

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: IRIS Advisory Committee			Attending: Jessica Roun, Alicia Boehme, Mackenzie Wann, Ramsey Lee, Andy Thain, Ashley Kollross, Cindy Bentley, Dana Raue, Debra Morris, Holly Long, Jason Cram, Leslie Stewart, Lisa Galvan, Martha Chambers, Nicole Schneider, Stacy Ellingen, Tiffany Schanno, Gabby Leachmon
Date: 7/28/2026	Time Started: 10:01 a.m.	Time Ended: 1:27 p.m.	
Location: Zoom Webinar			Presiding Officers: Alicia Boehme, DHS, Director, Bureau of Quality and Oversight Jason Cram, DHS, Director, Bureau of Programs and Policy

Minutes

Facilitating Committee Members: Mackenzie Wann, Debbie Morris

Members absent: Gabby Leachmon needed to leave the meeting early

DHS staff present: Jessica Roun, Alicia Boehme, Dana Raue, Jason Cram, Lisa Galvan, Ashley Kollross, Nicole Schneider, Tiffany Schanno, Tracey Brent

Presenters: Alicia Boehme, Jason Cram, Dana Raue, Tracey Brent, Leslie Stewart, Tiffany Schanno

Call to Order

Mackenzie Wann, Committee Member

- Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Approval of May 2026 Minutes

Debbie Morris, Committee Member

- Motion to approve minutes by Ramsey Lee.
- Motion to approve minutes seconded by Andy Thain. All in favor, none opposed, none abstaining, motion approved.

Introduction of Panelists

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

- Request from Ramsey to have panelists introduce themselves at the beginning of meetings.
- Members introduced themselves briefly, starting with committee members.
- Will discuss adding as a standing agenda item.

Department Updates

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

Jason Cram, DHS, Director, Bureau of Programs and Policy

- HR1 ("One Big Beautiful Bill") will have work requirements for some members aged 19-64 that are enrolled in BadgerCare Plus.
 - Many exclusions exist for the work requirements, including for those in long term care programs.
 - If interested in learning more, a webinar about HR1 is scheduled for July 30 from 2:00 – 3:00.
 - Visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dms/policycalls.htm> or search for Wisconsin Medicaid Work Requirements Webinar July 30 to register.
 - The webinar will be recorded. Two prior webinars were also recorded and are available on the website listed above.
- Question asked previously regarding the Provider Agreement. Would like to be able to send only the signature page and not the entire 8-page document.
 - DHS is still looking into this, but for now the entire agreement does need to be sent.
 - Hope to have an update at the next IAC meeting. Currently looking for a way to streamline.

- Currently working on a Provider Controlled Setting Project which ensures providers are not restricting choice for members in Medicaid programs.
 - Will be implementing this project but have delayed the rollout within the IRIS program while details are being finalized.
 - Will update the IAC prior to implementation.
- Question was previously asked about filing a grievance after disenrollment.
 - DHS is currently looking into this and will update at the next IAC meeting.
- No update to the FEA protest at this time.

Committee Decision Points

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

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

- Continued discussion from prior meetings. Most decisions already made. Remaining discussion point was the frequency of the meetings and if the committee wanted to continue with the current every other month format or move to more frequent but shorter meetings.
 - Committee agreed to continue with the current frequency of the meetings.
- Discussed the meeting with committee members to review the agenda prior to the IAC meeting.
 - DHS will schedule these meetings two weeks prior to the scheduled IAC meetings and will send out the invitations for the September and November meetings this month.
- Question posed on if it would be helpful to have a recap meeting between the co-facilitators and DHS staff after the IAC meetings.
 - Will schedule one for after this meeting and see if this would be useful for the co-facilitators.

Community Transportation (Uber/Lyft)

Tracey Brent, DHS, Contracts Specialist, Bureau of Quality and Oversight

- Tracey Brent discussed utilizing Uber/Lyft for community transportation, which was approved in the waiver renewal.
 - More information on this can be found here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p03796.pdf>
- This will be implemented as of September 1 and DHS is currently finalizing a few pieces with the FEAs.
- Authorizations will work similarly to the current authorization method for community transportation. Participants will meet with their consultant to figure out how many rides they will need each month and to where and determine the cost of these rides within the participant's budget.
 - Each ride is considered one ride. For example, home to work is one ride and work to home is another ride.
- Question asked if there is insurance in the case of an accident.
 - Drivers must meet minimum state requirements for insurance.

Ombudsman Update

Leslie Stewart, Family Care and IRIS Ombudsman Program, Disability Rights Wisconsin

- Leslie and Kayla Smith from Board on Aging Long Term Care (BOALTC) work together to represent participants within the Family Care and IRIS programs. DRW serves individuals age 18-59 and BOALTC serves people age 60 and older.
- Recently, participants have been reaching out about the budget amendment process taking 3-4 months to get amendments through the system.
- Service definition for support broker services changed in the IRIS waiver renewal. Participants have been reaching out to discuss that and the ombuds are letting them know to talk to the IRIS consultant and what they may need with the change and discussing the process as needed with those that reach out.

FEA Lived Experience

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

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

Tiffany Schanno, DHS, Board for People with Developmental Disabilities Fellow

- Tiffany shared the “IRIS Participant Voices Informing FEA Best Practices” project presentation. The presentation will be made available after the meeting.
 - The FEA request for proposal is still under protest. This project does not affect the protest.
- Committee members provided feedback on the questions to be posed to participants with this project.
- Hope to bring back the results from this process at the next IAC meeting.

Public Comment:

- Comments shared regarding change to support broker service.
- Comments shared regarding committee redesign and not feeling it is a good representation of the participants and should involve more IRIS participants.

Committee Business

Debbie Morris, Committee Member

- Proposed agenda items for September meeting:
 - Ombudsman update – this will be a standing agenda item at all meetings.
 - Olmsted decision discussion
 - Provider controlled settings project
 - Support broker discussion – what are they?
- Question asked on if PTO (paid time off) or other benefits can be offered to PHWs.
 - The only benefit available to PHWs is workers compensation.

Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn by Ramsey Lee.
- Motion to adjourn seconded by Andy Thain. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Prepared by Jessica Roum on 07/28/2026.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the IRIS Advisory Committee on 9/22/2026.