

INCOME MAINTENANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IMAC)

Thursday, February 17th, 2022

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Zoom: <https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/1619409056>

Minutes

Non-State Attendees:

Mia Anderson-Inman	Walworth County	Jeana Neumaier	Sauk County
Roxann Binkowski	Waushara County	Kimm Peters	Kenosha County
Mitch Birkey	East Central	Kara Ponti	Dane County
Michele Chiuchiolo	Dane County	Ron Redell	Dane County
Adam Chorlton	Dane County	Nicole Rolain	Marathon County
Maria Delgado	Rock County	Jessica Schultze	Jefferson County
Anna Dubinsky	Racine County	John Rathman	Outagamie County
Katie Gonzalez Martin	Portage County	Tony Sis	Dane County
Lorie Graff	La Crosse County	Carol Sjoblom	Columbia County
Chelsey Groessl	Brown County	Stacey Stewart	Washington County
Cheryl Kawlewski	Portage County	Rose Strege	Stockbridge Munsee Tribe
Robert Klingforth	Waukesha County	Amber Taylor	Kenosha County
Ann Kriegel	Winnebago County	Kris Weden	IM Central County
Doreen Lang	Wood County	Kathy Welke	Eau Claire County
Tabbie Mellenberger	Green County	Amberlyn Yohn	Racine County
Nikia Morton	Dane County	Renae Zigel	Washington County
Mark Nelson	Green County		

State and Federal Attendees:

Tanya Allen	DHS	Nick Kwaw	DHS
Autumn Arnold	DHS	Timothy McGuire	DHS
LaTanya Baldwin	DHS	Gigi Miller	DHS
Tami Berg	DHS	Charlie Morgan	LEGIS
Elisabeth Berkelman	DHS	Jody Noble	DHS
Kristine Bovee	DHS	Stevey Poppe	DHS
Lars Brown	DHS	Katie Sepnieski	DHS
Rebecca David	DHS	Angela Stanford	DHS
Tonya C Evans	DHS	Carla Sumner	DCF
April Ferstl	DCF	Laurie Teubert	DHS
Alicia Grulke	DHS	Molly Thomas	DHS
Nick Haught	DHS	Jayne Wanless	DHS
Craig Hayes	DHS	Pang Xiong	DHS

AGENDA

Administrative Updates (Katie Sepnieski & Kathy Welke)

- Report attendance by e-mailing to this mailbox DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Approval of January 20th, 2021, Meeting Minutes (Katie Sepnieski)

- Motion to approve the minutes made by Tony Sis, seconded Ann Kriegel and approved by consensus.

Policy Updates/COVID-19 Policy updates (Stevey Poppe & Autumn Arnold)

- P-EBT Student Information Portal submissions are due on 2/18
 - Designated points of contact at each School Food Authority across the state first received information on January 8th about how to access and use the Student Information Portal for P-EBT in the 2021-2022 school year
 - Information about students' attendance in the months of August, September, and October 2021, at minimum, should be entered into the Portal by districts on or before February 18, 2022. Agencies and advocates are encouraged to remind school districts to submit the information DHS has requested via the Portal before the deadline. Many resources have been provided directly to districts and are available on the DHS P-EBT website to help district representatives navigate the Portal.
 - After this February 18, 2022, deadline, the Portal will then close for a period of time to allow DHS to process the information and send out the necessary P-EBT benefits to eligible families on Saturday March 5, 2022.
 - Benefits for the months of August, September, and October will be issued on Saturday March 5th, with benefits being available as early as Sunday March 6th for members with a QUEST card or P-EBT card from the 2020-2021 year.
 - For members without a QUEST card or P-EBT card from last school year who are determined eligible for benefits in this round of issuance, a new P-EBT will be sent in the mail with benefits already loaded onto it.
 - For any household receiving benefits during our upcoming issuance, a letter will be sent explaining how benefit amounts were calculated as well as the PEBT team contact information for help and questions.
 - The Portal will then re-open for district data submission for ongoing months of the school year on Monday March 7, 2022.
 - Monday March 7, 2022, is the date that the Simplified Application will become available for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - This Application is intended for families who do not receive a letter in the mail stating that they are getting benefits but who believe their child was eligible for them
 - This Application provides a way for families to provide missing information so that DHS knows where to mail their benefits
 - Assuming that districts participate and provide DHS with information that is needed on FRPL-enrolled students in their schools, fewer students would need to complete an application this year
- P-EBT benefits this year will likely be lower for many families as compared to the 2020-2021 school year since students have more often been learning in-person and able to access meals at school.
 - For questions about P-EBT, please refer families to the P-EBT Support Team. They can be reached via phone (833-431-2224) or email (PEBTSupport@wisconsin.gov)

- Questions from school reps can be directed to a separate email inbox:
SchoolPEBT@wisconsin.gov

FoodShare Emergency allotments:

- February emergency allotments were issued and available for members to use on Sunday February 13, 2022.
- Wisconsin has been approved to issue emergency supplements for the month of March 2022.
 - March supplements will be issued March 19, 2022, available for members on Sunday March 20, 2022.
 - The March catch-up run is tentatively scheduled for May 7, 2022, with benefits available for members on May 8, 2022.
- Upcoming catch up runs
 - December 2021 catch up run is scheduled for this weekend February 19, 2022, available for members on Sunday February 20, 2022.
 - The January 2022 catch up run is tentatively scheduled for March 12, 2022, available for members on March 13, 2022.
 - February catch up run is tentatively scheduled for April 2, 2022, available for members on April 3, 2022.

COVID Unwinding updates

- Wisconsin did not receive notification from the Federal Government regarding the PHE ending within 60 days of February 16, 2022. Based on the commitment from the federal government to provide 60 days' notice of the PHE ending, DHS will adjust the COVID unwinding plans accordingly. An official extension will be provided closer to April 16, 2022, with an anticipated extension date of July 16, 2022.
- There are additional possible scenarios in which COVID Unwinding plans could be adjusted:
 - Congress *could* pass a new legislation to decouple continuous coverage from the PHE.
 - The administration *could* extend the PHE by 90 days but ends it earlier than expected. For example, ending on June 30, 2022, instead of July 16, 2022, so that it aligns with the end of the quarter.
 - If there is a July 16, 2022, end date, DHS would expect:
 - That terminations of eligibility for the manually extended iC-only population would occur as of August 31, 2022. This is assuming that these members do not regain eligibility in CARES before then. Members will receive letters approximately 60 days before this date, potentially starting near July 1, 2022, instructing members to contact local agencies to reapply.
 - The first round of CARES renewals would be due at the end of September 2022. Cases would be distributed as evenly as possible from September 2022 through August 2023.
 - An exact date for the redistribution of cases is undetermined at this time, but potentially could take place in July 2022. The new dates would be shared with members, IM and HMOs/MCOs shortly thereafter. A letter will be sent to all members sharing the date of the next renewal.

- Suspension of premiums and MAPP work requirements is tied to the calendar quarter after the PHE ends. October 1, 2022 is the potential date for reintroduction of work requirements and premiums.

iC-only Group

- DHS will be sending a CARES Coordinator Notice asking counties to review the current list of individuals open for HC in iC-only but have an open FS or CC case in CARES. This project will be completed in phases.
- DHS is still reviewing guidance regarding SSI members, so this list will be shared at a later phase.

Subcommittee Updates

- IMOA subcommittee met on February 4, 2022. John Rathman shared key discussion points from that meeting (see attachment). Next meeting is March 4, 2022.
- EBD/LTC Subcommittee met on January 11, 2022. Ron Redell shared key discussion points from that meeting (see attachment). Next meeting is April 12, 2022.
- Performance Monitoring Committee January 19, 2022. Ann Kriegel shared key discussion points from that meeting (see attachment). Next meeting is March 16th, 2022
- IMAC Training Subcommittee met on January 24, 2022. Anna Dubinsky shared key discussion points from that meeting (see attachment). Next meeting is April 25, 2022.
- Program Coordination Subcommittee met on January 26, 2022. Lorie Graff share key discussion points from that meeting (see attachment). Next meeting is April 20, 2022.
- Call Center Operational/Technical subcommittee met on January 11 and January 31, 2022. Kris Weden shared key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is February 14, 2022.

Regional Enrollment Network (John Rathman)

- Preparing and getting ready for COVID Unwinding and creating education materials for current Medicaid participants.

Income Maintenance (IM) Funding and Contract Updates (Katie Sepnieski & Kathy Welke)

- Income Maintenance Contract Updates were posted February 9, 2022.
- APRA Amendments should be posted within the next two weeks.

Consortia Feedback (Kathy Welke)

- Income Maintenance agencies is requesting a second consortia co-chair for the performance monitoring meeting.
- Income Maintenance agencies are inquiring if the Training Administrative Memo (17-07) and customer service Administrative Memo (20-04) are being updated for 2022.

Administrative Memos (Katie Sepnieski)

- The PII memo is continuing to be reviewed by legal.
- The FPIP memo was posted February 9, 2022.

Gap Case Monthly Update

- GAP Case Numbers – See attachment “GAP Case Report” – January 2022.

Public Comments

- None.

Tentative Future Agenda Topics