

Meeting Minutes

P.A. 100-1024 Mental Health Parity Working Group
January 29, 2021
11: A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Locations:
CALL-IN ONLY

Welcome

Robert Mendonsa welcomed staff, members, and guests to the Mental Health Parity Working Group Meeting.

Introductions

Mendonsa went down the role of members and guests in attendance and then asked for any additional guest that were not at the January meeting.

Members in Attendance:

Tina Cortez
Robert Edstrom
Lia Daniels
Randy Wells for Gerald DeLoss
Laura Minzer
Cheryl Potts
Samantha Olds-Frey
Nancy Wohlhart

Members Aaron Winters & Gregory Lee have left their positions, replacement work is in process.

Guests in Attendance:

Aetna
American Psychiatric Association
BCBS of IL
Cigna
Epstein Beck Green
Health Alliance
Humana
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Kennedy Forum
Quartz Health Plan
Shaddock and Associates
United Healthcare

Agency Staff Present:

Kate Morthland, DOI

Minutes

Mendonsa 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.

Cheryl Potts seconded the motion.

There were no objections from members.

The minutes were approved.

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

Laura Minzer advised that the templates and instructions (documents) for Phase I that were attached to the agenda were a result of extensive conversations with members, experts, and associations. She said that these documents reflect the agreement of the group which was achieved through balance and compromise.

Laura also noted that the documents are also in alignment with the No Surprises Act that was passed at the Federal level. David Sholcut commented that the Act did not change what regulators are looking for. The Act provides a clearer structure but did not change the scope of the requirements.

Mendonsa asked for a motion to approve the Phase I templates and instructions.

Laura Minzer motioned to approve.

Samantha Olds-Frey seconded the motion.

There were no objections from members.

The Phase I templates and instructions were approved.

Mendonsa thanked the group for their work and collaboration to achieve this result.

Preliminary discussion on Phase II through Phase IV template development.

The group confirmed that Phase II & III were combined into one Phase and updated to Phase II with a implementation of July 1, 2022. Phase IV was changed to Phase III with a implementation of July 1, 2023.

Laura Minzer stressed that the group will utilize what was learned in the development of Phase I and that is to develop the templates and instructions in tandem.

Next Steps

Kate Morthland raised a couple issues for the workgroup. The first was to understand and agree on the expectations for each department relative to oversight of the reporting including identifying if any additional authorities would be needed. The second was to agree on the plans and/or issues that will be subject to these reporting requirements. It was agreed to add these to the agenda for our next meeting.

Adjourn

Morthland announced that next meeting will be held on February 19, 2021, from 11:00 AM from 12:00PM via WebEx. Kate Morthland from DOI will be facilitating the meeting.

Mendonsa then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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