

**Medicaid Advisory Committee
Community Integration (CI) Subcommittee
WebEx Meeting Minutes - APPROVED
May 5, 2022, 3-5 PM**

Subcommittee Members

Present

Amber Smock (Chair), Access Living
Kathy Carmody, Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities
Sydney Edmond, Illinois Public Health Institute
Maria 'Carmen' Gonzalez DJangi, Metropolitan Family Services
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
Mark Stutrud, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
Jordyn Jensen, UIC Institute on Disability and Human Development
Lashun James, Addus HomeCare
Ashley Warren, NAMI Chicago
Greg Will, SEIU Healthcare Illinois-Indiana

Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) Staff

Present

Melishia Bansa
Janene Brickey
Dr. Arvind Goyal
Kristin Hartsaw
Kristine Herman
Kristine Kennedy
Cynthia Mester
Robin Morgan
Gabriela Moroney
Laura Phelan
Lauren Tomko
Pamela Winsel

Other State Staff Present

Francisco Alvarado, Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Family and Community Services (DFCS)

Meg Cooch, DHS-Division of Developmental Disabilities

John Eckert, Department on Aging (Aging)

Ahlam Jbara, DHS-DFCS

Sally Lisnek, Aging

Lora McCurdy, Aging

Kimberly Mercer-Schleider, Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities

Rahnee Patrick, Director, DHS Division of Rehabilitation Services

Carrie Wilcox, DHS Division of Mental Health

Other Participants Present

Sherie Arriazola Martinez Allyson Bain

Lore Baker

Ellen Byrne

Kathy Chan

Barb Cohen

Mary Dixon

Mike Spud Egbert

Josh Evans

Michelle Garcia

Jill Hayden

Justin Hochstetler

Bailey Huffman

David Hurter

Sharon Jackson

Andrea Kindseth

Andrea Kovach

Kelsie Landers

Destiny Lee

Chanda Mehta

Dr. Angel Miles

Emily Miller

Shqipe Osmani

Brittani Provost

Shelly Richardson

Andrea Rizer

Tovia Siegel

Stella Van Den Eeden

- I. **Call to order** - Amber Smock, chairperson of the subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 3:01. Gabriela Moroney went over housekeeping items and announced that Jessie Beebe and Andrea Danes have resigned from the subcommittee.

- II. Roll call of committee members** - Roll call was completed quorum established.
- III. Introduction of HFS staff**
- IV. Review and approval of meeting minutes from March 3, 2022** – Kathy Carmody moved to approve the minutes from March 3, 2022. Ann Lundy seconded the motion, which was approved by the subcommittee.
- V. Public comments** – Three members of the public offered comment to the subcommittee: Justine Hochstetler, Tovia Siegel, and Shelly Richardson. Comments conveyed issues and concerns related to home and community based services (HCBS) for individuals with disabilities and immigrants including:
- Increased demand among African Americans customers and communities on the south side of Chicago.
 - Delayed services for individuals, especially those with mental health and substance abuse, due to taking longer to provide eligibility documents, not understanding programs, or being suspicious of agencies.
 - Managed care organizations not communicating with individuals about referrals to home services program.
 - Concern that Medicaid services for new senior and older adult immigrant groups do not include home and community-based services.
- VI. Overview and timeline for compiling subcommittee recommendations** – Kimberly Mercer provided an overview of survey that will be issued to subcommittee members and discussed the process and timeline for developing recommendations. Greg Will, Jordyn, Kathy Carmody, and Amie Lulinski offered to assist in the recommendation development process.
- VII. Home and community-based services for Illinois’s immigrant eligibility groups** – Gabriela M. discussed and explained Medicaid programs and benefits offered in the state of Illinois.
- VIII. Money Follows the Person (MFP) update** – Janene Brickey gave an update on MFP. A letter of intent was submitted, and an application will be submitted before the end of the month. Awards notices will be announced around August 15th.
- IX. Medicaid community-based behavioral health service array** – Kristine Herman presented on Medicaid community-based behavioral health services. Discussion included administrative rules, authorized providers, and the specific services that are available.
- X. Additional Business: Old & New**
- A. Items for future discussion** – Chairperson Smock led the committee in a discussion of agenda items for the next two meetings. Consensus was established to address discussion of asset limits in terms of receiving common community based services, reentering the community and accessibility to programs in the July

meeting. It was also agreed that Aging's programs would be a focus of September's meeting.

- XI. Wrap up/action items** – Several members offered comments and had questions to the subcommittee: Jordyn, Amie Lulinski, Lore Baker, and Angel Miles. Comments conveyed issues and recommendations related to programs available for people with disabilities and accessibility to them.
- XII. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.