**Benefits Planning Cross-Advisory Body Workgroup**

**Meeting Minutes- DRAFT**

November 30, 2023

**Workgroup Members:** Stephanie Crist, Carrie England, Jennifer Fischer, Aparna Kommineni, Michael Luna, Jessica Popjevalo, Naomi Ramirez, Paula Tobler, Taylor Winchell (Co-Chair), and Scarlett VonThenen

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting began at 2:04 p.m. and quorum was established.

1. **Approval of October 4, October 25 and August 2023 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved/seconded (Fisher/Popjevalo) to approve the August meeting minutes. Motion was approved by a 4-0-4 vote. (Yes – 4, Fischer, Luna,

Fischer, Popjevalo, and Tobler,); (No – 0); (Abstain – 4 Kommineni, Ramirez, Von Thenen, and Winchell).

It was moved/seconded (VanThenen/Fischer) to approve the October 4 meeting minutes. Motion was approved by a 6-0-2 vote. (Yes – 4 Fischer, Kommeni, Luna, Popjevalo, Tobler and Winchell); (No – 0); (Abstain – 2 Ramirez and Luna).

It was moved/seconded (Popjevalo/Winchell) to approve the October 25 meeting minutes. Motion was approved by a 6-0-2 vote. (Yes – 6 Fischer, Kommineni, Popjevalo, Tobler, and Winchell); (No – 0); (Abstain – 2 Luna and Ramirez).

1. **Updates to the Mapping Benefits Document**

Executive Officer provided an update regarding the document. The document was shared with an overview.

* Addition was asked to include the Children’s Health Insurance program.
* Discussion on having a column for age requirements.
* Question was asked on Regional Center services and if there affect other benefits.

1. **Discussion of Direction of Long-Term Services and Supports Conversation and 2024 Meetings**

Aliferis-Gjerde provided a timeframe for the report. Goal is to begin writing sections of the report in December and January. Draft report will be completed by May and finalized by August. Discussion on what areas of long-term services and support should be examined:

* Lived experience panels on navigating long-term services and supports and employment.
* Discussion on new, legislative select committee and there is a panel on benefits planning.
* Discussion on career pathways.

1. **Continued Discussion of Policy Recommendations for the following:**

Members went into breakout rooms to discuss policy recommendations. The three areas were condensed into two groups.

**Lack of Access to Benefits Planning Resources and Planners and Workforce Issues**

* General agreements on problems that were identified.
* Some items were clarified.
* No new items were added.
* Discussion included how Disability Determination Services needs training and specific ones for disabilities.
* Discussion on changing the framework on support and employment, including making lasting changes to eligibility or enrollment.

**Marketing and Outreach for Benefits Planning**

* Previous information was refined and explained better along with how the message needs to be different.
* Worked on organizing all the different audiences for the different messages.

1. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

* Updates to Bagley Keene and what that means for our meetings.
* Poll will be sent to determine which date and time will work best.
* Hearing from people with lived experiences.

1. **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

1. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.