

**Child Welfare Advisory Committee**  
**System of Care (SOC) Subcommittee Minutes:**  
**Tuesday, September 14, 2021 1:00-2:30PM**

**Welcome and roll call/attendance:** Anika Todd, DCFS; Ashley Deckert, ICOY; Ashely Haselow, Allendale; Aly Moser, Kaleidoscope; Cindy Hoffman, CHAIL; Deb Lewis, Cunningham; Gella-Kate Meeks; Jill Hayden, Medicaid Policy Network; Jill Brantz, Kaleidoscope; Kati Hinshaw, HFS; Kacy Anderson, ICOY; Kristen Kennedy, HFS; Kristine Herman, HFS (later); Laura Keuver, Catholic Charities; Marc Fagan, Thresholds; Merry Beth Sheets, Hephzibah; Michelle Churchey-Mims, CBHA; Michelle Jackson, co-chair DCFS; Pat Ege, co-chair Cunningham; Paige Garrison-Day, Cunningham; Sarah Daniels; Shawn Peterson, Cunningham; Shawnte Alexander, YouthCare; Stephanie Barisch, CYFS; Stephanie Bess, DHS (early); Alex McJimpsey, DCFS;

**Approve minutes from previous meeting**--approved

**Status/Updates from previous meetings:** Michelle invited Stephanie Bess...

**Division of Family & Community Services, Stephanie Bess**

IDHS: Family & Community Services: [IDHS: Family & Community Services \(state.il.us\)](https://www.state.il.us/idhs/fcs)

- Office of Family Wellness
  - Bureau of Family Nutrition Programs: WIC – opportunities for collaboration, WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program, Breastfeeding Peer Counseling
  - Bureau of Maternal & Child Health Programs: Family Case Management, High Risk Infant follow up, Better Birth Outcomes,
  - Bureau of Teen Parent Services Program: Teen Parent Services
  - Bureau of Early Childhood Development Programs: Illinois Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program, All our Kids, Healthy Families, Early Intervention
  - Bureau of Quality Initiatives Programs: Child Care Resource and Referral, Early Childhood mental Health Consultants, Taking Charge of Change, Head Start,
  - Bureau of Subsidy Management Program: Site Administered Child Care Program
- Office of Community & Positive Youth Development
  - Bureau of Youth Intervention Services Programs: Community Wellness In-Home Visitation, Teen REACH, Homeless Youth
  - Bureau of Positive Youth Development: Redeploy Illinois, Rural Youth Services Enhancement, Second change at Youth Offenders, Juvenile Justice Counseling, Person Responsibility Education and Pregnancy Prevention, Community Youth Services, Illinois Youth Investment Program
- Office of Adult Services & Basic Support
  - Bureau of Basic Support Programs: Homeless Services, Emergency Solutions Grant, Emergency Food Assistance
  - Bureau of Domestic Violence Prevention & Intervention Programs: Counseling legal advocacy, children’s services and crisis intervention, Partner Abuse
- Office of Workforce Development
  - Bureau of Employment & Training Program: Employment Carrier Reduction

- Bureau of Workforce Development: TANF Job Placement, SNAP Employment and training Tax Assistance
- Office of Family & Community Resource Centers – offices that sign people up for SNAP;
  - Office of Welcoming Centers for Refugee & Immigrant Services: Bureau of Welcoming Centers and Bureau of Refugee Services
  - DCFS & DHS have started identifying and sharing data on pregnant teens. They are also talking about SPYDER in terms of sharing available services
  - Question re: how families are referred to DHS. Medicaid & SNAP are generated when the child goes into care. Referrals also happen by word of mouth. The division doesn't provide direct service; more grant based
  - Question re; how individuals can be diverted to DHS from a community perspective for wraparound support, to help prevent going into the child welfare systems? The division is another set of eyes on children up to 5 yrs. old to catch things early and incorporate staff trainings to identify signs of child neglect.

**Update and topics from CWAC and other Sub-committee meetings:** None

**Family First (FFPSA) Updates** None

**Managed Care Organizations:** No updates at this meeting.

**Continuum of Care Systems (e.g. NB & BH Consent Decrees, legislation)**

- **Medicaid - 1915i** (Kati Hinshaw) what is the impact on the child welfare system and initial feedback from the group as it relates to DCFS: Updates from the 3 HFS webinars - 1915(i) waiver / Pathways to Success Program; Kati Hinshaw
  - HFS landing page dedicated to Pathways to Success Program: pathways.illinois.gov – includes all presentations and information
  - Overview on Pathways to Success – built to keep Medicaid Behavioral Health Systems in line. Provides access to intensive care coordination plus services to youth who have behavioral health needs and identified as a class member. Targeted to go into effect March 2022.
  - Eligibility to Pathways: Under 21, Medicaid eligible children, mental health diagnosis and demonstrate need for intensive services based on IM-CANS Decision Support Criteria
    - <IM-CANS Decision Support – utilizes IM-CANS and decision support criteria to stratify children into tiers/intensity of services: 2 tiers: 1: most intensive – high fidelity wrap around and 2: intensive coordination tier
    - <Once meet criteria, youth have 6 months of Pathways eligibility
    - <Pathway to Success Services: Medicaid and access to 7 additional home & community services including care coordination and support (crucial component to Pathways that coordinates with mobile crisis response), family peer support, intensive home-based services, respite, therapeutic mentoring, therapeutic support (alternative modes of therapy: \$3,000), individual support services (non-

traditional support that enhances wellness and overall wellbeing of youth: \$1,500). Other services in program include new services in health clinics, update service delivery for health clinics and expanded provider access for services

<Question re: what services provisions providers are required to provide within the community. Generally, a provider can pick mix of services they want to provide, but if they are a CCSO, they must provide care coordination and support services. If they provide intensive home-based services, they must also provide family support and respite

<Question re: the conflict of interest with the 1915i Federal regulations prohibiting Care Coordination from providing other Pathway home services. CCSO can provide Rule 140 services

<Question re: the percentage of Pathway enrollees. It is difficult to know this early on without decision support criteria, but best estimate is to look at historical utilization in crisis – 10%

<Question re: phasing in Youth In Care. The program is still in the beginning stages of conversations with sister agencies so this has not been determined yet

<Question re: the role confusion and clarification. This has not been determined since the program is still in the early stages. Other states will be used as a guide since they have a lot of experience with incorporating similar programs

<There was a question regarding what placements will be included in the program. Intact, Spec, etc. will all be a part of the conversation

<Question re: the role of youth in care and their eligibility. 1915i does not allow for individuals not residing in community-based settings. Individuals that go into the program from Residential will pay state dollars

<Question re: youth in Residential remaining in CSO prior to treatment. Wherever the home address is post discharge will remain responsible; it is recognized that the Residential piece is extremely complicated and requires a lot of coordination that is yet to be figured out

<Question re: if there is a process to transfer youth between CCSOs. Yes

<https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/07122021IllinoisAPRHCBSEnhancedFMAPInitialSpendingPlanAndNarrative.pdf>

**Public Comments** no comments

**Recommendations, Decisions, Next Steps (from this meeting)** continue discussions about 1915i. We will need a replacement for POS/Agency chairperson.

**2021 Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 1-2:30pm (every month unless otherwise determined)**

**October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**