

**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
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
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
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
Rosie Gianforte	Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse	CHI
Mai Pho	Illinois Department of Public Health	CHI
Jud LeLoss	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

Interested Parties in Attendance		CHI/SPI
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).