

Meeting Minutes

P.A. 100-1024 Mental Health Parity Working Group
November 13, 2020
11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Locations:
CALL-IN ONLY

Call-in Information:
1-312-535-8110
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I. Welcome

Erica Weyhenmeyer welcomed staff, members, and guests to the Mental Health Parity Working Group Meeting. Weyhenmeyer thanked all parties for making themselves available and providing critical expertise regarding substance use and mental health parity.

II. Introductions

Erica Weyhenmeyer took role of members and asked guests to introduce themselves.

Members in Attendance:

Britton Carlson
Tina Cortez
Robert Edstrom
Gregory Lee
Laura Minzer
Lia Daniels
Gerald DeLoss
Cheryl Potts
Samantha Olds-Frey

Laura Minzer advised that member Aaron Winters has left his position with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

Guests in Attendance:

American Psychiatric Association
BCBS of IL
CIGNA
David Sholcutt/ Epstein Beck Green
Health Alliance

David Applegate/ Kennedy Forum
Quartz
United Healthcare

Agency Staff Present:

Robert Mendonsa with HFS

III. Minutes

Mendonsa asked members to review the minutes from the past meeting in attached to the agenda for any edits or revisions.

Laura Minzer motioned to approve the minutes.
Samantha Olds-Frey seconded the motion.
There were no objections from members.
The minutes were approved.

IV. Update on the creation of the implementation guidance for Phase I.

Samantha Olds-Frey still in process for developing that guidance, the hope is that by the next meeting to have some draft information for review. It is a new creation document and making progress. David Scholcutt added that due to illness they were delayed and apologized to the group for that delay.

Laura Minzer advised to have this item on the next agenda and hope to have something to share during the next meeting.

V. Preliminary discussion on Phase II through Phase IV template development.

Samantha Olds-Frey advised they don't have initial content yet. David Applegate sent out additions to the template earlier in the week to the members. The parity and provider members decided to take the NQTL list and framework that was voted on in October and created DRAFT templates for the remaining NQTLs and shared with the members. The document sticks to the template but also recognized there are unique aspects and nuances to each NQTL. At this point it includes every NQTL in the with the exception of three out of network reimbursement network admission standards and unlicensed provider staff requirements. The intent is to have these draft ready for the next meeting. Tim Clement commented that he worked to on those draft templates and will continue to work to provide drafts on the last three NQTLs.

VI. Next Steps

Future meetings will continue to focus on developing and approving templates for Phases II through IV. This will include decisions on the NQTLs for each phase. Essentially the same agenda will be used on the next meeting.

The next meeting on 12/11 will focus on implementation guidance for Phase I which needs to include sub-regulatory guidance and conversion of the template to a word document.

VII. Adjourn

Erica Weyhenmeyer announced that next meeting will be held on December 11, 2020 from 11:00 AM from 12:00PM via WebEx. Erica from DOI will be facilitating the meeting.