

INCOME MAINTENANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IMAC)

Thursday, May 16, 2024

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Zoom: <https://dhswi.zoomgov.com/j/1619409056>

Minutes

Invitees

Attendees (X = Attended)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katie Sepnieski – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tarah Richardson – DHS BEOT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alicia Grulke – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	LaTanya Baldwin – DHS BEOT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ashley Schabel – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jody Noble – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Autumn Arnold – DHS BEEP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pang Xiong – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brookelynn Slamka – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Molly Thomas – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Valeri Kazakhetsyan – DHS BEEP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Angela Stanford – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laurie Teubert – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alexia Hamilton – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Huffman – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nick Kwaw – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	True Lor – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Linsey Donaldson – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laura Hanson – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Victoria Conley – DHS BEEP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca David – DHS BEEP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bay Lake – Chelsey Groessl	<input type="checkbox"/>	MilES – Monica Gregory
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Bay Lake – Becky Hetfield-Salentine</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>MilES – Shawnte Julien</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capital – Shawn Tessmann	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moraine Lakes – Mia Anderson-Inman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capital – Adam Chorlton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moraine Lakes – Heather Merten
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Central – Nicole Rolain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northern – Steve Budnik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Central – Amanda Brooks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Northern – Jeanine Spuhler</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	East Central – Ann Kriegel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Southern – Kate Chambers
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>East Central – Annett Mooney</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Southern – Laci Bainbridge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Great Rivers – Kathy Welke (co-chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Western – Lorie Graff (co-chair)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Great Rivers – Ronda Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Western – Tricia Wavra</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	East Central – John Rathman (co-chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WKRP – Kimm Peters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WKRP – Katie Kasprzak	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Wetherbee -DHS BEEP
	Guests:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thor Neng - DCF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tami Berg - OIG
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gage Winkelmann – DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Koch - OIG

<input type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Honsa - DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lauren Heitman – DHS Area Admin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kent Ellis - DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shine Baby– DHS BSM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Annie Griggs – DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Cone – DHS BSM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Schulte – Jefferson County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Darin Petesch – DHS BSM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Darsell Johns – MilES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mai Yee Xiong – DHS BSM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Poma - MilES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Michael - DHS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim McGuire - MilES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shauna Grossman - DHS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mac Strawder - MilES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shelli Essmann DHS Area Admin
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Belanger-Red Cliff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol Waulet – Door County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Corbine - Bad River	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amber Taylor – Adams County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renee Lyman – Dodge County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kris Weden – Marathon County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Sjoblom – Columbia County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Raelle Allen - Lac du Flambeau Tribe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alyson Wagoner - Forest County Potawatomi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maria Delagado – Southern
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heidrun Kovach – Dane County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roxann Binkowski – Waushara County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitch Birkey – Calumet County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adam Chorlton – Capital Consortia
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kesha Cole – Ozaukee County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deb Bohlman – Fond du Lac County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michele Chiuchiolo – Dane County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Beranek – Dodge County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deb Williquette – Manitowoc County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Todd
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Redell – Dane County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rob Klingforth – Moraine Lakes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kara Ponti – Dane County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cortney Hebel – Dane County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheryl Kawlewski – Portage County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charlie Morgan – WI Legislature

AGENDA

Welcome (Katie Sepnieski & John Rathman)

- Report attendance by replying to the email from DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov.
- Bill Hanna, Medicaid Director for the State of Wisconsin, recognized consortia, and staff for the extraordinary lift this past year of unwinding from the public health emergency.
 - May 13, 2024, through May 17, 2024, Economic Support Specialists across Wisconsin are recognized by the Governor’ Proclamation. This could not come at a more fitting time as Wisconsin is near the end of the unwinding effort. Throughout this unprecedented time, Wisconsin has remained a leader in SNAP QC and have some of the strongest Quality Control error rates in the nation. Other States are looking to Wisconsin to understand processes and much of the success has to do with the continued relationship with consortia to provide high quality, efficient, and accurate eligibility decisions. The health care renewal process has gone very smoothly, even when there were bumps in the road, consortia worked with the Department staff to create and implement solutions quickly and effectively to not adversely impact members or the experience during the unwind.

- The Department is moving into planning for the next biennial budget and will be seeking input to understand what the new normal will look like for healthcare and FoodShare. The Department appreciates the daily efforts and partnership and look forward to continuing to work with consortia to improve health and well-being outcomes for Wisconsinites.
- Marlia Mattke, Deputy Administrator for the Department of Health Services, recognized consortia for the continued effort to improve health and well-being outcomes for Wisconsinites. Just as in previous years, encouraged consortia leaders to continue to advocate to legislature about the work that they do.

Approval of April 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes (Katie Sepnieski)

- Motions made to approve the minutes by Adam Chorlton and Ann Kriegel and approved by consensus.

Policy Updates (Department of Health Services)

Healthcare

- Renewals
 - Renewal packets have been sent for June renewals, which is the last renewal cohort with members that still have continuous coverage under the PHE.
- MAPP premiums
 - The Department is preparing to reinstate premiums for the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) in August.
- Young Adult Letters
 - The Department is exploring options to reduce coverage gaps that occur when children turn 19 and may be eligible for BadgerCare+ as a childless adult but cannot continue to receive benefits on the parents' case.
 - The Department is planning to take these initial steps:
 - Send a one-time letter in July 2024 to any young adult that lost coverage during unwinding and have not been determined eligible for another form of MA. The letter is to ensure youth are aware of the status of the BadgerCare+ coverage and to encourage youth to reapply if needed.
 - Letters will be sent to 18-year-olds and parents in the month turning 19, to notify them that the child needs to apply for MA on their own.
 - The Department is exploring options for texting, emailing, and targeted outreach to the young adult.

Subcommittee Updates (Income Maintenance Agency Subcommittee Co-Chairs)

- Income Maintenance Operational Analysis (IMOA) subcommittee met on May 3, 2024. John Rathman shared key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is June 7, 2024.
- EBD/LTC subcommittee met on April 16, 2024. See attachment for key discussion points. Next meeting is July 16, 2024.
- Training subcommittee met on April 22, 2024. Ann Kriegel shared key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is July 22, 2024.

CARES Release

- Nicole Huffman and Katie Quaintance presented on information for the June 2024 CARES Release for *MAPP Premium Compliance*. (See attachment for details.)

Income Maintenance (IM) Funding and Contract Updates (Alicia Grulke & John Rathman)

- Amended MA Unwinding Fund Contracts for April 1 – June 30, 2024, are in the process of being completed based on agencies reported actual funds remaining.
- Written suggestions for the 2025 Income Maintenance contract are to be submitted to John Tuohy and/or the tri-chairs by June 6, 2024.

Consortia Feedback (John Rathman)

- The consortia request two future agenda items for an Income Maintenance Operational Analysis (IMOA) subcommittee meeting.
 - Confidential Cases - Consortia would like an update on CARES and ACCESS changes and a general discussion on consortia needs.
 - Compromising Claims – Consortia would like an update on ability to work claims on cases within a consortium but between counties.

Administrative Memos (Alicia Grulke & John Rathman)

- The Administrator's Memo 24-02, "2024 IM Consortia Administrative Allocation" has been published.

Regional Enrollment Network (John Rathman)

- The Fall Conference will occur in September of 2024. Save the dates have been sent. Registration for the conference will start in June.
- A webinar to discuss Unauthorized Marketplace enrollments has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. An email with a registration to attend the webinar was sent to the ESPAC membership. The Department and Office of the Commissioner of Insurance will participate in this important webinar.
- Effective November 1, 2024, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) can begin signing up for Marketplace plans that can become effective on December 1, 2024. An Immigration Webinar will be developed in the summer of 2024 to better help navigators and certified application counselors with these changes.
- Work is currently being done to study how Regional Enrollment Networks (REN) will continue to sustain after unwinding work. RENs play a vital role throughout the State in keeping residents enrolled into important health coverages.

Public Comment

- None

Announcements

- For upcoming meetings in 2024, send agenda items to the WHCSA Tri Chairs or Bureau of Eligibility Operations and Training operations associate at DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov.