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Medicaid Advisory Committee
Community Integration (CI) Subcommittee
WebEx Meeting DRAFT Minutes
January 6, 2021, 3-5 PM

CI Subcommittee Members

Present

Amber Smock (Chair), Access
Living
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
LaShun James, Addus Homecare
Ann Lundy, Access Community
Health Network
Jodi Mahoney, North Central
Behavioral Health Systems
Missy Munday, Cornerstone Services
Marsha Nelson, Shawnee Health
Service
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
Emily Brigman
Arvind Goyal, MD
Lisa Gregory
Cynthia Mester
Robin Morgan

Gabriela Moroney
Lauren Tomko
Pamela Winsel

Other State Staff Present

Mike Berkes, Department on Aging
(Aging)
Meg Cooch, Department of Human
Services (DHS) Division of
Developmental Disabilities
(DDD)
John Eckert, Aging
Mariel Hamer-Sinclair, DHS
Division of Rehabilitation
Services (DRS)
Sally Lisnek, Aging
Amy Lulich, Aging
Lora McCurdy, Aging
Kimberly Mercer-Schleider, Illinois
Council on Developmental
Disabilities
Sarah Myerscough-Mueller, DHS-
DDD
Rahnee Patrick, Director, DHS-DRS
Allison Stark, Director, DHS-DDD
Carrie Wilcox, DHS Division of
Mental Health

Public Attendees*

Allan Bergman
Andrea Kindseth, LIFE CIL
AndreaR
Andrew Smith, DBSA he/him
Angel Bates-Smith
Anne Gunter
Barb Cohen

Becky Ogrodny
Beth Owens
Bob Peterson
Brittani Provost UIC-DSCC
Bruce Carmona
Chante Gamby
cthompson
Cynthia Mester
Darryl Robinson
Dave Hurter
David Berkey
Elizabeth Nelson
Fabian Camarena
Gilbert Lichstein
Hershel Jackson
Jae Jin Pak
Januario Ortega
Jenna F. IMPACT
Jesus Chuy Campuzano
Jill Hayden
Joyce Colton
Juan Flores
Kaoru Watanabe
Kathy Weiman
Kevin Heffernan
Kira Meskin
Marina Salman
Mary Cooley
Maureen Howard
Ryan McGraw
Ryan Voyles
Shelly Richardson
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unclear, the name appears as
they entered it into WebEx*

- I. **Call to Order** – Amber Smock, chairperson of the subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
- II. **Review and approval of meeting minutes from November 4, 2021**— Kathy Carmody moved to approve the minutes from November 4, 2021. Ann Lundy seconded the motion, which was approved by the subcommittee.
- III. **Public Comment** – Several members of the public offered comment to the subcommittee: Bruce Carmona, Januario Ortega, Kira Meskin, Andrea Kindseth, Barb Pritchard, Maureen Howard, Kathy Weiman, Allan Bergman, and Becky Ogradny. Comments conveyed issues and recommendations related to home and community-based services (HCBS) for individuals with disabilities, including:
- Difficulty finding caregiver, homemakers, personal assistants, and nursing services, with evenings and weekends cited as a unique challenge.
 - Services covered by the Waiver for Persons who are Elderly may not meet all the needs of an older adult with a disability; one commenter recommended expanding services covered by that waiver.
 - Persons with disabilities may have limited access to information and technology.
 - Respite care is essentially important and needs additional funding.
 - Impact of caregiver strain makes access to home and community-based services critical.
 - Wages for HCBS caregivers are not competitive with higher wages in other sectors.
 - Individuals receiving HCBS and other agencies serving them encounter challenges working with managed care.
 - Person-centered planning is not occurring with enough regularity.
 - There is a need for more robust community-based mental health rehabilitation services.
- Additional public comment was received in written format and is attached as an appendix to these minutes.
- IV. **Update on PUNS list** – DHS-DDD Director Allison Stark presented to the committee on the system of care for individuals in Illinois with developmental disabilities, including an overview and update on the PUNS list. Her presentation is attached as an appendix to these minutes.
- V. **HCBS Settings Rule** – Emily Brigman from HFS presented to the committee on the HCBS Settings Rule. Her presentation is posted here:
<https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/MACSTP01062022.pdf> .

- VI. **Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)** – Lisa Gregory from HFS presented to the committee on PACE. Detailed information about plans for the PACE model in Illinois can be found here:
<https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/pace/Pages/default.aspx> .
- VII. **Discussion** – Subcommittee member discussion ensued. Multiple members expressed appreciation for both the presentations and especially for the individuals making public comment. Others noted their broadening awareness of services across all waivers, not only those for which they already have specific and focused knowledge. Finally, Money Follows the Person was cited as a potential means of expanding access to home modifications as well as supporting community integration for individuals leaving or being diverted from institutional settings.
- VIII. **Identify agenda focus for March meeting** – Chairperson Smock asked subcommittee members to send future agenda recommendations to her by January 31, 2022.

Gabriela Moroney read the dates for the remainder of the subcommittee meetings in 2022 into the record: March 3, May 5, July 7, September 1, and November 3. All meeting times are from 3-5 PM.

- IX. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.