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MRAC MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, December 8, 2022
Name of Organization: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)
Place Meeting: Microsoft Teams

MRAC Voting Member Attendance	
Member Name	Present
Margaret LeBlanc, Chairperson	X
Suzanne Bierman	X
Timothy Burch	X
Serafin Calvo-Arreola	ABS
Hayley Jarolimek	X
Fuilala Riley	ABS
Kathi Thomas	ABS
Robert Thompson	X
Erika Washington	ABS
Non-Voting Member Attendance	
Frank Deal	X

Teleconference and/or Teams Attendees

(Note: This List May Not Include All Participants, Just Those Who Identified Themselves)

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| Ashley Jonkey | Margaret LeBlanc |
| Carin Hennessey | Michal Willden |
| Cynthia Alejandre | Michele Fuller-Hallauer |
| Donna Leffey | Mordechai Lavi |
| Emily Paulsen | Nicole King |
| Frank Deal | Regina De Rosa |
| Hayley Jarolimek | Robert Thompson, DWSS |
| Jacqueline Hernandez, MHC | Roshanda Clemons |
| Jerry Dubberly | Sarah Mersereau-Adler |
| Jill Marano | Shawna DeRousse, HPN |
| Karen Griffin | Stacie Weeks, DHCFP |
| Katie Ryan, Dignity Health | Steve Messinger |
| Kelly Simonson | Suzanne Bierman, DHCFP |
| Kimberly Gahagan | Timothy Burch |
| Kristen Coulombe | Tiffany Saunders-Newey, ANT |
| Linda Anderson | Troy Jorgensen |
| Vanessa Dunn | |
| Lisa Bogard | |

I. Call to Order

LeShawn Parra, Administrative Assistant IV, DHCFP, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was performed by Ms. Parra. A quorum was established at 1:05 pm.

III. Public Comment

Chairwoman LeBlanc opened the discussion for public comment in all venues. Sarah Adler of NAMI Nevada provided public comment: I want to thank you all for the work that you do on this committee and express that many of us in Nevada are working hard to make supportive housing more of a reality in our state and that is going to require communication, commitment and partnership among many parties including our MCOs. I appreciate your discussion today and I hope that we can have that concept in mind.

IV. For Possible Action: Review and approve meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on September 29, 2022.

Chairwoman LeBlanc called for a motion to approve the September 29, 2022, MRAC meeting minutes. A motion to approve the draft minutes as presented was provided by Timothy Burch and a second was provided by Suzanne Bierman, Administrator, Department of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP). Motion passed unanimously.

V. Review items for consideration

Administrator Bierman and Deputy Administrator Stacie Weeks presented PowerPoint for discussion of recommendations. PowerPoint provided to all members.

Deputy Administrator Weeks noted in the health plans contracts, one of the initiatives is to fund Project Echo as it is aimed at expanding compacity of the primary care front line providers.

VI. Ranking of items

Administrator Bierman noted that a couple of people were asked to serve on this committee as non-voting and is interested in highlighting that fact and to see if any members participating has any strong thoughts to share.

Frank Deal stated the main things are covered. Closing some of the social determinants of health barriers, number one has to be housing with homelessness and food supports. One thing that is not on the list is specific to childcare and babies. A lot of single parents are very much in need of diapers and formula. Some of the disparities for infant children could be a workable solution for the MCOs in social determinants of health.

Mr. Burch echoed Mr. Deal's comment regarding food supports. A lot of the verbiage used is basic needs, which includes diapers and formula. Mr. Burch suggested expanding the verbiage to be more broad. Mr. Burch commended the presentation for aligning with social determinants of health and is very proud to see homelessness sitting at the top of the list for recommendation.

Hayley Jarolimek asked when discussing housing are we discussing all the supportive services as well as the recommendations.

Deputy Administrator Weeks noted it is everything presented in the slides. If there is a need to add an additional piece to the recommendation, that can be done.

Ms. Jarolimek noted she does not see it called out specifically, but more in the long-term permanent supportive housing services to keep people in their housing. There are folks who have disabilities that are facing evictions as they sometimes do not understand what needs to be done to maintain housing.

Deputy Administrator Weeks noted all initiatives presented will be listed but, on the report, add that the members felt very strongly that any initiatives that focused on long term permanent housing and to help avoid evictions will also be an initiative to fall in top ranking.

Ms. Jarolimek agreed and noted additional clarity can be provided if needed.

Deputy Administrator Weeks requested the information to be sent to Ms. Parra to be added into the report.

Mr. Burch recommended revising the verbiage on slide eight item five to say, "Eviction Diversion" instead of "Eviction Aversion".

Mr. Burch noted going back to the items regarding the housing initiatives support, in that verbiage of supporting the housing initiative of jurisdictions inside Hayley's point are the housing search and location services. There is a 1915i waiver being worked that creates Medicaid funding. Then there are housing supportive case management. Some MCO's are already doing things for their members to assist in keeping them housed. Mr. Burch supports the verbiage being broad so long as the MRAC is used as a vehicle to ensure the organizations are dove tailing in and maximizing the large investments that local jurisdictions have made.

Deputy Administrator Weeks noted that DHCFP is seeking approval of Medicaid funding for Managed Care.

VII. Public Comment: Regarding Ranking of items

Chairwoman LeBlanc opened the discussion for public comment. Ms. Adler provided public comment: I just want to chime in again and in support of Hayley's comments, the very important need to direct available resources to permanent supportive housing and I further concur with the thinking aloud you have been doing to make it possible to say, if Medicaid comes through with the ability to fund these services then MCOs profits can turn to these other very important components of the social determinants of health.

Deputy Administrator Weeks repeated the information back that was heard before finalizing to ensure that the information is accurate.

Ms. Jarolimek stated permanent supportive housing services is the phrase we want to be in the report.

VIII. For Possible Action: Finalize Ranking of items

IX. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

X. Adjournment

Chair LeBlanc adjourned the meeting at 1:38 pm.

Deputy Administrator Weeks noted today's conversation will be summarized for the report and sent out to all committee members for review and posted on the website for feedback. Will try to finalize by December 31, 2022. Everything will be put on paper to ensure accuracy and that members are okay with it before it is sent out.