

INCOME MAINTENANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IMAC)

Thursday, June 17th, 2021

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Zoom: <https://dhswi.zoom.us/j/84617648540?pwd=MIZLd2tMc2xuWFAXTIVwbnZjNm1PQT09>

Minutes

Non-State Attendees:

Ann Kriegel	Winnebago County
Annett Mooney	Marquette County
Bob Klingforth	Waukesha County
Anthony Sis	Dane County
Carol Wautlet	Door County
Alyson Wagoner	Forest County Potawatomi
Chelsey Groessl	Brown County
Kate Chambers	Iowa County
Roxann Binkowski	Waushara County
Maria Delgado	Rock County
Heidi DeNure	Dodge County
Amy Beranek	Dodge County
Mia Anderson-Inman	Walworth County
John Rathman	Outagamie County
Kathy Welke	Eau Claire County
Doreen Lang	Wood County
Kris Weden	Marathon County

State and Federal Attendees:

Alicia Grulke	DHS
Jonelle Brom	DHS
Angela Stanford	DHS
Katie Sepnieski	DHS
Stevey Poppe	DHS
Autumn Arnold	DHS
Timothy McGuire	DHS
Elizabeth Dehling	DHS
Kaia Palm-Leis	DHS
Molly Aird	DHS
Michael Poma	DHS

AGENDA

1. **Administrative Issues (Jonelle Brom & Doreen Lang)**
 - Report attendance by e-mailing to this mailbox DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov

- Katie Sepnieski, the new BEOT Deputy Director began at DHS on June 7, 2021 as the BEOT Deputy Director.
 - Jill Johnson from Jefferson County is retiring.
2. **Approval of May 20th, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Jonelle Brom)**
- Motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and approved by consensus.
3. **Policy Updates/COVID-19 Policy updates (BEEP Policy)**
- Emergency Allotments (EA)
 - 2 issuances since last meeting: April catch up on 6/5 and June EA on 6/12.
 - July EA has been approved. July EA will go out 7/17, available to members 7/18. Catch up run is planned for 9/4.
 - COVID Flexibilities re-cap
 - Interview waiver (allowed applications and renewals to be processed without an interview) approved through 09/30/21.
 - Renewal/SMRF waiver which eliminates the “bubble” that was to begin in July. Cases that had previously had their renewal pushed out 6 months, have now been pushed out 12 months.
 - Total of ~142,000 renewal extended and ~60,000 SMRF marked as “processed”.
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- PEBT
 - Continue to encourage attendance at the stakeholder calls. There will be a scheduling change for the next few weeks due the upcoming holiday, be on the look-out for more information.
 - Virtual Roster Portal Updates
 - On June 5th DHS released the “In-Person with Option of Virtual” (IPOV) Portal
 - 1775 schools received information about the portal
 - Total students covered by the Portal: ~234k
 - Partners/Advocates have received a list of the schools who received the portal – as well as a copy of the training video for the portal.
 - DHS is conducting targeted outreach with larger districts around virtual rosters
 - Reminder that this portal was only sent to schools who had, at some point, selected the “In Person with Virtual Option” learning model on our previous surveys
 - Information submitted by the 6/19 deadline will be utilized to inform benefit issuance happening on 6/26
 - Pre-6 P-EBT Updates
 - Second issuance on 6/19, covering January through March
 - As with the first issuance, eligible children in all 5 regions will get either 60% or 100% of the maximum benefit

- School P-EBT Updates
 - Issuance on 6/26, covering December through March as well as benefits for 100% virtual learners (information gained through the Virtual Roster Portal)
- Summer P-EBT Updates
 - Plan was approved late last week by FNS
 - May have a few additional timeline changes coming
 - Discussion of eligibility determination
 - Eligible if received a non-zero sum of School P-EBT or Pre-6 P-EBT benefits during the 2020-2021 school year (and for Pre-6 recipients, are part of a FoodShare household in June, July, and/or August)
 - Eligible if enrolled in FRPL in May/June (final month of the school year) but received zero benefits during the 2020-2021 school year
 - Eligible if did not receive any benefits during the school year but apply for FRPL over the summer (before 9/1/2021) and get approved/enrolled
 - Standard benefit amount of \$375 (set by the USDA) – no partial benefits given (either eligible for the whole amount or not)
 - First issuance is planned for late August, timeline subject to change.

4. **Subcommittee Updates**

- IMOA subcommittee met on June 4, 2021. Doreen Lang shared key discussion points from that meeting (see attachment). Next meeting is July 9th, 2021.
 - COVID-19 end date policy tracker was shared with Operational Leads following June IMOA.
 - HMO Enrollment tool attachment was shared with Operational Leads following June IMOA.
 - Genesys Slide deck was shared with Operational Leads following June IMOA.
- Call Center Operational/Technical subcommittee met on May 10, May 24 and June 14, 2021. Note that June 24, 2021 Key Messages were not included in this agenda. This will be included in the August 18, 2021. Kris Weden shared key discussion points and action items from that meeting (see attachment). Next meeting is June 28, 2021.
 - Genesys Project Schedule was updated. Roll out dates are tentative.

5. **Regional Enrollment Network (Lori Graf)**

- Covering Wisconsin shared information on the Federal Navigator grant that was recently released. There is \$1.9M available to Wisconsin. Covering Wisconsin will be applying as the lead agency, with several partners across the state. The applications are due in July.
- Covering Wisconsin will be sending a **Save the Date** for the 2021 Enrollment Conference in September. This information will be shared out to ESPAC members once received.

6. **Income Maintenance (IM) Funding and Contract Updates (Jonelle Brom & John Rathman)**

- Contact Negotiation meeting will begin in July 2021.
- DHS and IM Consortia are beginning to gather contract information.

- The 2021 Estate Recovery Exhibit III has been shared with the Lead agency contacts.

7. Consortia Feedback (Doreen Lang)

- Is there a SMRF Telephonic Script in Spanish available?
- IM Agencies are looking forward to information regarding roll back policies to ensure planning of workload and resources.

8. Administrative Memos (Jonelle Brom)

- Estate Recovery Admin Memo-This is being rerouted for signatures due to a numbering issue. This will be finalized very soon.

9. Gap Case Monthly Update / Public Comment

- GAP Case Numbers – See “GAP Case Report” – May 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 August Future Agenda Topics

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