

## HSTP AE Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date, Time, and Location:** October 18, 2022, 8:30am – 10:30am, 3 West Road, Virks Building, 1st Floor Training Room, Cranston, RI 02920

**Meeting Facilitators/Presenters:** Kristin Sousa, Medicaid Director (EOHHS), Amy Katzen, Director of Policy and Strategy, Amy Hulberg, Administrator for Medical Services

**Committee Members:** Carrie Bridges-Feliz; Richard Charist; Barry Fabius; Scott Fraser; Chris Gadbois; Jennifer Hawkins; Maria Palumbo-Hayes; Deb Hurwitz; Dr. Jerry Fingerut; Linda Katz; Dr. Al Kurose; Jeanne Lachance; Ray Lavoie; Juan Lopera; Maureen Maigret; Roberta Merkle; John Minichiello; Ana Novais; Jim Nyberg; Steve Odell; Dr. Ottiano; Rebecca Plonsky; Marti Rosenberg; Sam Salganik; Cynthia Skevington; Kristin Sousa; Sue Storti; Merrill Thomas; Patrick Tigue and Amal Trivedi.

<b>Meeting Notes</b>			
<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Facilitator(s)</i>	<i>Minutes</i>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>5 Minutes</b>	Kristin Sousa, Medicaid Program Director (EOHHS)	Welcome and Introductions.  June 2022 Accountable Entity Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes were approved.
<b>AE Program Updates (5 min)</b>	<b>5 Minutes</b>	Amy Katzen, Amy Katzen, Director of Policy & Strategy (EOHHS)	Public Comment period on PY6 Roadmap and Sustainability Plan closed 10/7. Submission to CMS is due 10/31.  Public Comment period on PY6 Program Requirements is open until 11/2  Received first year of RELD Quality data, currently being reviewed  EOHHS and Bailit are reviewing RBPO applications
<b>Final Performance Outcome Measures (15 min)</b>	<b>15 Minutes</b>	Amy Katzen, Amy Katzen, Director of Policy & Strategy (EOHHS)	Final performance for OPY4 (January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021) was reported out to the AEs in August.  Incentive fund distribution for OPY4 is based upon aggregated performance.

			<p>Starting in OPY5 outcome measure targets and final performance will no longer be at the aggregated level based on the recommendation of the AE/MCO Quality Work Group.</p> <p>Reviewed graph showing AE performance on Plan All-Cause Readmissions relative to national performance.</p>
<p><b>Public Comment Regarding the Overall Progress of the 1115 Demonstration (30 min)</b></p>	<p><b>30 Minutes</b></p>	<p>Amy Katzen, Amy Katzen, Director of Policy &amp; Strategy (EOHHS)</p>	<p>RI EOHHS seeks comment on the progress of the current 1115 demonstration waiver. That is, the waiver effective 2019-2023.</p> <p><b>Public Comment:</b> Matthew Roman, Chief Innovative &amp; Behavioral Health Officer, Thundermist Health Center: Mr. Roman requested more transparency with the metrics on the success of the workforce funding that has been spent. He noted that there is a great deal of transparency on AE performance and recommends the same be available for workforce programs.</p> <p><b>Public Comment:</b> Jennifer Hawkins, Neighborhood Builders: Housing Stabilization Program – Recommended that EOHHS expand provider qualification criteria to include those with less than a bachelor’s degree and that EOHHS expand the eligibility criteria for Medicaid members able to receive the services beyond those with mental health or chronic disease conditions. For example, the service would be very helpful for the recently incarcerated.</p>
<p><b>Public Hearing for RI Comprehensive 1115 Demonstration Waiver Extension Request (60 min)</b></p>	<p><b>60 Minutes</b></p>	<p>Amy Katzen, Amy Katzen, Director of Policy &amp; Strategy (EOHHS) And Amy Hulberg, Administrator for Medical Services</p>	<p>Overview of the Rhode Island 1115 Waiver Extension and the timeline of the Waiver.</p> <p><b>Planned Changes: Extension #3</b> Extends existing waiver authority for another five-year period, January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028 Maintains current waiver authority for another 5 years Makes minor technical corrections to program documentation Targeted program enhancements via new initiative(s)</p> <p><b>Proposed Enhancements &amp; Revisions</b> <b>Priorities and Targeted Goals for Extension</b> <b>Goal 1: Health Equity</b> Improve health equity through strong community-clinical linkages that support beneficiaries in addressing social determinants of health, including ensuring access to stable housing. <b>Goal 2: Behavioral Health</b> Continue to ensure expanded access to high-quality integrated behavioral healthcare that is focused on prevention, intervention, and treatment.</p>

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<b>Public Comment &amp; Adjourn (5 Min)</b>	<b>5 Minutes</b>		