

## **Meeting Minutes**

P.A. 100-1024 Mental Health Parity Working Group  
October 16, 2020  
10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

**Locations:**  
CALL-IN ONLY

**Call-in Information:**  
1-312-535-8110  
Code: 133 908 2540

### **I. Welcome**

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

### **II. Introductions**

Mendonsa asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

#### **Members in Attendance:**

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

#### **Guests in Attendance:**

David Applegate/ Kennedy Forum  
David Sholcutt/ Epstein Beck Green

#### **Agency Staff Present:**

Erica Weyhenmeyer DOI

### **III. Minutes**

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

Samantha Olds-Frey motioned to approve the minutes.

Laura Minzer seconded the motion.

There were no objections from members.

The minutes were approved.

#### **IV. Presentation on formalized document that includes the universe of NQTLs, a phase approach and an understanding of the peer to peer objective**

Laura Minzer reviewed the template for the first phase with key NQTLs explicitly identified in the Illinois parity statute. She noted changes that had been made as well as highlighting that the peer to peer objectives had been clarified in steps 5 and 6. Minzer also explained that certain quantitative language had been stricken and replaced with qualitative language. David Applegate and Lia Daniels expressed appreciation for these changes.

Samantha Olds-Frey then reviewed the document formalizing the phases and timing of the subsequent NQTL reporting. She noted that Phase I was the template presented by Ms. Minzer and that the target date for reporting was July 1, 2021. She then explained that Phase II was targeted for July 1, 2022 as the plans would need at least 6 months for report development and the Departments did not yet have experience on the work they will need to review. Based on these unknowns, the timing for Phases III and IV were left as TBD at this time.

#### **V. Discussion and agreement to move forward**

David Applegate agreed to the phased approach and was generally comfortable with the document but noted that some tweaks will be needed as we move forward. Cheryl Potts agreed in principle but stated that more thought was needed on the actual timeline.

Lia Daniels made a motion to approve the formalized document and phased approach.

Cheryl Potts seconded the motion.

There were no objections.

The formalized document and phased approach were approved.

The discussion then turned back to the Phase I template.

A motion to approve the Phase I template with guidance that implementation guidelines will be needed by January 2021 for plans to meet the July 2021 timing. It was also noted that templates will be needed for each subsequent phase.

Samantha Olds-Frey motioned to approve the Phase I template

Jud DeLoss seconded the motion.

There were no objections.

The Phase I template was approved.

## **VI. Next Steps**

Future meetings will focus on developing and approving templates for Phases II through IV. This will include decisions on the NQTLs for each phase.

The next meeting on 11/13 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**

Mendonsa announced that next meeting will be held on November 13, 2020 from 11:00 AM from 12:00PM via WebEx. Erica from DOI will be facilitating the meeting.