

CCPAC BI-MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2021

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VIRTUALLY

Theresa Collins, Senior Services Plus, Inc, IACCPHP; Robert Thieman, CHE Membership Board; Yvette Lyles, Pathway to Living; Cary Crawford, Chicago Commons; Amy Nathan, Northshore Senior Center; Kevin Cosgrave, Guardian Medical Monitoring; LaShun James, Addus Homecare Chicago; Dary Mien, Chinese Mutual Aid Association; Tammy Tenton, Premier Home Health Services; Sherry Barter-Hamlin, Voyager Senior Living; Marta Pereyra, CLESE; Mary Callahan, Tunstall; Megan Gallegos, VRI; Natasha Belli, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of IL; Peter Valessares, Hellenic Foundation; Shana Holmes, Southeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc.; Stephanie Garrigan, Phillips Lifeline; Ella Grays, Gareda; Laura Altenbaumer, Active Day; Gustav Saberbein, HAH Holdings dba Help at Home; William Wheeler, ICCCU; Yvette Holcomb, Premier Health Care Services; Marsha Nelson, Shawnee Health Service; John Magee, ADT Health; Brycie Kochuyt, Alternatives; Joanne Glenn, Comprehensive Quality Care Inc. Foundation; Lori Hendren, AARP Illinois; Louie Prado, ADT; Robert Spaulding, Healthcare Plus Senior Care; Courtney Boileau, IL Medicaid Policy; Beth Menz, SEIU Healthcare Illinois Indiana;

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Lori Elliott, Williamson County Programs on Aging;

GUESTS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY

Sue Makowski; Marsha Johnson; Robin Morgan; Kathy Rhoads; Amber Richardson; Lisa Kracht; Tara Russo; Cindy Hardiek; Roxanne Nuttall; Linda Hubbart; P. Cash; Sarah Radcliffe; Tomas Gonzalez; Cora Taylor; Christie Kirchhofer; LaRhonda Williams; Liz Vogt; Lori Brannan; Mary Killough; Sally Lisnek; Tashia Phassos; Alicia R; Darren Buatti; David Lowitzki;

IDoA STAFF ATTENDING VIRTUALLY

Lora McCurdy, Deputy Director; Paula Basta, Director, Thelma D'Souza, Chief of Staff; Barbara McConnell; Sue DeBoer; Mike Berkes; Desirey Ackerman; Mary Gilman; Lisa Zuurbier; Rhonda Armstead; Justin Heggy; John Eckert; Crystal Wofford; Shirley Morley; Jeremy Hostetler; Sarah McCoy; Jim Shovlin; Megan Thornton; Meghan Nierhoff; Amy Lulich; Beth Skeeters; Chelsey Peters; Sandy Leith; Ticarol Smith; Iris Schweier; Samantha Brill;

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Theresa Collins at 10:07.

Opening Remarks

IDoA Deputy Director Lora McCurdy announced IDoA is going to have a call with HFS about the PACE program to address questions from CCPAC about the status of the PACE program. We are looking forward to reporting on this meeting with the CCPAC members at the December 7th Annual CCPAC meeting.

Public Comments

The invitation for public comments was opened. There were no comments offered, so the Public Comments were closed.

Chief Information Officer Transition

Mike Berkes announced the departure of CIO Russ Kemple who has transferred to the DNR. The staff at IDoA wishes him well in his new position. We welcome a new CIO who joined IDoA recently - Ticarol Smith.

Ticarol's email is: Ticarol.Smith@illinois.gov

Aging Cares is still set for a deadline date in December. That has not changed despite the CIO transition.

Approval of August 10, 2021 CCPAC Meeting Minutes

CCPAC Board Member Yvette Lyles requested two changes to the minutes to correct her agency's name from Pathways to Living (Premier), to read *Pathways to Living* and correcting a quote from her in the section "Vaccination Resistance - Participants and Staff" to read "*Further, the provider follows up with the Life Enrichment Aids.*" A motion to accept the August 10, 2021 minutes was provided by Gustavo Saberbein and seconded by Cary Crawford. The motion carried with no objections.

Waiver Renewal Update & Next Steps

We received notice on September 30, 2021 that the Persons Who Are Elderly Waiver was renewed beginning on October 1, 2021. HFS was thanked for their participation in developing the Waiver. IDoA was notified on September 30, 2021 of the renewal approval. The new waiver began on October 1, 2021.

Next Steps:

- Send out formal provider notices to the Aging Network from HFS.
- Aging Network will review performance metrics.
- Changes in CERA (relates to performance metrics)
 - o Slight adjustments on some of the CERA side
- Upcoming training
- Eliminate POSM once re-write of performance metrics are completed
 - o CCUs will no longer be doing the POSM in the future
 - o Warning that CCUs must not stop their POSM until its elimination is confirmed
- Meetings to discuss specifics of what is new in the Waiver
- Revisit 6-month policy
 - o Federal CMS is requesting more face-to-face visits and interactions
 - o In 2019, IDoA has worked to put the 6-month policy in place allowing and requiring for a face-to-face visit by the Care Coordinator to follow up on individualized backup plans and any critical events that have occurred.
 - o Provides another opportunity for our Network to bill for activity

Enhanced F Map Funding Update

This was submitted to CMS on July 12, 2021. Following their allowable window to process, the enhanced F Map Funding was submitted to HFS. The funding was listed as a Partial Approval. There are several new services that are part of this waiver – adding assistive technology, home modifications, fall detection technology, increased rate for serving those with dementia, adult day programs, the Illinois Care Connection program, and emergency senior services program.

State Plan on Aging – Approval and Update

Amy Lulich presented a PowerPoint slide show which indicated the Plan on Aging details and the purpose of the plan. The plan was officially approved on September 1, 2021.

This is the link to the State Plan on the IDoA website:

<https://illinois.gov/aging/Pages/stateplanonaging.aspx>

AT&T 3G-4G Conversion – EHRS Impact

AT&T is converting from 3G to 4G service which impacts all our EHRS units. The providers are going to be swapping out over 29,000 units for approximately 30,000 individuals. This changeover must be completed by February 2022. Any participants who do not have the new units by February 2022 will not have service available.

To change over as many participants as possible, if the due date is coming closer, we will be asking our CCUs and INHs to assist the EHRS' to help install the devices.

Covid Vaccine/Testing Updates

There is a difference between an additional dose of the COVID vaccine (3rd dose) and a booster dose. For those persons who have underlying medical conditions they will receive (most likely) a 3rd dose of the vaccine. There are many sites within the state of Illinois offering COVID-19 testing.

EVV Update

The issue that has been brought to providers over the past year is the data for the non-Medicaid CCP population. With HFS, we would prefer to have just one system so that providers could enter the data into the new system. The data would include whether the participant is on Medicaid or not. Participants regularly volley between being on Medicaid and not being on Medicaid.

We are currently under the RFP status; therefore, we cannot release details or information on the procurement until this process is complete.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Sherry Barter-Hamlin; Motion seconded by Ella Grays with no objections. Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Next meeting: Mandatory Annual Meeting December 7, 2021 via WebEx