

COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL (CCPAC) MEETING

April 6, 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; Amy Nathan, Northshore Senior Center; Brycie Kochuyt, Alternatives; Cary Crawford, Addus; 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; Natasha Belli, DuPage County Community Services; 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; Yolanda Curry, Chicago Dept of Family & Support Services; Yvette Holcomb, Accent Care, Inc.; Yvette Lyles

Advisory Committee Members Not Present

Ella Grays, Accent Care; Grace Schonberg, Lawndale Christian Health Center; Kim Evans, Help at Home; Lori Elliot, Williamson Country Programs on Aging; Robert Spaulding, Healthcare Plus Senior Care; Winnie Lam, Chinese American Service League

Guests in Attendance

Angela Bailey, Anna Kim, Awilda Gonzalez, Bailey Huffman, Carmelita Cale, Cheryl Aguirre, Christie Kirchhofer, Cindy Hardiek, Deanna Krankel, Elena Florea, Florence Klein, Gerry Cerrado, Gustavo Saberbein, Haley Sawyer, Heather Knutt, Iryna Myktyyn, James Quach, Jazmen Eison, Jessa Robles, Jina Kena, Johanna Jackson, Judy Tuner-O'Connell, Kaoru Watanabe, Kara Trost, Kayla Abbott, Ket Hereña, Kevin Cosgrave, Kofi Jones, Lana Ananich, Linda Hubbartt, Lisa Koch, Lisa Kracht, Loise Basa, Lorenc Ordaniel, Marsha Johnson, Marta Cerda, Mattie Bryant, Mi Hyun Kang, Michelle Londrigan, Mika Snell, Mike Berkes, Nancy Thorsen, Nyriisa Pawa Oneill, Pamela Mahn, Pat Cash, Phoebe Skaleski, Stephanie Colson, Tatiana Tsikis, Terence Simms, Teresa Smith, Topaz Gunderson-Schweska, Tori Gruber, Traci Phillips, Vishal Panchigar, 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, Amber Bolden, Beth Skeeters, Blanca Repetto, Carrie Marcy, Derek Hedges, Emily Howerton, Heather Austwick, Iris Huber, Jennifer Hebel, Jeremy Hostetler, Jody Martin, Joe Gardner, John Eckert, Joslyn Washington, Justin Heggy, Katie Blank, Kelsey Rosenthal, Kristen Chi, Lisa Zuurbier, Liz Vogt, Marqus Thurmond, Mary Gilman, Meghan Nierhoff, Melissa Schackel, Miranda Sims, Paul Caselton, Peniel Nelson, Priscilla Chapman, Sally Lisnek, Sandy Leith, Sergio Mojarro, Sharon Warren, Shirley Morley, Tiara McCoy, T'kira Siler-Wilkerson, Trish Gorda, Vahagn Chifliyan, 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.

February 5, 2025, CCPAC Meeting Minutes – Theresa Collins, CCPAC Co-Chair

Tammy Tenton presented a motion to approve the February 5th meeting minutes, LaShun James seconded the motion. 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 – Mary Killough, IDoA Director

New IDoA staff members were announced/introduced:

Derek Hedges – New Division Manager over the Planning, Research and Training Division.

T’Kira Siler-Wilkerson – New Deputy Division Manager over Home and Community Services.

Paul Caselton – New Rules Coordinator.

CCPAC Subcommittees – Becky Dragoo

Services subcommittee – Reviewed the remainder of the INH QI review tool during the most recent meeting.

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

Policy subcommittee – Reviewed Freedom of Choice, Conflict free case management, Marketing, and MOU policies at most recent meeting.

Training subcommittee – Draft results have been given to IDoA for review of data. Subcommittee to reconvene soon.

IDoA Report Updates – Derek Hedges, IDoA

- Discussed overdue redetermination reports that are reviewed quarterly with HFS
- Identified data discrepancies between IDOA and CCUs that need resolution
- IDOA is working with CCUs to improve redetermination rates
- Current target is 86% completion rate for redetermination

Federal Changes/HHS Update – Mary Killough, IDoA

- Department of Health and Human Services has dismantled the Administration for Community Living (ACL)
- ACL functions are being transferred to three other offices within HHS
- IDOA working closely with Area Agencies on Aging to monitor impact
- No disruption in federal funding yet; partial allocation received with second allocation expected in May
- State contributes significant funding for Home Delivered Meals program
- Director emphasized the resilience of the aging network amid changes
- Other federal changes affecting older adults include LIHEAP elimination and Veterans assistance changes

SHIP Training – Sandy Leith, IDoA

- Sandy Leith presented upcoming SHIP training opportunities
- A webinar on Medicare knowledge is planned for providers on April 22nd
- Follow-up webinar on Medicare and Medicaid integration to be scheduled later
- Four-day SHIP certification trainings scheduled in multiple locations (Springfield, Champaign, Dixon, Chicago)
- Becoming a SHIP site allows organizations to provide Medicare assistance and access CMS case discussions
- No reimbursement available for SHIP sites but grants may be available

Aging Cares Update – John Eckert, IDoA

- Discussion of the implementation for PSAs 8, 9, 10, and 11 (southern Illinois)
- There were implementation challenges but issues being addressed
- 11,522 assessments entered with 9,499 showing as paid
- No timeline for expansion to other areas until current issues resolved
- Concern was raised about Windows 11 compatibility with current systems

Waiver Updates – Derek Hedges, IDoA

- Current waiver expires September 2026; renewal process should start with the renewal application being submitted to Federal CMS 6 months ahead of the expiration.
- Plan to add tele-assessment option in limited situations
- Waiver language needs updated to comply with access rule requirements by July 9, 2027
- Federal CMS requires review of provider rates every five years
- Consideration is being given to adding assistive technology to the waiver

Fiscal/Budget Update – Emily Howerton, IDoA

- FY26 budget is reported to be over \$2 billion, which would be a \$162 million increase over FY25

- \$144 million increase for CCP to support rate increase and caseload growth
 - The funding aims to support the annualization of the January 1st rate increase for service providers.
 - It addresses projected increases in both caseload and utilization for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - The increase is part of a broader effort to ensure that services remain accessible and of high quality for participants in the Community Care Program.
- \$20 million reduction in CCU funding due to conclusion of enhanced FMAP projects
 - The \$20 million reduction in CCU funding is primarily due to the conclusion of enhanced FMAP projects that were previously funded.
 - This reduction is a rightsizing of appropriations to align with actual anticipated spending for FY26.
 - The appropriations adjustment reflects the end of one-time costs associated with the FMAP initiatives, ensuring budgetary accuracy.

IATP – Illinois Care Connections Update – Jennifer Hebel, IDoA

- Illinois Care Connections funding increased from \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million
- High demand reported for Illinois Care Connections program with 3,033 referrals already this fiscal year
 - The Illinois Care Connections program has seen a significant increase in demand, with over 3,000 referrals received this fiscal year.
 - This increase is attributed to the inclusion of assistive technology and the program's expansion to non-CCP participants.
 - Efforts are being made to monitor and manage the demand while ensuring that funding is utilized effectively to fulfill participant needs.
- CCP referrals reopened through April 30th, but non-CCP budget line remains closed
 - CCP referrals will be accepted until April 30th, allowing participants to access assistive technology and support services.
 - The non-CCP budget line remains closed due to insufficient funding, limiting new referrals for non-CCP participants.
 - Efforts are being made to fulfill existing non-CCP requests through alternative programs or by rolling them into FY26 if necessary.

Adjournment – Theresa Collins, CCPAC Co-Chair

Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 A.M. with a motion from Peter Valessares that was seconded by LaShun James

Next Meeting: June 11, 2025, virtual via Webex