

COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL (CCPAC) MEETING

June 11, 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; Deb Oberman, Help at Home; Jackie Rodriguez, SEIU; Jackie Ward, VRI; Joanne Glenn, Comprehensive Quality Care Inc. Foundation; John Magee, ADT; Katie Wright, VRI; Kim Evans, Help at Home; LaShun James, Addus; Lori Hendren, AARP; Marta Pereyra, CLESE; Natasha Belli, DuPage County Community Services; Peter Valessares, Hellenic Foundation; Richard Juarez, Solutions for Care; Shana Holmes, Southeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc.; Stephanie Garrigan, Lifeline; Tammy Tenton, AVID Health at Home; Winnie Lam, Chinese American Service League; Yolanda Curry, Chicago Dept of Family & Support Services; Yvette Lyles

Advisory Committee Members Not Present

Amy Nathan, Northshore Senior Center; Ella Grays, Accent Care; Grace Schonberg, Lawndale Christian Health Center; Laura Altenbaumer, Active Day; Lori Elliot, Williamson Country Programs on Aging; Robert Spaulding, Healthcare Plus Senior Care; Sherry Barter-Hamlin, The Voyage Senior Living; Yvette Holcomb, Accent Care, Inc.

Guests in Attendance

Awilda Gonzalez, Bailey Huffman, Cheryl Aguirre, Christie Kirchhofer, Cindy Hardiek, Cora Taylor, Elena Florea, Evie Zarraga, Gustavo Saberbein, Haley Sawyer, Heather Knutt, Irina Martynova, Jackie Jennings, James Quach, Jazmen Eison, Jenny Kim, Jina Kena, Johanna Jackson, Karen Kolb, Karla Baht-Israel, Kendra Corzine, Ket Herena, Kevin Cosgrave, Kofi Jones, Linda Hubbartt, Lisa Koch, Lisa Kracht, Lisa Miller, Loise Basa, Louie Prado, Marsha Johnson, Mayra Quinones, Mi Hyun Kang, Mika Snell, Nancy Thorsen, Patricia Cash, San O, Sara Ratcliffe, Stephanie Colson, Tara Russo, Teresa Smith, Tori Gruber, Yihyun Kim

HFS Staff in Attendance

Brandi Haberland, Cynthia Mester, Robin Morgan

IDoA Staff in Attendance

Mary Killough, IDoA Director; Becky Dragoo, CCPAC Co-Chair; Albert McKinney, Alma Hernandez, Binaya Lohani, Brian Pastor, David Catlin, Derek Hedges, Elizabeth Vogt, Emily Howerton, Emmanuel Frimpong, Heather Austwick, Iris Huber, Jennifer Hebel, Jeremy Hostetler, Jody Martin, John Eckert, Joslyn Washington, Carrie Marcy, Marqus Thurmond, Melissa Schackel, Paul Caselton, Payal Jhaveri, Peniel Nelson, Priscilla Chapman, Reier Deloney, Sally Lisnek, Sandy Leith, Sergio Mojarro, Sharon Warren, Shirley Morley, T’Kira Siler-Wilkerson, Terik Coleman, Tiffany Hernandez, Trish Gorda, Vahagn Chiflikyan, Yesenia Garcia

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order

CCPAC Co-Chair, Theresa Collins officially called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome remarks from CCPAC Co-Chair, Theresa Collins.

CCPAC Member Roll Call

CCPAC Co-Chair, Theresa Collins took CCPAC member attendance roll call.

- Kofi Jones attended as proxy for Ella Grays
- Robert Spaulding had a proxy present.

April 9, 2025, CCPAC Meeting Minutes – Theresa Collins, CCPAC Co-Chair

Tammy Tenton presented a motion to approve the April 9, 2025, meeting minutes, LaShun James seconded the motion and it was carried with no comments or objections.

Public Comments – Theresa Collins, CCPAC Co-Chair

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

IDoA Staffing Update – Becky Dragoo, IDoA Deputy Director

New IDoA staff members were announced/introduced:

- Adam Holts – Accountant in Division of Finance Administration
- Chirstine Wurtzler – Human Service Caseworker in Division of Advocacy and Prevention
- Quintin Mercier – Administrative Assistant in Division of Home and Community Services
- Kaylee Hubbard – Executive I in Division of Finance Administration
- Emmanuel Frimpong – Data Analyst in Planning, Research, and Development
- Brayden Sonneborn – Human Services Caseworker in Division of Advocacy and Prevention

CCPAC Subcommittees – Becky Dragoo

- Services subcommittee – Meeting was rescheduled due to scheduling conflict.
- Bylaws subcommittee – Bylaws draft revision sent out to committee members for review with an anticipated vote during the next CCPAC meeting.
- Policy subcommittee – Sandra Pastore announced as new Senior Policy Advisor for IDoA. Reviewed Freedom of Choice Conflict Free Care Coordination and Marketing Policy during the recent meetings.
- Training subcommittee – Working with Advancing States to work on the State of the Workforce survey. Heard from partners at Rush University, they may reach out to network contacts to discuss training and an upcoming project involving certification for various facets of elderly care (caring for individuals with Alzheimer's, dementia, or intellectual, developmental, or physical disability).
- Technology Subcommittee – Director Killough announced the addition of a new subcommittee, focused on technology and program updates and integration (Aging Cares, TTP, use of digital signatures).

HHA/State Aggregator Update – Becky Dragoo, IDoA

- Robin Morgan from HFS expects to have information soon regarding updates for EVV/HHA
- HFS will be holding training sessions and IDoA providers are welcome to attend even though the aggregator has not been implanted for the Aging Waiver

Proposed Rate Increase effective January 1, 2026

- Passed out of the legislature. Waiting for official signature from the Governor

Direct Service Cost Report if there is a change from the 77/23 split

- The language from the legislature did not contain any changes around the current cost split between providers and direct care workers

Remarks from Director Killough – Mary Killough, IDoA

- Waiver merger – HFS is working on merging the current waiver services into one waiver. Tentatively expected to be Launched in July 2026. This will allow for a reduction of redundancies and to allow for certain services that were only allowed on one of the waivers to be allowed for all
- In person IDoA fall conference is in the planning stages. Being scheduled for October 15th and 16th in Peoria. Planning on having the October CCPAC meeting in person during the conference on October 15th

IDoA Report Updates – John Eckert, IDoA

- Presented Medicaid enrollment/CCP enrollment figures
- Presented Medicaid Enrollment trend data and graphs
- CCUs mentioned having issues with accessing or setting up access to ABE. Liz Vogt is working with CCUs to setup IMPACT access and work through ABE issues

Aging Cares Update – Derek Hedges, IDoA

- Weekly meetings are being held with the CCUs and two meetings internally to go through the issues being seen and to develop a plan for future roll outs
- Launched in December 2024 and since that time there has been 17,621 assessments completed in Aging Cares
- CCUs not currently in Aging Cares will be seeing the Enhanced Participant Forms Manager, it is currently in a testing phase

Fiscal/Budget Update – Emily Howerton, IDoA

- FY26 enrolled budget has been passed but has not yet been signed by the Governor
- Final budget has minimal change from the proposed budget
- Community Care Program (CCP)
 - \$28.7M increase - Rate increase for In-home services from \$29.63 to \$30.80
 - \$37.1M increase – Annualization of January 1, 2025, In-home Service rate increase
 - \$96.8M increase – Projected caseload (growth of 4%) and utilization (increase of 9%)
 - \$10.5M increase – ADS, EHRS, and AMD utilization increases, demonstrations, FMAP projects
 - \$173M overall increase in CCP over FY25 budget
- Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
 - \$8M increase for Home Delivered Meals
 - \$2M increase for Planning and Services Grants
 - \$5.3M increase to maintain caregiver programs
 - \$800K increase for Rural Support Services
 - \$45k for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Will County Pilot Program
 - \$3.5M for Illinois Care Connections Program
- Adult Protective Services (APS)
 - \$1.6M increase – Projected caseload increases
 - \$600K increase – Quality improvements
 - \$2.2M increase in APS over FY25 enacted
- Ombudsman Program
 - \$328.8K increase – 2.5% increase for growth
 - \$750K increase – MMAI transition to Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)
- CCP spending – Monitoring appropriations for the close out of FY25
 - Request to submit payment requests as soon as possible to ensure timely payment

IATP – Illinois Care Connections Update – Jennifer Hebel, IDoA

- Illinois Care Connections took 3,149 referrals during FY25, compared to 1,724 in FY24

- Increase in funding for CCP request
- Referrals closed in early May to allow for IATP to process the requests for this FY and will resume with the new FY

Adjournment – Becky Dragoo, CCPAC Co-Chair

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am

Next Meeting: August 13, 2025, virtual via Webex