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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Accountable Care Collaborative Program Improvement Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2024
9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

1. Welcome, Introductions, & Minutes Approval

Kiara Kuenzler welcomed members to the Program Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:33 A.M.

The following members were in attendance: Kiara Kuenzler, Ian Engle, Isaiah Anderson, Kevin JD Wilson, Tom Keller, Mark Levine, David Keller, Daphne McCabe, Brent Pike, Ty Smith, Donald Moore, and Kelly Phillips-Henry.

A quorum of voting members was present.

Kiara Kuenzler presented the August meeting minutes for approval. There was one abstention. The [August meeting minutes](#) were approved.

2. ACC Phase III Update

Kiara Kuenzler introduced Matt Pfeifer, the Department's ACC Policy/Stakeholder Engagement Unit Supervisor, to give an update on the [ACC Phase III timeline](#). The Department announced the [intent to award](#) for the four Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) contracts in ACC Phase III. More information on ACC Phase III is [here](#).

PIAC requested more information on what updates are being made to the 1915b and 1115 waivers and what the RAEs will be asked to do in ACC Phase III.

3. ACC Phase III Evaluation Plan

Kiara Kuenzler introduced Tamara Keeney, the Department's Clinical Research & Analytics Section Manager, and Liana Major, the Department's Policy Research Analyst, to give an overview of the [evaluation plan](#) for ACC Phase III. PIAC recommended involving the regional Member Experience Advisory Committees in the evaluation process. The Department will share an updated evaluation plan with PIAC in January 2025.



4. Questions for Executive Director

Kiara Kuenzler led a discussion on topics PIAC members want to discuss in the Executive Director presentation at the October meeting. PIAC suggested the following topics:

- Lessons learned from the Public Health Emergency
- Changes to the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit in ACC Phase III
- Strategies to improve enrollment and access to care
- Alignment between the ACC and the Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations
- Updates on the state budget
- Maternal mortality disparities and birth outcomes
- Community First Choice legislation

5. Subcommittee Updates

Lexis Mitchell, the Behavioral Health Integration Strategies (BHIS) subcommittee Department liaison, gave an update from the September BHIS meeting. BHIS discussed the expansion to high intensity outpatient services and heard about improvements to [Intensive Behavioral Health Services](#) for Medicaid members under 21.

Mark Levine, a Provider and Community Experience (P&CE) subcommittee member, gave an update that P&CE reviewed progress on the [eConsult platform](#) and discussed the [School Health Services](#) program. P&CE has an open position on the committee. Applications can be submitted [here](#).

Nancy Mace, the Performance Measurement and Member Engagement (PMME) subcommittee Department liaison, shared that at their next meeting, PMME will discuss the ACC Phase III feedback process, review network adequacy and health care access throughout the state, and discuss the ACC Phase III evaluation plan.

6. IPN Survey Results

Kiara Kuenzler introduced Matt Pfeifer to review [results](#) from the Behavioral Health Independent Provider Network (IPN) satisfaction survey. The final survey analysis will be posted on the [IPN website](#).

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7. Upcoming PIAC Meetings

Kiara Kuenzler led a discussion on upcoming agenda topics for the October and November PIAC meetings. The October meeting will include a presentation from the Department's Executive Director. The November meeting will be an in-person retreat for PIAC members.

PIAC requested an overview of alignment between the ACC and the Behavioral Health Administration.

8. Member Correspondence Webinar

Kiara Kuenzler introduced Matt Pfeifer to share information on two webinars in October 2024 focused on [improving member correspondence](#).

9. Open Comment

Audrey Keenan opened the meeting for public comment. The public asked whether the Department is analyzing implications of the repeal of the Chevron doctrine.

10. PIAC Discussion and Next Steps

Kiara Kuenzler reviewed next steps and action items from the meeting:

- PIAC requested more information on what updates are being made to the 1915b and 1115 waivers and what the RAEs will be asked to do in ACC Phase III.
- The Department will share an updated ACC Phase III evaluation plan with PIAC in January 2025.
- The Department will share the requested discussion topics with the Executive Director for the October meeting.
- P&CE has an open position on the committee. Applications can be submitted [here](#).
- PIAC requested an overview of alignment between the ACC and the Behavioral Health Administration.

11. Adjournment

Kiara Kuenzler adjourned the meeting at 11:54 A.M.



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