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**Public Meeting Notice**  
**Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)**  
**Community Integration Subcommittee**  
Virtual WebEx Meeting  
Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM

**Due to COVID-19 concerns, this meeting will be held using WebEx.**

- **To join by link:** Please register in advance of the meeting & join the WebEx Meeting a few minutes before the meeting starts. Please use the following meeting link to register:
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  - During this brief registration your (name and email) will be required.
  - Once registered, WebEx will provide you access to the meeting link.
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- **Meeting Number (Access Code):** 2453 186 0964
- **Meeting password:** 9T8ph9sJDT2

## Agenda

- I. **Call to order**
- II. **Roll call of committee members**
- III. **Introduction of HFS staff**
- IV. **Review and approval of meeting minutes**
- V. **Recommendations drafting and timeline**
- VI. **Eligibility for Medicaid HCBS – Impact of income and asset limits**
- VII. **Subcommittee discussion on housing and community integration – Issues and potential solutions.** Subcommittee members, please consider:
  - What approved Medicaid housing-related initiatives in other states are relevant to community integration efforts in Illinois?
  - What are non-Medicaid options for creating access to housing for people with disabilities and older adults?
- VIII. **Additional Business: Old & New**
  - A. Items for future discussion
- IX. **Public comments**
- X. **Wrap up/action items**
- XI. **Adjournment**

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- Please title you email correspondence with the following statement in the subject line: *Request to Provide MAC Community Integration Subcommittee Public Comment on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*
- All public speakers must provide their name, title, organization name, email address and contact number when signing up to speak.
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- Speakers on the same subject are encouraged to collaborate and have a single spokesperson, if possible.
- Once your request has been reviewed, you will receive a confirmation email from Gabriela Moroney.
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- Additionally, interested parties may also provide written comments to the Department in lieu of speaking during the meeting.
- Comments will be read into to record by Chair or administrative personnel.
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- Please email request to provide written comments to [Gabriela.M.Moroney@illinois.gov](mailto:Gabriela.M.Moroney@illinois.gov) **no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

- Please title your email correspondence with the following statement in the subject line:  
***Request to Provide MAC Community Integration Subcommittee Written Comment on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.***

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**Medicaid Advisory Committee**  
**Community Integration (CI) Subcommittee**  
**WebEx Meeting DRAFT Minutes**  
**May 5, 2022, 3-5 PM**

**Subcommittee Members**

**Present**

Amber Smock (Chair), Access Living  
Kathy Carmody, Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities  
Sydney Edmond, Illinois Public Health Institute  
Maria ‘Carmen’ Gonzalez DJangi, Metropolitan Family Services  
Amie Lulinski, The Arc of Illinois  
Ann Lundy, Access Community Health Network  
Jodi Mahoney, North Central Behavioral Health Systems  
Missy Munday, Cornerstone Services  
Marsha Nelson, Shawnee Health Service  
Mark Stutrud, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois  
Jordyn Jensen, UIC Institute on Disability and Human Development  
Lashun James, Addus HomeCare  
Ashley Warren, NAMI Chicago  
Greg Will, SEIU Healthcare Illinois-Indiana

**Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) Staff**

**Present**

Melishia Bansa  
Janene Brickey  
Dr. Arvind Goyal  
Kristin Hartsaw  
Kristine Herman  
Kristine Kennedy  
Cynthia Mester  
Robin Morgan  
Gabriela Moroney  
Laura Phelan  
Lauren Tomko  
Pamela Winsel

### **Other State Staff Present**

Francisco Alvarado, Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Family and Community Services (DFCS)

Meg Cooch, DHS-Division of Developmental Disabilities

John Eckert, Department on Aging (Aging)

Ahlam Jbara, DHS-DFCS

Sally Lisnek, Aging

Lora McCurdy, Aging

Kimberly Mercer-Schleider, Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities

Rahnee Patrick, Director, DHS Division of Rehabilitation Services

Carrie Wilcox, DHS Division of Mental Health

### **Other Participants Present**

Sherie Arriazola Martinez Allyson Bain

Lore Baker

Ellen Byrne

Kathy Chan

Barb Cohen

Mary Dixon

Mike Spud Egbert

Josh Evans

Michelle Garcia

Jill Hayden

Justin Hochstetler

Bailey Huffman

David Hurter

Sharon Jackson

Andrea Kindseth

Andrea Kovach

Kelsie Landers

Destiny Lee

Chanda Mehta

Dr. Angel Miles

Emily Miller

Shqipe Osmani

Brittani Provost

Shelly Richardson

Andrea Rizor

Tovia Siegel

Stella Van Den Eeden

- I. **Call to order** - Amber Smock, chairperson of the subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 3:01. Gabriela Moroney went over housekeeping items and announced that Jessie Beebe and Andrea Danes have resigned from the subcommittee.

- II. Roll call of committee members** - Roll call was completed quorum established.
- III. Introduction of HFS staff**
- IV. Review and approval of meeting minutes from March 3, 2022** – Kathy Carmody moved to approve the minutes from March 3, 2022. Ann Lundy seconded the motion, which was approved by the subcommittee.
- V. Public comments** – Three members of the public offered comment to the subcommittee: Justine Hochstetler, Tovia Siegel, and Shelly Richardson. Comments conveyed issues and concerns related to home and community based services (HCBS) for individuals with disabilities and immigrants including:
- Increased demand among African Americans customers and communities on the south side of Chicago.
  - Delayed services for individuals, especially those with mental health and substance abuse, due to taking longer to provide eligibility documents, not understanding programs, or being suspicious of agencies.
  - Managed care organizations not communicating with individuals about referrals to home services program.
  - Concern that Medicaid services for new senior and older adult immigrant groups do not include home and community-based services.
- VI. Overview and timeline for compiling subcommittee recommendations** – Kimberly Mercer provided an overview of survey that will be issued to subcommittee members and discussed the process and timeline for developing recommendations. Greg Will, Jordyn, Kathy Carmody, and Amie Lulinski offered to assist in the recommendation development process.
- VII. Home and community-based services for Illinois’s immigrant eligibility groups** – Gabriela M. discussed and explained Medicaid programs and benefits offered in the state of Illinois.
- VIII. Money Follows the Person (MFP) update** – Janene Brickey gave an update on MFP. A letter of intent was submitted, and an application will be submitted before the end of the month. Awards notices will be announced around August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- IX. Medicaid community-based behavioral health service array** – Kristine Herman presented on Medicaid community-based behavioral health services. Discussion included administrative rules, authorized providers, and the specific services that are available.
- X. Additional Business: Old & New**
- A. Items for future discussion** – Chairperson Smock led the committee in a discussion of agenda items for the next two meetings. Consensus was established to address discussion of asset limits in terms of receiving common community based services, reentering the community and accessibility to programs in the July

meeting. It was also agreed that Aging's programs would be a focus of September's meeting.

- XI. Wrap up/action items** – Several members offered comments and had questions to the subcommittee: Jordyn, Amie Lulinski, Lore Baker, and Angel Miles. Comments conveyed issues and recommendations related to programs available for people with disabilities and accessibility to them.
- XII. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.