

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: IRIS Advisory Committee			Attending: Ramsey Lee, James Valona, Jason Glozier, Alicia Boehme, Andy Thain, Dana Raue, Fil Clissa, Holly Long, Kathy Meisner, Molly Bandt, Tarah McVey, Kayla Smith, Tiffany Schanno, Amy Morris, Gabriella Leachmon
Date: 11/18/2025	Time Started: 9:30am	Time Ended: 12:04pm	
Location: Zoom Webinar			Presiding Officer: Alicia Boehme, Director, Bureau of Quality and Oversight, DHS

### Minutes

**Members absent:** Martha Chambers

**DHS staff present:** Shelly Glenn, Jessica Roum, Alicia Boehme, Dana Raue, Sheldon Kroning

**Presenters:** Alicia Boehme, Sally Flaschberger, Tiffany Schanno, Sheldon Kroning, Chris Ma, Jennifer Ruid, RaeAnn Fahey

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

- Meeting called to order at 9:30am.
- Motion to approve minutes by Fil Clissa.
- Motion to approve minutes seconded by Kathy Meisner. All in favor. Motion approved.
- Review of agenda
- Welcome to Holly Long, Amy Morris, and Molly Bandt. Brief introductions from each new member and returning members.

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

- Recruiting for the IAC is closed, and applications are currently being reviewed. Goal is for January meeting start for new members.
- The FEA Request for Proposal evaluation is still in process. Will provide an update in the new year when there is more information.
- An update on the iLIFE Corrective Action Plan (CAP) was requested at the last meeting. The CAP was lifted on June 26, 2025.
- IRIS Waiver is with CMS. DHS responded to questions by CMS and are now waiting to hear back. Expect to be approved before the end of the year.
- MAPP premiums have started again. DHS is implementing changes to give members an additional month to pay premiums. Coverage will not end until the end of the month after the payment was due.
- Increase to self-directed personal care rates (SDPC) from \$7.25/hr to \$19.34/hr. Letters will be mailed to participants in mid-December.
- First Person Care Consultants will begin serving additional counties 1/1/2026. (Buffalo, Clark, Jackson, Lacrosse, Monroe, Pepin, Trempealeau, Vernon).

**BPDD Fellow Program** – Sally Flaschberger, WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities

- Introduction of Tiffany Schanno – 2025-2026 disability policy fellow. Partnership between BPDD and DHS/DMS.
- Presentation was reviewed.
- Questions:
  - Member asked about getting more information on the program for a friend.
    - Sally recommended signing up for the BPDD email and will add that information to the PowerPoint.

**Acumen Update** – Sheldon Kroning, DHS, IRIS Contract and Quality Compliance Section Manager

- In the final stages for the Acumen transition. Effective 11/30 participants will be with new FEA selection.
- Working through finalizing the information for the transition to ensure a smooth transition for participants and PHWs.
- Questions:
  - Has DHS surveyed participants that have transferred already?
    - This has not been done, but the IRIS team is resolving any concerns that come in and so far, none have come in regarding the FEA transfers.
  - When can an RFP update be expected?
    - In the January meeting will let the IAC know what DHS knows at that time.

**IRIS Provider Agreement** – Chris Ma and Jennifer Ruid, DHS, IRIS Program & Policy Analysts

- Presentation on 2026 Provider Agreement Updates reviewed
- No questions from committee members.

**Self Determination Conference – Fil Clissa, BPDD:**

- Fil provided a few highlights from the conference (record number of attendees, had more self-advocate attendees than any other year, provided over 100 scholarships to allow people to attend, provided interpreter services to over 40 families with ESL)
- Those that attended the conference discussed their experiences from the self-determination conference.
- Next year's conference is October 19-21, 2026.
- Comments from attendees:
  - Thank you to BPDD and the group that puts on the conference. It is a gift to the community to have the conference and be able to attend.
  - Having the presenters, classes, micro businesses, and tables in one area was a nice change from prior years.

**Provider Enrollment Update** – RaeAnn Fahey, DHS, Program Participation Oversight Section Manager

- Presentation on provider enrollment reviewed.
- Questions:
  - How long is it taking DHS to process applications once submitted and if there is opportunity to people that submit before the deadline but don't have their application processed on time?
    - Applications are being reviewed same day due to increase in staffing with vendor. At most processing is 10 days. Encouraging people to start the process before the end of the year.

**Public Comment:**

- A participant shared comments regarding the self-determination conference and believes more DHS staff should attend.
- Question asked about prioritization of services policy and would like a detailed presentation of budget amendments and work instructions at the next meeting. Participant was encouraged to reach out to [DHSIRIS@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSIRIS@dhs.wisconsin.gov) with questions or concerns.
- A provider asked about clarification/guidance on becoming an IRIS vendor. They were encouraged to email [DHSIRIS@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSIRIS@dhs.wisconsin.gov) with questions.
- Participant had comments about issues with the MAPP payment and no customer support to navigate the problem.

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

- Fil Clissa asked about what happens with public comments and if DHS follows up on questions. Alicia explained that is why we encourage individuals to reach out to the DHSIRIS email box so we can connect with the person.
- Kayla Smith asked about the direction the IAC is moving towards. Alicia plans to engage in discussions on the direction of the IAC in 2026 but is not ready for those conversations yet. Will evaluate how the committee is functioning and how it could function better.
- Jason Glzier would be happy to provide more information on the training they are doing at the next meeting.
- Fil Clissa asked for an update on the new FEA at the January meeting, if that information is known.
- Molly Bandt asked to discuss new waiver changes and implementation timelines at the next meeting.
- Gabriella Leachmon asked if consolidating to one FEA would also be done to with ICAs in the future. DHS confirmed this is not being considered.
- Fil Clissa asked if the 2026 FEA provider agreement would be available for the IAC to review?. Dana will look into this and follow up. Update: the agreement was sent for review on 11/3 and resent on 11/18.

**Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn by Ramsey Lee
- Motion to adjourn seconded by Andy Thain. All in favor. Motion approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:04pm.

Prepared by: Jessica Roum on 11/18/2025.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 01/27/2026