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Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: Friday, November 4, 2022, | 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
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

Cheryl Whitaker, Next Level Health
Derek Robinson, Blue Cross Blue Shield

HFS Staff Present:

HFS Director (*)

Medicaid Administrator ()**

Angela Ryan	Kristin Hartsaw
Arvind Goyal	Kristine Herman
Dan Jenkins	Kyle Daniels
Dani Mendez	Laura Ray
Eric Foster	Margaret Dunne
Evan Fazio	Mary Doran
Gabriela Moroney	Melishia Bansa
Jason Hollinshead	Patrick Hostert
Jesse Lava	Patrick Lindstrom
Kati Hinshaw	Robert Mendonsa
Kelly Cunningham**	Sergio Obregon
Keshonna Lones	Shawn McGady
Kimberly McCullough-Starks	Teresa Flesch
Kiran Mehta	Theresa Eagleson*

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- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Kathy Chan, Acting Chair of the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC), Friday, November 4, 2022, at 10:09 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. 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 Aug 5th, 2022, Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. **Motion:** Kathy Chan, Acting Chair of the MAC, presented motion for approval of meeting minutes with minor grammatical correction. This motion was moved by Howard Peters, MAC Member. Larry McCulley, MAC Member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
- V. **Healthcare & Family Services (HFS) Executive Report:** Ms. Bansa acknowledged the presence of the Theresa Eagleson, Director of HFS. Kathy Chan, Acting Chair of the MAC introduced the HFS Executive Report.
 - A. **Innovations:** 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 New HFS Brand update was provided by Evan Fazio, Communications Director. Mr. Fazio provided insight into the development of the new HFS brand.
 2. The Public Health Emergency End: Communication & Key Messaging Phase Two update was also presented by Mr. Fazio. He provided directives on the following four steps: updating your address, checking your mail, completing your renewal, and connecting to coverage. The Toolkit can be accessed at the following link [Address Update Messaging Toolkit | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#).
 3. The Healthcare Transformation Collaborative (HTC) update was presented by Kimberly McCullough-Starks, Deputy Director. Mrs. McCullough-Starks provided an update on the announcement of the HTC round-two awardees.
 - a. The HTC overview was followed by an additional HTC Collaborative presentation by core leaders of the South Side Healthy Community Organization.
 4. The Program for All Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE) update was presented by Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator of HFS.
 5. The Establishment of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) update was also presented by Ms. Cunningham. She also provided insight into relevant legislation, the plan for fund allocation, and goals for future program sustainability.
 - B. **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 HealthChoice Illinois update was presented by Robert Mendonsa, Deputy Administrator for Care Coordination, Bureau of Managed Care. Mr. Mendonsa provided further insight into the MMAI Transition plan.
 2. The Eligibility update was presented by Sergio Obregon, Special Assistant to Director of HFS and Division of Medial Eligibility. Mr. Obregon provided an overview of eligibility metrics, health benefits for immigrants, and reviewed information pertaining to the CHIP (Title 21) transition to the Medicaid Expansion Program (Title 19).
 3. The Reproductive Healthcare update was presented by Mary Doran, Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination. Ms. Doran provided information regarding the Family Planning

Program implementation, updates to pharmacist dispensing of contraception, and the October 20, 2022 approval of the 12-month Postpartum SPA.

- VI. Subcommittee Reports & Recommendations:** This complete presentation can be referenced and reviewed on the HFS MAC Website at the following link: [MAC Meeting Presentation Decks | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)
- A. Community Integration:** Amber Smock, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
 - B. Health Equity and Quality Care:** Howard Peters, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
 - C. Public Education:** Kathy Chan, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
 - D. NB Stakeholder:** Regina Crider, Subcommittee Chair, provided brief insight into subcommittee progress to date.
- VII. Public Comment:** This was facilitated by Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS.
- A.** Public comments were provided by Amber Kirchhoff, Director, Public Policy & Governmental Affairs, IPHCA.
 - B.** Public comments were provided by Sam Forsythe, Hepatitis Treatment and Care Manager, Howard Brown Health. This comment was addressed by Arvind Goyal, HFS Medical Director.
- VIII. Additional Business: Old & New**
- A.** Items for future discussion
 - 1.** The need for future bylaws amendments was advised by Dr. Arvind Goyal, HFS Medical Director. Recommendation to appoint a special committee to review the MAC bylaws and appoint Dr. Goyal to serve as an ex-officio member was proposed by Howard Peters, MAC Member. A request for MAC members to volunteer for this special committee was conducted by Kathy Chan, Acting Chair of the MAC. **Motion:** Kathy Chan, presented a motion to establish a special committee consisting of the following members of the MAC: Audrey Pennington and Howard Peters along with Dr. Goyal, ex-officio member, to review the MAC bylaws and provide recommendations at the next MAC meeting. This motion was moved forward and unanimously passed with no oppositions. **Motion Carried.**
 - B.** HFS Announcements
 - 1.** Kiran Mehta, Assistant General Counsel provided a written update on required Ethics Training for All MAC Members. This update was presented by Melishia Bansa, Special Assistant to Director of HFS.
 - 2.** Ms. Bansa also provided Information on how to access the new online MAC membership application. The application can be accessed at the following [2022IllinoisMedicaidAdvisoryCommitteeOpportunities.pdf](#)
 - 3.** Ms. Bansa also shared other relevant HFS resources found on the HFS MAC website and Social Media Platforms.
- IX. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.
- A.** Kathy Chan, Acting Chair of the MAC acknowledged the entire HFS team for enhancing the MAC meeting operations and experience. This included a special acknowledgement to Melishia Bansa for “behind the scenes” meeting organization and coordination efforts.
 - B. Motion:** Kathy Chan, Madam Acting Chair presented motion to adjourn meeting. Andrea Danes, MAC Member, moved a motion to adjourn meeting. Audrey Pennington, MAC member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
 - C.** Next Meeting Feb 3, 2023.
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