

Meeting Minutes

P.A. 100-1024 Mental Health Parity Working Group

June 26, 2020

11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

I. Welcome

II. Introductions

- Members in Attendance:
 - Britton Carlson
 - Robert Edstrom
 - Cheryl Potts
 - Jud DeLoss
 - Greg Lee
 - Nancy Wolhart
 - Samatha Olds-Frey
 - Laura Minzer
- Members Absent:
 - Tina Cortez
 - Lia Daniels
- Guests in Attendance:
 - David Applegate
 - Kelly Epperson
 - John Beck
 - Patrick Befler
 - Laurie Reimers
 - Erin Winters
 - Meryl Sosa
 - Carol Trocinski
 - Jonathan Moody
 - Michael Waupoose
 - Nicky Greeley
 - Larry Lewis
 - Stephanie Janulis
 - Kevin Smith
 - David Chilcutt
- Facilitators:
 - Department of Insurance
 - Department of Human Services

III. Approval of minutes without any revisions or comments

- I. Laura Minzer motioned to approve the minutes.
- II. Jud Deloss seconded the motion.

IV.Mental Health Parity Overview

- David Applegate discussed the NQTL requirements from NY and PA as well as the QTL from PA. He remarked that the contents of both are consistent with the Illinois Mental Health Parity law as well as meeting the Federal NQTL and QTL requirements. He also commented that the NY NQTL requirements may be less burdensome than PA. One of the key roles of the workgroup will be to decide what data should the plans collect and how it should be reported.

IV.Working Group Objectives

- The Group decided that all members are to give their comments on the NY and PA reporting formats no later than July 10th or on week before our next meeting on July 17.
- It was commented that are now farther behind and that we need to do as much work as we can over the next scheduled meetings.
- We need to distinguish between the report required for the General Assembly and the actual reports that will be used to evaluate parity. The General Assembly report needs to lay out the reporting template and also provide a timeline for the health plans to generate actual reports. It was agreed that the timeline for the plan reporting will be driven by the extent of the reporting template requirements as it will impact the plans ability and timing to effect system changes.
- Comments were also made about the importance that the plan reports are meaningful to consumers.
- Relative to Illinois Parity Law, it was commented that sections J and K are not sequential. K is prescriptive and not reliant on J so the group should focus on what can be delivered to move the effort forward.
- The group also discussed timelines. At the last meeting we acknowledged that 7/1/20 was aggressive and that 1/1/21 was more realistic. The reality today is that obviously 7/1 is not doable but we should push ahead for 1/1/21 keeping in mind that we can deliver a report to the General Assembly by 1/1/21 but not have plan reports until 7/1/21.

VI.Next Steps

- Kennedy Forum will re-send New York and Pennsylvania templates to the Working Group. The Working Group will then send feedback to Group by July 10, 2020 close of business.

VII.Adjourn

- The Meeting adjourned at Noon.