

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
N.B. Stakeholder Subcommittee of the Medicaid Advisory Committee
August 16, 2021 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

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

Members Present

Walsh, Amanda	IL Children's Mental Health Department
Churchy-Mims, Michelle	Community Behavioral Healthcare Association
Naylor, Michael	Illinois Psychiatric Society
Keeler, Jason	Allendale Association
Angie Hampton	Egyptian Public and Mental Health Department
McGowan-Tomke, Jennifer	NAMI Chicago

Members Absent

Carmichael, Michelle	Education Consultant
Doyle, Tamara	Family Advocate
Foster, Eric	Illinois Association for Behavioral Health
Lenzo, Eric	Mt. Sinai Health Services
Nierman, Peter	Illinois Psychiatric Society
Roberts, Katrina	Family Advocate
Hampton, Angie	Egyptian Public and Mental Health Department
Roethlisberger, Margo	Ada S. McKinley Community Services
Danes, Andrea	Accelerant Health
Daniels, Sarah	Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY)
Achre, Christine	Primo Center for Women and Children
Ryan, Dee Ann	Family Advocate
Crider, Regina	Youth and Family Peer Support Alliance

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was opened, and roll call was taken.

II. Introductions

A quorum was not met, but the meeting was held without voting on any official business. Minutes from the previous meeting were not approved.

III. Implementation Update

Kristine Herman explained that the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) was continuing to update membership on all subcommittees of the MAC including the NB Subcommittee. The timing of the updated membership was beneficial as the NB Subcommittee has not met quorum for several meetings. Kristine explained that the process for adding new members was still in process and should be concluded before the next meeting.

Kristine Herman notified the group that HFS is continuing to negotiate the final DRAFT of the 1915(i) with CMS, but no firm timeline for approval is yet known. However, in July, HFS hosted several townhall meetings about the 1915(i) implementation, including a Pathways to Success Program Overview, a Care Coordination and Support Organization and Mobile Crisis Response Overview inclusive of the Request for Qualifications Process, and, finally, an overview of the other services available under the program including Intensive Home-Based, Family Peer Support, Therapeutic Mentoring, and Respite. Rates were also included in the presentations that are posted on HFS' Pathways webpage at pathways.illinois.gov.

Kristine overviewed the timeline for 1915(i) implementation:

- July-August 2021: Stakeholder communications and townhalls
- 9/1/2021: RFQ posted to HFS website
- 10/1/2021: RFQ responses due
- 11/15/2021: RFQ awards announced
- 2/1/2022: Statewide MCR transition
- 3/1/2022: Southern/Central CCSOs go live
- 4/1/2022: Northern/Collar County CCSOs go live
- 5/1/2022: Cook County CCSOs go live

John O'Brien offered an overview of strategies that Illinois and other states have taken to address workforce issues including allowing staff to work at the top of their credential, reducing the needs for licensed staff, reducing redundancies in documentation, reviewing rates, reassessing billable activities, supporting hiring incentives, supporting telehealth and developing centers of excellence.

Kristine reinforced Illinois development of the Provider Assistance and Training Hub and the request for funds through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 including:

- 6 million for initial launch of the 1915(i) - including training, and operational setups
- 10 million for provider grants to upgrade provider technology infrastructure
- 2 million dollars to promote access to ISS and TSS services through the Pathways Services
- 5 million for launching 1115 Interim Crisis Services
- 25 million for provider grants to expand services in underserved areas and underutilized services

IV. Feedback and Discussion

Question was asked regarding participation in the webinars.

Answer was that approximately 350 unique individuals attended the Townhall and the service webinars.

Question was asked regarding how the Department is making online options available to families for support and services.

Answer was that the Department has focused on expanding the ability to do Medicaid covered services through telehealth options.

V. Adjournment