

**Illinois Department of Insurance
Final & Approved Minutes of the PA 99-0480
Working Group Regarding Treatment and Coverage of Substance Abuse Disorders and Mental Illness
Open Meeting
Thursday, July 28, 2016
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. CT**

Location: Illinois Department of Public Health Conference Room, 69 W. Washington St., 35th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

Video Conference location: Illinois Department of Public Health Conference Room, 535 W. Jefferson St., Springfield, IL 62767.

| Working Group Members | | Present Y/N | CHI/SPI |
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| Acting Director Anne Melissa Dowling | Illinois Department of Insurance | Y | CHI |
| Secretary James Dimas | Illinois Department of Human Services | Y | CHI |
| Director Felicia Norwood | Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services | N | |
| Director Nirav Shah | Illinois Department of Public Health | Y | CHI |
| Vern Rowen | Aetna | N | |
| Laura Minzer | Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois | Y | CHI |
| Jill Wolowitz | Blue Cross Blue Shield | N | |
| (Vacant) | Cigna | N | |
| Marvin Lindsey | Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois | Y | CHI |
| Mark Loafman | Cook County Health and Hospitals System | N | |
| Stephanie Place | Erie Foster Avenue Health Center | N | |
| Dr. Thomas Britton | Gateway Foundation | N | |
| Harmony Harrington | Humana | Y | CHI |
| Vincent Keenan | Illinois Academy of Family Physicians | N | |
| Sara Howe | Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association | Y | CHI |
| Sam Gillespie | Illinois Department of Children and Family Services | Y | CHI |
| Susan Fonfa | Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services | N | |
| Dan Wasmer | Illinois Department of Human Services | N | |
| Secretary James Dimas | Illinois Department of Human Services | Y | CHI |
| Maria Bruni | Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse | Y | CHI |
| Anne Marie Skallerup | Illinois Department of Insurance | N | |
| Paulette Dove | Illinois Department of Insurance | Y | SPI |
| Representative Lou Lang | Illinois General Assembly | N | |
| Rajesh Parikh | Illinois Primary Health Care Association | N | |

| Working Group Members | | Present Y/N | CHI/SPI |
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| Meryl Sosa | Illinois Psychiatric Society | Y | CHI |
| Dr. Fahmy Abdel | Illinois Society of Addiction Medicine | N | |
| Scott Reimers | Illinois State Medical Society | N | |
| Renee Popovits | Popovits & Robinson | Y | CHI |
| Kelly O'Brien | The Kennedy Forum | Y | CHI |
| Heather O'Donnell | Thresholds | Y | CHI |
| Catherine Bresler | Trustmark | N | |
| Brendan Hostetler | United HealthCare | N | |

| Illinois Department of Insurance Staff Present | | CHI/SPI |
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| Michael Batkins | Illinois Department of Insurance | CHI |
| Laura Kotelman | Illinois Department of Insurance | CHI |
| Carla Ripley | Illinois Department of Insurance | CHI |
| Michael Rohan | Illinois Department of Insurance | CHI |

| Interested Parties in Attendance | | CHI/SPI |
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| Rosie Gianforte | Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse | CHI |
| Mai Pho | Illinois Department of Public Health | CHI |
| Jud DeLoss | Clark Hill | CHI |
| Renee Ennis McGee | Gateway Foundation | CHI |
| Lynn Williams | Beacon Health Options | CHI |
| Denise Meginniss | Beacon Health Options | CHI |
| Dan Rabbit | Heartland Alliance | CHI |
| Scott Metzger | Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy | CHI |
| Sherie Arriazola | Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities, Inc. | CHI |
| Amanda Kim | Illinois Department of Public Health | CHI |
| Don Kauerauf | Illinois Department of Public Health | CHI |
| Ron Vlasaty | Illinois Advisory Council on Alcoholism & Other Drug Dependency | CHI |
| Jen Layden | Loyola University | CHI |
| David Porter | ISMS | CHI |
| Danielle Kirby | Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse | CHI |
| Diana Knaebe | Illinois Department of Human Services | SPI |
| Jayne Antonacci | Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse | SPI |
| Norma Seibert | Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse | SPI |
| Rick Nance | Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse | SPI |
| Sara Gubala | Illinois Pharmacists Association | SPI |
| Sarah Wagner | Illinois Pharmacists Association | SPI |

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| Michael Patton | Illinois Pharmacists Association | SPI |

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: The semiannual meeting of the Working Group Regarding Treatment and Coverage of Substance Abuse Disorders and Mental Illness was called to order at 3:37p.m. by Directors Dowling Shah.

2. Introductions: Directors Dowling and Shah introduced themselves, welcomed all attendees and clarified the structure and focus of the meeting. Working Group members, interested parties and staff in Chicago and Springfield were introduced.

Director Shah made a motion to approve the Minutes from the inaugural meeting. The Minutes were approved and entered into the record. Secretary Dimas introduced the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS)/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (DASA) staff members who led the meeting. He shared the progress thus far in implementation of PA 99-0480, specifically regarding the submission of the 1115 Waiver submission.

3. Discussion of DASA requirements in PA 99-0480

A. State Fiscal Year 2015 Admissions to DHS/DASA funded treatment services

DASA noted a decrease in DASA-funded treatment from FY 2014 to FY 2015 noting that the decrease may be partially due to people shifting to Medicaid coverage from DASA-funded treatment. Their focus is on outpatient methadone treatment and medication-assisted treatment for opioid dependence. DASA seeks to obtain funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to cover the cost of a Vivitrol shot for offenders prior to release from prison. This would be important since the risk of overdose is extremely high for those being released from correctional facilities.

B. Working alongside Illinois Department of Health and Family Services (HFS)

DASA has been working alongside HFS to help provide Medicaid coverage of methadone by January 1, 2017. They are also currently working together to “clean up” the billing process for Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and fee-for-service sites and services. This is an important partnership as Medicaid helps increase access to care for those in need of opioid treatment and services.

C. Difficulties DHS has encountered in moving forward

There was discussion surrounding billing discrepancies and difficulties because MCOs each have their own way of billing. Smaller social service agencies and providers do not have experience completing the complex forms required for reimbursement. DHS has worked to help make billing more consistent and streamline the process for providers. DASA has found working alongside and in communication with HFS to be helpful.

D. Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant: Opportunities for Innovation in Recovery Support

This is an annual grant that DHS-DASA obtain to help fund priority treatment and support services for individuals without insurance or for whom coverage is terminated for short periods of time. It specifically funds priority treatment and support services that demonstrate success in improving outcomes and/or supporting recovery services that are not covered by Medicaid, Medicare or private insurance.

E. DHS Heroin and Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP)

PA 99-0480 has helped facilitate coordination between multiple state agencies to increase drug abuse prevention and manage fatal opioid overdoses. DHS-DASA has been responsible for tracking the administration of Naloxone (overdose reversal medication). They have created two databases to accurately monitor the program.

4. Other Business

The meeting was opened for questions and comments.

Attendee expressed concerns about the communities where Naloxone is currently used and the diversity or lack thereof in these communities. Suggested that a plan be developed for how to get Naloxone to underserved populations moving forward.

Discussion regarding how pharmacists will dispense Naloxone and the additional training that may be required to ensure everyone is appropriately informed.

Question regarding what procedures are in place to confirm that health plans cover Opioid addiction treatment and how to ensure compliance.

5. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:13pm (CT).