Update**

Chairperson Crider asked Kristine to provide an update on the implementation of the Pathways to Success program, and Kristine provided the following update:

- CCSOs continue to update their enrollments in IMPACT. HFS is still looking for coverage for the Rock Island area and LaSalle, Kendal and Grundy county areas. However, Family Service Association of Greater Elgin has begun serving youth in their DSA. Additional CCSOs will begin serving youth in January.

- IMPACT is also open for providers who want to offer other Pathways to Success services including Intensive Home-Based, Family Peer Support, Therapeutic Mentoring and Respite. Provider enrollment for these services continues to be slow, but we are anticipating enrollments will increase after the holidays.
- ARPA Grant Agreements for CCSOs are continuing to move through the process of finalization.
- HFS continues to host CCSO Office Hours at 2:00pm each Thursday, and they continue to be well attended and productive.
- Training continues for care coordination staff and supervisors. It has been a slow ramp up so far, but we are anticipating that as CCSOs continue hiring and other providers begin to show interest in the process that those numbers will increase.
- HFS has received the readiness reviews for CCSOs, will be reviewing those responses and working with CCSOs to address any deficiencies through December and January.
- HFS has received staffing lists from CCSOs to determine how many children they will be able to begin serving in January. HFS will assign children to each of the CCSOs and will notify MCOs of the assignments.
- In January, CCSOs will begin engaging Pathways youth and families and will also begin providing services for youth in the Family Support Program. Anticipating 5 youth per High Fidelity care coordinator and 8 youth per Intensive Care Coordination care coordinator.
- The Decision Support Criteria to determine eligibility has been approved. HFS has done a first run of the data and has sent the numbers to the CCSOs for planning purposes only at this point. The DSC will be posted soon.
- CCSO handbook has been posted (just a reminder).
- The Implementation Plan has been updated and posted with new timelines based on the approval date of the 1915(i).

Q: How will CCSOs be notified of their readiness review results and of youth that have been assigned to them?

A: HFS is still reviewing readiness reviews for CCSOs. We are going to prioritize CCSOs whose staffing reports indicate that they will have minimal staffing required by January. HFS will be identifying eligible youth and matching the number of youth to the staffing capacity of the CCSO. HFS will then send the list of prioritized youth to the CCSO and the appropriate MCOs with letters going directly to families. These areas are covered regularly in CCSO Office Hours.

Q: More of a comment, but can we please add Intensive Home-Based services to the next agenda?

A: Yes.

Q: What is the plan to close the remaining gaps in DSA coverage?

A: HFS is continuing to reach out to providers and is confident that the DSA gaps will be covered in the next several months.

Q: What additional communication is HFS going to do to try to encourage more providers to offer other Pathways to Success services?

A: HFS completed another round of webinars covering all of the services. With the holidays approaching, we are not anticipating much movement until January. HFS will be engaging our MCOs to assist in additional messaging and outreach to providers to assist in building that network.

Q: When can CCSOs expect to see the ARPA dollars released?

A: The ARPA agreements are moving through the final review / approval. Funds should be released very soon.

#### **IV. Subcommittee Feedback on Provider and Family Engagement Strategies**

Chairperson Crider provided an update from the Family Workgroup:

The Family Workgroup has not met since the last meeting. Updates will be provided after next meeting.

Chairperson Crider asked for an update from the Provider Messaging Workgroup:

Update was provided by Stephanie Barisch, who indicated that the workgroup had reviewed the Family Workgroup information and was waiting for HFS to post the information.

#### **V. Additional Business: Old & New**

##### **A. Old Business**

Subcommittee discussed the training curriculum for paraprofessionals but did not have much progress to report.

##### **B. Items for future discussion**

- None

##### **C. Announcements**

- Reminder was provided regarding ethics training required for all Subcommittee members.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned.