

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services**  
**Health Equity and Quality Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8, 2022**

**Members Present:**

**Chair (\*) & Co-Chair (\*\*)**

Amber Kirchhoff, Illinois Primary Healthcare Association  
Andrea McGlynn, Cook County Health Plan  
Ann Lundy, Access Community Health Network (MAC Member)  
Craig Chico, Back of the Yards Neighborhood Counsel  
\*\*Derek Robinson, Co-Chair (MAC Member)  
\*Howard Peters, Chair (MAC Member)  
Jennifer Cartland, Lurie Children's Hospital  
Karen Aguilar, Chicago Hearing Society  
Lauren Messmore, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Ned Budd, Thorek Hospital  
Lisa Green, Family Christian Health Center  
Barrett Hatches, Chicago Family Health Center  
Melissa Simon, Northwest University Fineberg School of Medicine  
Larry McCully, Touchette Regional Hospital

**Members Absent**

Beverly Hamilton-Robinson, Human Services Consultant  
Karin Norington-Reaves, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership  
Maryam Hormonzy

**HFS Staff Present**

Arvind K. Goyal	Jose Jimenez
Ben Winick	Kelly Cunningham
Danny Mendez	Kim McCullough
Dawn Wells	Kyle Daniels
Jean Davis	Melishia Bansa
Dan Jenkins	Shanan Casey

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services**  
**Health Equity and Quality Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8, 2022**

- I. **Call to order:** Howard Peters called the meeting to order.
- II. **Housekeeping:** Melishia Bansa went over housekeeping information.
- III. **Roll Call of Committee Members:** Melishia Bansa took a roll call of committee members.
- IV. **Introduction of HFS Staff:** The HFS Staff was introduced.
- V. **Review and Approval of the previous MAC Meeting Minutes:** The minutes for December 8<sup>th</sup> were approved. The December 21<sup>st</sup> minutes were approved. The January 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved (pending two corrections made).
- VI. **Community Safety Net Hospital Designation:**
  - a. Subject Matter Presentations and Comments
    - i. Barbara Martin, CEO, West Suburban Medical Center – West Suburban is currently designated as a safety net hospital. Weiss Memorial is designated as a high Medicaid hospital. These hospitals are part of a small hospital system that predominantly serves underserved and minority communities in Chicago and the surrounding areas. We are committed to continue providing competent care as more and more hospitals struggle to keep their maternity units open to skyrocketing costs. These hospitals are under significant financial pressure in 2022 because of the Covid pandemic. The written testimony is attached.
    - ii. Anne Ighoe, Vice President and Director for Health Systems SEIU Healthcare IL/IN – Please see attached presentation and testimony.
    - iii. Dr. Lisa Green, CEO, Family Christian Health Center – Please see attached presentation.
    - iv. Dan Jenkins, Deputy Administrator of Rates and Finance, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
      - 1. Overview of Illinois Hospital Medicaid Utilization – Please see attached presentation.
- VII. **Public Comments:** It was discussed that there should be a defined criteria for services that are offered. The use of the Safety Net hospitals by communities that are immediately approximate to the hospital. Data that would be helpful is the distribution of the users of those hospitals from the immediate geographic areas. I believe HFS can provide this data. We've heard some excellent feedback regarding the healthcare transformation program.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:51am.