

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Name of Governmental Body: IRIS Advisory Committee			Attending: Alicia Boehme, Amy Chartier, Amy Morris, Andy Thain, Barb Schachern, Cindy Bentley, Dana Raue, Debra Morris, Fil Clissa, Gabby Leachmon, Holly Long, James Valona, Jessica Roum, Kathy Meisner, Lisa Galvan, Mackenzie Wann, Martha Chambers, Molly Bandt, Ramsey Lee, Sheldon Kroning, Stacy Ellingen, Sue Urban, Tiffany Schanno
Date: 3/24/2026	Time Started: 9:31 a.m.	Time Ended: 12:05 p.m.	
Location: Zoom Webinar			Presiding Officer: Alicia Boehme, DHS, Director, Bureau of Quality and Oversight

**Minutes**

**Members absent:** None

**DHS staff present:** Alicia Boehme, Amy Chartier, Barb Schachern, Dana Raue, Jessica Roum, Lisa Galvan, Sheldon Kroning, Tiffany Schanno,

**Presenters:** Alicia Boehme, Dana Raue, Amy Chartier, Barb Schachern

**Meeting Call to Order** – Alicia Boehme, DHS, Director, Bureau of Quality and Oversight

- Meeting called to order at 9:31am.
- Motion to approve minutes by Sue Urban.
- Motion to approve minutes seconded by Fil Clissa. All in favor, none opposed, none abstaining, motion approved.
- Review of agenda

**Department Updates** – Alicia Boehme, DHS, Director, Bureau of Quality and Oversight

- SDPC policy updates
  - Thank you for feedback regarding SDPC updates. Information on SDPC changes can be located here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/sdpc.htm>
- FAQ page about FEA transition
  - New FAQ page on the FEA transition has been created. The page is located here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/whatsnew.htm>. The FEA procurement is under protest so no further discussion regarding the procurement can be discussed at this time. Will have more information once that is finished.
- Provider management update
  - Currently working on ensuring Medicaid providers are enrolled with the State of Wisconsin. Currently there are 9,075 providers enrolled and 200 applications in process.
  - DHS and its contractors are reaching out to providers who have not yet applied.
- Medicaid Purchase Plan premium payments (MAPP)
  - Offers Medicaid coverage for adults with disabilities who are working.
  - DHS has been encouraging members to pay their premiums, which were previously paused. Those who have not paid their premiums will be disenrolled.
  - Approximately 34,000 MAPP members as of January 2026. 29,000 of those needed to pay a premium. Approximately 1% of the members (3925) were disenrolled at the end of January for failure to pay their premiums.

## Committee Redesign

Alicia Boehme, DHS, Director, Bureau of Quality and Oversight

Dana Raue, DHS, Deputy Director, Bureau of Programs and Policy

- Dana and Alicia shared a presentation discussing the changes to the IAC.
- Alicia and Dana discussed the background of the IAC as well as the future vision to shift to a participant-driven committee to better lift up the voices of participants and their families.
- Reviewed current members. Will continue to recruit new members annually.

Name	Program Relationship	Term Ends
Martha Chambers	IRIS Participant	12/31/2026
Ramsey Lee	IRIS Participant	12/31/2026
Andy Thain	IRIS Participant	12/31/2026
Gabby Leachmon	Family Member	12/31/2027
Holly Long	IRIS Participant	12/31/2027
Cindy Bentley	IRIS Participant	12/31/2028
Debra Morris	Family Member	12/31/2028
Mackenzie Wann	IRIS Participant	12/31/2028
Stacy Ellingen	IRIS Participant	12/31/2028

- Opportunities for change
  - Name of the committee
    - Debra Morris – likes the name as-is
    - Mackenzie Wann – name as-is is straight forward and appropriate
    - Alicia – should “Participant” be added to the name?
    - Stacey Ellingen – no issues with the current name
    - Heard feedback from members and will keep the name as is.
  - Co facilitators
    - Martha Chambers mentioned that in the past members did this on a rotating basis.
    - Will bring back ideas on this to discuss in the May meeting.
  - Agenda development
    - Discussed having committee members assist in developing the meeting agenda.
    - Will discuss more at the May meeting.
  - Frequency/length of meeting and start time
    - Martha in favor of a later start time.
    - Mackenzie in favor of later time.
    - Holly likes current time.
    - Recommendation of 11:00 start time.
    - Send out short survey about start times and discuss at next meeting. Push back start time a bit for next meeting.
- Standing agenda items for each meeting
  - DHS Updates
  - Education
  - Feedback opportunities
  - Public comment

**Appreciation to Departing Members** – Alicia Boehme, DHS, Director, Bureau of Quality and Oversight

- Fil Clissa – BPDD employee. Thank you for all you have done and your insights and time. Has been involved since before the committee was initially formed.
- Jason Glozier – Involved for the past 4 years and active in the independent living community.
- Kayla Smith – Rep from BOALTC and has provided ombuds updates for many years. Will have her return for ombuds updates.
- James Valona – Provider representative. Thank you for your time and will be sad to no longer have you in this space. Been involved about 5 years and has learned the most from when the participants are speaking.
- Kathy Meisner – Been involved for many years. Kathy thanked DHS for moving in this direction and believes it will be a positive change.
- Sue Urban – Thinks this is a great change and a natural change. Has been involved since 2009 as a SDPC subcommittee.
- Molly Bandt – TMG. Thank you for your time and energy over the years.
- Amy Morris – GT Independence. Amy has been honored to be representing on the committee. She enjoyed meeting participants and collaborating.

**Waiver Updates** – Amy Chartier, DHS, IRIS Policy Manager

- Met with contractors to review service definition manual that was published 3/20 and a new guidance document.
- Shared document about service definition clarifications. Service definition manual link has been updated on the website. Will include this as a follow-up to the meeting.

**Technology in Long Term Care** – Barb Schachern, DHS, Community Integration Specialist

- Presentation on Technology currently used in long-term care. Presentation will be posted with meeting documents.
- Alicia asked about participant experience with technology.
  - Hard to know what solutions are available that may be more efficient and/or effective. More visibility for those resources would be beneficial.

**Advocacy Day Update** – Committee Member Comments

- Over 400 people registered to attend. Survey summary went out to those that attended.
- Approximately 25<sup>th</sup> year of Advocacy Day.
- Future date will be posted at [www.survivalcoalitionwi.org](http://www.survivalcoalitionwi.org).
  - Will start advertising in January/February.
  - Will be in the BPDD newsletter and on social media. Sign up for newsletter to stay informed.
- Survival Coalition's survey results
  - Disability Advocacy Day issue paper: <http://www.survivalcoalitionwi.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/2026-DAD-paper-final-PDD128672.pdf>
  - 2026 Disability Advocacy Day Briefing <https://wiseye.org/2026/03/19/2026-disability-advocacy-day-briefing/>

**Public Comment:**

- Steph Stringer, Community Living Alliance. Concerns with the change of format to the IAC. Loss of peer feeling with no ICA or FEA representation. Eliminates shared motivation for change and less collaborative.
- Randi Johnson. Issues with the FEA that was chosen and that there is no longer a choice. Wants to talk to someone about the service definition changes. Feels support broker changes are vague.
- Lisa Lontz – support broker. Frustrated with changes to support broker services.

**Committee Business** – Alicia Boehme, DHS, Director, Bureau of Quality and Oversight

- Survey will be sent out to provide feedback on timing, day of week, etc. for the meetings. Will present and discuss at May meeting.
- Presentations from today will be distributed to the committee.
- Additional thoughts/ideas for a future meeting or other items not addressed today?
  - None raised

**Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn by Cindy Bentley
- Motion to adjourn seconded by Sue Urban. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:42.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the IRIS Advisory Committee on 5/19/2026