

# COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL (CCPAC) MEETING

February 5, 2025

Webex

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

## Advisory Committee Members in Attendance

Theresa Collins, CCPAC Co-Chair, Senior Services Plus, Inc; Aaron Fortenbacher, Healthcom/VRI; Brycie Kochuyt, Alternatives; Cary Crawford, Addus; Ella Grays, Accent Care; Jackie Rodriguez, SEIU; Joanne Glenn, Comprehensive Quality Care Inc. Foundation; John Magee, ADT; Katie Wright, VRI; LaShun James, Addus; Laura Altenbaumer, Active Day; Lori Hendren, AARP; Marta Pereyra, CLESE; Peter Valessares, Hellenic Foundation; Richard Juarez, Solutions for Care; Shana Holmes, Southeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc.; Sherry Barter-Hamlin, The Voyage Senior Living; Stephanie Garrigan, Lifeline; Tammy Tenton, AVID Health at Home; Winnie Lam, Chinese American Service League; Yolanda Curry, Chicago Dept of Family & Support Services; Yvette Holcomb, Accent Care, Inc.; Yvette Lyles

## Advisory Committee Members Not Present

Amy Nathan, Northshore Senior Center; Chloe Compton, IACCPH; Grace Schonberg, Lawndale Christian Health Center; Kim Evans, Help at Home; Lori Elliot, Williamson Country Programs on Aging; Megan Conway, Hanover Township Dept of Aging Service; Natasha Belli, DuPage County Community Services; Robert Spaulding, Healthcare Plus Senior Care

## Guests in Attendance

Angela Bailey, Angela Urriquia, Anna Kim, Ariel Hampton, Awilda Gonzalez, Bailey Huffman, Brandi Haberland, Caro Gallo, Charlotte Hayes-Mason, Cheryl Aguirre, Christie Kirchhofer, Cindy Cunningham, Cindy Hardiek, Cora Taylor, Eddie Morris, Elena Florea, Gustavo Saberbein, Heather Knutt, Iola Earley-Cornett, Irina Martynova, Jackie Jennings, Jackie Ward, James Quach, Jazmen Eison, Jenny Kim, Jessica Moxey, Jina Kena, Johanna Jackson, Julie Walker, Karen Kolb, Kate Kulbachna, Kayla Abbott, Ket Herena, Kofi Jones, Kristen Johnson, Laura Reavis, Linda Hubbartt, Lisa Koch, Lisa Kracht, Louie Prado, Mattie Bryant, Mi Hyun Kang, Mike Berkes, Nancy Thorsen, Neily Morales, Phoebe Skaleski, Sandra Kester, Stephanie Colson, Sue Makowski, Suzanne Kinsey, Tara Russo, Tatiana Tsikis, Teresa Smith, Topaz Gunderson-Schweska

## HFS Staff in Attendance

Robin Morgan

## IDoA Staff in Attendance

Mary Killough, IDoA Director; Albert McKinney, Becky Dragoo, Beth Skeeters, Binaya Lohani, Brian Pastor, Carrie Marcy, Emily Howerton, Fabian Eghiabumhe, Heather Austwick, Iris Huber, Jeremy Hostetler, Joe Gardner, John Eckert, Kelly Richards, Lee Moriarty, Lisa Zuurbier, Liz Vogt, Mary Gilman, Meghan Nierhoff, Melissa Schackel, Patience Horton, Peniel Nelson, Roberta Vojas, Sally Lisnek, Sandra Pastore, Sandy Leith, Shirley Morley, Trish Gorda

## AGENDA ITEMS

### Call to Order

CCPAC Co-Chair, Becky Dragoo officially called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

### Welcome and Introductions

Welcome remarks from CCPAC Co-Chair, Becky Dragoo.

### CCPAC Member Roll Call

CCPAC Co-Chair, Becky Dragoo took CCPAC member attendance roll call.

### December 11, 2024, CCPAC Meeting Minutes – Becky Dragoo, CCPAC Co-Chair

Tammy Tenton presented a motion to approve the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Richard Juarez seconded the motion. It was carried with no comments or objections.

### Public Comments – Becky Dragoo, CCPAC Co-Chair

The invitation for public comments was opened. No public comments were made.

### IDoA Staffing Update – Mary Killough, IDoA Director

17 new staff members added at IDoA during December/January/February.

### CCPAC Subcommittees – Sandra Pastore; Liz Vogt

Services subcommittee – Plan to review the remainder of the INH QI review tool during the next meeting in February.

Bylaws subcommittee – Draft update is complete and will be presented for review soon.

Policy subcommittee – Reviewed FHCA policy (now known as HCA of choice policy), next to review Freedom of Choice, Conflict free case management, Marketing, and MOU policies at next meeting in February.

Training subcommittee – HCA survey is still open and accepting submissions. Attending provider training sessions and talking to HCA about training experiences and training they would like to see covered.

### Access Rule Overview – Becky Dragoo, IDoA

- Presentation on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services access rules
- Implementation timelines and goals discussed
- Person-centered planning, critical incident management, and grievance systems covered

- Payment adequacy and minimum performance standards explained

#### Potential Federal Changes/Impact on CCP – Mary Killough, IDoA

No updates at the time of the meeting, as updates become available, they will be shared with the network.

#### Aging Cares Update – John Eckert, IDoA

- Phase one implementation of Aging CARES application discussed
- 4,827 assessments submitted and processed
- Challenges and improvements in the system addressed
- Director committed to resolving issues before expanding to other areas

#### IDoA Data Reports – John Eckert, IDoA

- Enrollment report presented showing slight decrease in enrollment numbers

#### Legislative Update – Liz Vogt, IDoA

- Legislative initiatives for 2025 presented
  - The legislative initiatives for 2025 focus on non-fiscal impact bills aimed at enhancing services for older adults.
  - Key initiatives include:
    - The Senior Citizen Property Tax Act aims to streamline eligibility processes by transferring responsibilities to the Department on Aging.
    - Legislation to strengthen transfer and discharge protections in long-term care facilities will impose fines on facilities that do not comply with hearing officer decisions regarding resident readmissions.
    - New requirements for long-term care facilities to have Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) will be introduced to improve emergency preparedness and response.

#### Fiscal/Budget Update – Emily Howerton, IDoA

- FY26 budget address scheduled for February 19
  - The FY26 budget address will be delivered by the governor on February 19.
  - Current revenue projections are down, indicating potential budget constraints.
  - A Health and Human Services briefing will follow the budget address to discuss implications for relevant programs.
- Revenue projections are down
  - Revenue projections for the upcoming fiscal year indicate a decrease compared to previous estimates.

O This decline may impact funding for various state programs and services, including those for aging and community care.

O Stakeholders are encouraged to prepare for potential budget constraints and prioritize essential services in light of the reduced revenue.

- Daily billing available, weekly billing encouraged

O Daily billing allows providers to submit claims on a daily basis for quicker cash flow.

O Weekly billing is encouraged to maintain a steady revenue stream and reduce delays in payments.

O Providers should be aware that payments from the comptroller may slow down due to decreased revenue projections.

#### IATP – Illinois Care Connections Update – Jennifer Hebel, IDoA

- Record year with over 3,000 referrals for Illinois Care Connections
- Pause on new referrals to allow IATP to catch up

#### National Core Indicator State of the Workforce Survey – Jennifer Hebel, IDoA

- State of the Workforce survey data being processed
- Providers to be contacted for data clarification if needed

Adjournment – Becky Dragoo, CCPAC Co-Chair

Meeting was adjourned at 11:43 A.M. with a motion from Cary Crawford that was seconded by Brycie Kochuyt

Next Meeting: April 9, 2025, virtual via Webex