

Child Welfare Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Workgroup

WebEx / Conference line only

Date: April 30, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT (in person)	MEMBERS PRESENT (via phone)	MEMBERS ABSENT
N/A	Anika Todd	April Curtis
	Deb McCarrel	Arrelida Hall
	Dr. Michael Naylor	Kara Teeple
	Jamie Dornfeld	Keshonna Lones
	Julie Hamos	Daniel Cazares
	Helena Lefkow	Desiree Silva
	Jeff Blythe for Nacole Milbrook	Director Marc Smith
	Kristine Herman	Director Theresa Eagleson
	Audrey Pennington for Raul Garza	Dr. Marjorie Fujara
	Rashad Saafir	Dr. Peter Nierman
	Ruth Jajko	Gregory Cox
	Shawnte Alexander (for Tracy Johnson)	Howard Peters
	Carol Sheley	Josh Evans
	Kashama Nambidi for Ashley Deckert	Judge Ericka Sanders
		Karen Cook
		Kelly Cunningham
		Laura Ray
		Leyda Garcia-Greenawalt
		Pam Winsel
		Royce Kirkpatrick

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm. Roll call was completed for workgroup members.

II. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the April 16nd meeting were unable to be approved, as a quorum of members was not present to vote.

III. Update on Implementation

No tentative implementation date after delaying due to statewide response to COVID-19. Additional conversations between DCFS and HFS are needed.

Shawnte provided an update on YouthCare progress.

As of 04/30/20, 11,642 screenings have been completed for current youth in care. Over 59,000 outreach calls were made for this population. Of the youth in care in the high level of need priority groups, only one screening is left to complete.

6,399 screenings have been completed for former youth in care. Over 65,000 outreach calls have been made.

There is a webinar available for foster parents on how to talk to youth about COVID-19 – will provide link.

The Attach program – to promote adoption success – is managed by Rachel Hoyt. Staff will receive ongoing specialized training and will provide support to caregivers. Staff are trained in trauma-informed care and have experience in foster care/adoption. Referrals will be tracked starting 5/1/20 – info will become available on YouthCare website.

The YouthCare site will have planned activities that providers can access for free

The Adolescent to Adult (A2A) program has identified 2,268 former YIC as eligible. Identification of these youth begins at 17.5yo – screenings look at education, job readiness, gender identity, access to healthcare, barriers, can connect to other screenings like depression. Youth 18+ will qualify for Safelink phone assistance.

Q: What's the outreach plan regarding youth getting ready to age out and experiencing incarceration/re-entry?

A: There is a section in screenings that asks about legal involvement – YouthCare will also need to work on more intentional outreach with DJJ for these youth – DJJ and HFS are also working to ensure youth are identified and connected/transitioned to proper services.

Q: How will A2A interact with out-of-state facilities for youth in care currently placed outside IL?

A: Care coordinator's role is to stay connected to case worker/treatment team and ensure all necessary services are provided.

Q: What is YouthCare doing for FPs and adoptive parents during COVID-19?

A: Staff are reaching out to find out how parents are doing and identify any needs. There have been success stories where staff intervened on behalf of parents and navigated system to address needs, for example, staff are educating parents on the telehealth option.

Jamie Dornfeld from DCFS reported that no rollout date has been identified yet. DCFS is still working on outreach to caseworkers and foster parents to keep them updated, working to collect high-risk youth info and assisting YouthCare with outreach.

Q: What is being done with the additional time to strengthen system for rollout?

A: We are working on provider network, especially on outreach to the larger providers. We are aware of the COVID-19 strain on medical system, which was a factor in deciding to postpone. We

will make sure the infrastructure is in place. YouthCare is also working on building its network, trying to be proactive in addressing the bottleneck. They are continuing member outreach and efforts to strengthen relationships, as well as providing specialized trainings to staff.

Q: Will the DCFS website be updated with meeting minutes and agenda info more regularly?

A: All agendas are up – this week’s agenda link was broken but will be fixed. Minutes will be posted after they’re approved

There was brief discussion regarding membership – membership needs to be reviewed due to having no quorum for several months. No reduction is necessary, but members will be asked if they still want to stay on.

IV. Public Comment

Public comment is incorporated into the questions above.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Next Meeting Date and Location: May 14, 2020 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. via WebEx/Conference Line