

## **Agenda**

P.A. 100-1024 Mental Health Parity Working Group  
March 19, 2021  
11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

### **Locations:**

WebEx or join by phone

### **Call-in Information:**

1-312-535-8110  
Code: 177 821 6829

## I. Welcome

Kati Hinshaw welcomed staff, members, and guests to the Mental Health Parity Working Group Meeting. Hinshaw thanked all parties for making themselves available and providing critical expertise regarding substance use and mental health parity. Hinshaw also informed the group the Kate Morthland was leaving her position at the Department of Insurance (DOI) and thanked her for her time and leadership for the group. Erica Weyhenmeyer will be filling in as the DOI representative for the Working Group moving forward.

## II. Introductions

Hinshaw asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

### Members in attendance:

Britton Carlson  
Tina Cortez  
Laura Minzer  
Lia Daniels  
Gerald DeLoss  
Cheryl Potts  
Samantha Olds-Frey

### Members absent:

Robert Edstrom  
Nancy Wohlhart

### Guests in attendance:

Aetna  
American Psychiatric Association  
BCBS of IL  
Chamber of Commerce  
Health Alliance  
Humana  
Kennedy Forum

Shaddock and Associates  
United Healthcare

State Staff present:  
Eric Foster (HFS)  
Erica Weyhenmeyer (DOI)

### III. Minutes

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

Samantha Olds-Frey motioned to approve the minutes.  
Jud DeLoss seconded the motion.  
There were no objections from members.  
The minutes were approved.

### IV. Finalize Phase II-Implementation/ Templates/ Instructions.

Hinshaw mentioned that the updated version of the Phase II Implementation instructions was attached to the meeting notice. During the last meeting, members were asked to have any finalized comments on the instructions submitted so that a final draft would be ready for today's meeting.

David Shollcut and Tim Clement briefly discussed the updates to the instructions and indicated they think the version shared is appropriate, sufficient, and ready to move forward. Cheryl Potts, Samantha Olds-Frey, and Laura Minzer agreed with this sentiment.

Samantha Olds-Frey motioned to approve the Phase II Implementation instructions.  
Cheryl Potts seconded the motion.  
There were no objections from members.  
The instructions were approved.

### V. Agency Implementation Discussion Cont.

Hinshaw reminded the Working Group that last meeting there was robust discussion about the implementation of the templates within the State agencies, specifically what needs to be done with the received responses from the insurers and health plans and the State Agencies capacity to analyze those responses.

Hinshaw informed the Working Group that a few small group meetings have occurred since the last Working Group meeting. Erica Weyhenmeyer said the Department is looking for ways to procure outside help to assist with the analysis of template response. There are still some hiccups and things to work through, but the conversations have been positive and continue to move forward. Tim Clement and Jud DeLoss echoed this sentiment.

### VI. Next Steps

The guest from Aetna raised a question about when insurers would be notified formally about the requirement to complete the Phase I template by July 1. Weyhenmeyer indicated DOI was still working through the implementation challenges and was awaiting guidance before sending notice to the insurers. Weyhenmeyer indicated they anticipate needing to give the insurers at least 60 days to complete and recognized that extensions may be needed. Insurers will be notified via typical DOI communications, such as mass email and a post to the DOI website.

Samantha Olds-Frey advocated that this notice to insurers should be made as soon as possible. The Medicaid Health Plans have already been notified of the requirement to complete the template.

Next steps are as follows:

Edits to the Phase II implementation template will be made and shared with the group.

A draft of the Phase III implementation instructions will be prepared for review at the April meeting.

Next meeting will be Friday, April 23, 2021.

## VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.