



**MINUTES**  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, 2/22/23 from 10:00AM - 12:00PM**  
**Held via: Zoom Webinar**

**Attendance:** Melissa Hardy, Ann Potoczak, Denise Nash, Ellen McCahon, Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre, Jennifer Pineo, Krista Gilbert, Mark Vincent, Susan Silsby, William Walker, Carrie Beth Duran, Cathy Spinney, Cory Shomphe, Jayla Austin, Lindsey Magee, Mark Mills, Tyler Jacques, Drew Smith, Denise Garcia (CART), Sandy Feroz, Abby Conger, Jessica Kennedy, Laurie Vachon, Leslie Beers, Krista Stephani, Karen Black, Donna Quinn Corriveau, Kelly Ehrhart, Alecia Oritz, Drew Smith, and Montrel Tennessee

*Note: Members of the public who joined as attendees in listen-only mode are not included in this list.*

*Please reference the corresponding slide presentation for the detailed agenda, including topics and themes covered in the meeting and corresponding takeaways and applicable action items. This document provides context into areas of substantive discussion which took place during the meeting.*

Major Topics and Themes	Key Discussion Areas
<p><b>7/1 Readiness</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BDS opened the meeting with an overview of what rates will look like post 7/1.</li> <li>• BDS is continuing to meet to discuss DAADS rates.</li> <li>• An AC member shared concern that families may get confused around using the phrase "changed role of the area agency" in guidance. Their concern is that it may confuse new families entering the system on the role of the Area Agencies.</li> <li>• BDS provided an overview of why the role of the area agency has changed. Due to each provider being able to bill Medicaid directly on 7/1, BDS is in the process of defining the role of Area Agencies and paying them for this role.</li> <li>• BDS provided an overview of the new IT system (New Heights) and how the system will increase efficiency and streamline information.</li> <li>• BDS shared that everyone who enters the system will still enter through the Area Agency. Area Agency will still contact the individual monthly.</li> <li>• BDS provided an update on the provider readiness survey and extended the deadline to 2/24/23.</li> <li>• BDS went over the draft contingency plan for direct bill.</li> </ul>

<b>Crisis Policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BDS is currently developing a Crisis Policy with Area Agencies and will be sending out updates in the coming weeks.</li><li>• Crisis Policy will define roles and responsibilities in the case of a crisis.</li><li>• An AC member shared that capacity needs to be addressed with supports like the 988 hotline.</li></ul>
<b>Rate Workgroup</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concerns were shared about job postings not capturing an accurate assessment of wages.</li><li>• BDS is listening to all concerns and will continue to engage in conversation to establish rates.</li><li>• BDS welcomes family feedback in the rates process.</li></ul>