

INCOME MAINTENANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IMAC)

Thursday, April 15, 2021

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Zoom: <https://dhswi.zoom.us/j/84617648540?pwd=MlZLd2tMc2xuWFAXTlVwbnZjNm1PQT09>

Minutes

Non-State Attendees:

Caribel Camacho	Racine County
Tony Sis	Dane County
Annett Mooney	Marquette County
Maria Delgado	Rock County
Michelle Chiuchiolo	Dane County
Robert Klingforth	Waukesha County
Ann Kriegel	Winnebago County
Kathy Welke	Eau Claire County
Kim Peters	Kenosha County
Ronda Brown	St. Croix County
Kris Weden	Marathon County
John Rathman	Outagamie County
Alyson Wagoner	Forest County Potawatomi Community
Doreen Lang	Wood County

State and Federal Attendees:

Angela Stanford	DHS
Candice Canales	DHS
Tami Berg	DHS
Elizabeth Dehling	DHS
Amy Beranek	DHS
Heidi DeNure	DHS
Jonelle Brom	DHS
Rebecca McAtee	DHS
Alicia Grulke	DHS
Kaia Palm-Leis	DHS

1. **Administrative Issues (Jonelle Brom & Claribel Camacho)**
 - Report attendance by e-mailing to this mailbox DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov
2. **Approval of February 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Jonelle Brom)**
 - Motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and approved by consensus.
3. **Policy Updates/COVID-19 Policy updates (Rebecca McAtee)**
 - **RSUD Benefit:** The manual processes will remain in effect until October when the system changes will be made.
 - **Emergency Allotments:** DHS was granted a state health public health order by USDA. DHS has received approval from FNS to provide emergency supplemental FoodShare benefits due to COVID 19 for April 2021. All eligible households for FoodShare for the month of April will receive an emergency allotment of at least \$95.00 even those currently receiving the maximum benefit. A batch run will be done on 4/24/2021 to provide a systematic supplement to all FS assistance groups that were eligible for benefits in April of 2021. These benefits will be available to the member on 4/25/2021. An additional batch run will be done on 6/10/2021 to issue emergency benefits for April 2021. These benefits will be available to the member on 6/11/2021. A CARES Coordinator Notice will be shared providing detailed information to IM Agencies. FNS has also approved May Emergency Allotments. More information will be shared.
 - **PEBT:** DHS is continuing to work on the PEPT program and issue benefits to families. DHS has a contact center for PEPT that addresses questions related to the PEPT program. Schools have continued to respond regarding the learning model. A catch up run is scheduled for May 1, 2021, for individuals who were eligible in August through November 2020, but did not have the school information. Surveys are being sent for schools to provide more recent information. The next PEPT benefit will be for the months of December 2021-March 2021.
4. **Subcommittee Updates**
 - The IMOA subcommittee met on March 5 & April 9, 2021. Claribel Camacho shared key discussion points and action items from that meeting (see attachment). Next meeting is May 7, 2021.
 - Consortia shared completed or anticipated changes to the COOP Plans.
 - USDA will not issue error rates for FFY 2020 and 2021. However, the work will continue as we still have lots of work to do to get active error rate under 6%.
 - Currently Innovative Training is in the early stages; staffing and design/develop program phase; onboarding new training team members is occurring currently.
 - DHA announced that DHARMA implementation was pushed down two months, to July 19, 2021.
 - Performance Monitoring Subcommittee met on March 17th, 2021. Ann Kriegel shared key discussion points from that meeting (see attachment). Next meeting is May 19, 2021
 - CAPER Error Rates reviewed
 - Change in DHS Co-Chair for Performance Monitoring Subcommittee effective March 29, 2021.

- Program Coordination subcommittee met on April 14th, 2021. Lori Graf shared key discussion points from that meeting (see attachment). Next meeting is August 18th, 2021.
 - Reviewed Case Transfer Processes for IM Agencies between IM and DCF.
 - Emergency Rental Program discussed by Jane Blank in the Department of Administration.
 - IT Workgroup ownership transitioned from David Timmerman to Carla Sumner.
 - ACCESS applications process shared for joint W2 and IM programs.
- CCA/Genesys subcommittee met on March 8th & March 29th, 2021. Kris Weden shared key discussion points and action items from that meeting (see attachment). Next meeting is April 12, 2021.
 - All phases of roll out for Genesys have been postponed. New dates will be shared.
 - DHS learning Center presented on a tentative training plan.
 - Trainings will be recorded and available 30 days before roll out.
 - Coordination of the telephone equipment is occurring, but some deliveries have been delayed.
 - Single sign on to Genesys's and WAMS. The details for this are being worked out.
 - Local IT discussion occurred on March 29, 2021 regarding Genesys.
 - Desktop requirements were reviewed, and quite minimal compared to CCA.
 - Bandwidth requirements were shared with local IT staff.

5. **Regional Enrollment Network (John Rathman)**

- The special enrollment period was extended through August 15, 2021.
- Covering Wisconsin has put together outreach information, which is available on website.
- In mid-March 2021, U.S. HHS ASPE released new data about the uninsured at the state, county, and PUMS level. The data specifically show, at each geographic level, number and percent population uninsured in different income groups and eligible for various coverage, and also breaks it down by race/ethnicity and other characteristics. Available here: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/pdf-report/estimates-of-the-qhp-eligible-uninsured>
- The REN Conference for 2021 will be held in August virtually.

6. **Income Maintenance (IM) Funding and Contract Updates (Jonelle Brom & Claribel Camacho)**

- The IM Allocation Funding Memo is currently being circulated for signature.

7. **Consortia Feedback (Claribel Camacho)**

- Consortia did not have any feedback to share.

8. **Administrative Memos (Jonelle Brom)**

- The IM Allocation Funding Memo is currently being circulated for signature.

9. **Gap Case Monthly Update / Public Comment**

- GAP Case Numbers – See “GAP Case Report” – March 2021. Numbers continue to look different this year due to COVID-19 policies. Normal end-of-year termination policy did not apply due to COVID, so active GAP participants at end of year have been carried over to 2021.

10. Tentative May Future Agenda Topics

- All CARES Release demonstrations will be shared at IMOA effective May 2021 instead of IMAC. Correction: All CARES Release demonstrations will be shared at IMAC. The ACCESS Modernization Phase 2 presentation will still occur at the May 2021 IMOA subcommittee meeting.