

Minutes

Working Group Regarding Treatment and Coverage of Substance Abuse Disorders and Mental Illness

P.A. 99-0480

July 1, 2022

1:00 P.M.- 3:00 P.M.

Locations:

WebEx or join by phone

Call-in Information:

312-535-8110

Code: 246 405 08889

I. Welcome

Andi VanderKolk welcomed staff, members, and guests to the Working Group Regarding Treatment and Coverage of Substance Abuse Disorders and Mental Illness which was created under P.A. 99-0480. VanderKolk introduced herself as being the Legislative Liaison for the Department of Insurance (DOI). DOI manages the oversight and provides staff support for the Working Group in coordination with DHS and HFS. The purpose of this working group is to discuss issues related to the treatment and coverage of substance abuse disorders and mental illness.

II. Introductions

VanderKolk asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

DOI staff members in attendance:

Andi VanderKolk
Erica Weyhenmeyer
Ryan Gillespie
Brian Gorman
Patrice Dziire
Robert Planthold
KC Stralka

DHS staff members in attendance:

Kassandra Silva

HFS staff members in attendance:

Eric Foster
Kristine Herman
Dani Mendez

Guests in attendance:

Kate Morthland – Illinois Life & Health Insurance Council
Laura Minzer - Illinois Life & Health Insurance Council

III. Minutes

VanderKolk asked members to review the minutes from the past meeting that were attached to the agenda for any edits or revisions.

Robert Planthold motioned to accept the minutes.

Eric Foster seconded the motion.

There were no objections from members.

The minutes were approved.

IV. Agency Reports

DOI

Brian Gorman, Get Covered Illinois, explained that Get Covered Illinois is a business unit within DOI. The Department is actively pursuing a procurement for a campaign for Mental Health Parody education. He explained this is going to be a statewide effort with three goals to raise awareness for mental health parody rights. The campaign should explain how consumers can seek relief if their rights are violated and to reinforce the importance of maintaining health coverage and guaranteeing that support under Illinois and Federal law. That procurement right now has already been posted. DOI is now in the process and he was hoping he would have specific announcements for the group at this time but he will give an update at the next meeting in November. DOI is looking to commence the start of the campaign in early 2023 for a term of three years.

Erica Weyhenmeyer, DOI's Chief Conduct Examiner explained DOI conducts market examinations which they review items that are deeply important to this issue. Those exams are ever ongoing as required by statute. Additionally, the Department is active from a national standpoint as she serves as the Chair of the Mental Health Parody Working Group at the NAIC. Speaking about these issues and getting consistent discussions on these issues from a nationwide perspective at those meetings as well. They tend to be open and closed meetings so it's always fun to attend in hear how other states are doing as well.

DHS

No Update

HFS

Eric Foster explained that since the last call they have contracted with regarding their mental health parody reporting and analysis has been working with HFS's health services administrative group contract which does a lot of their quality management regarding Medicaid managed care plans and has completed their report for Phase 1 of the parody analysis phase. That report was issued in a draft. HFS also has issued their MCO plans and additional information regarding Phase 2 which were due yesterday, and they are waiting on the final responses.

Kristine Herman updated the group on their psychiatric collaborative care model often called collaborative care codes. There was a provider notice that was posted on June 21st indicating that HFS will be covering the psychiatric collaborative care model. It's an evidence-based model that integrates behavioral health into primary care settings. It uses a team-based approach.

HFS indicated how providers need to enroll. Providers can be physicians, advanced practice nurses, federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, local health departments and school-based health clinics. HFS published that provider notice on June 21st so if anybody is interested in more detailed information about the notice, it is posted on the website.

V. Questions or Discussion

There were none.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 5, 2022

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 PM.