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**CHOICE Board Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2023  
Indiana Government Center South, Indianapolis, IN  
Wabash Hall Conference Rooms 4 and 5**

Attendees were able to join virtually over Zoom.

The meeting was livestreamed and is available on the FSSA Indiana YouTube channel at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@fssaindianavideos/streams>

Hannah Carlock, CHOICE Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. EST.

Members in attendance: Chair Hannah Carlock, Representative Ed Clere, Representative Carolyn Jackson, Dr. JoAnn Burke, Leslie Huckleberry, Megan Smith, Beth Schoenfeld, James Leich  
Members not in attendance: Vice Chair Laurie Mullet, Senator Ed Charbonneau, Senator Jean Breaux

A quorum was present. A motion was made by Jim Leich to approve the November 17, 2022, minutes, and seconded by Dr. Burke. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Erin Wright, Division of Aging Director of Access and Engagement, gave an update on CHOICE membership. Ellen Kaehr, Geriatrician Representative, resigned her position after the November 2022 meeting. Currently, there are four vacancies on the CHOICE Board which are posted on the Division of Aging's website. There are no names pending with the Governor's office.

Allison Taylor, Director of the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, Shannon Effler, Director of Care Programs for the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, and Darcy Tower, Director of Provider Experience for the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning presented an update on mLTSS.

Leslie Huckleberry, Director of the Division of Aging, informed the Members that the CHOICE State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 report was submitted to the General Assembly. Leslie touched briefly on some 2023 goals for the CHOICE program are to gather more robust data, as well as more insights into our CHOICE participants, to incorporate into next year's report. Leslie also announced the addition of Andrew Bean as the Deputy Director in the Division of Aging.



Kristen LaEace, CEO, Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging (I4A), announced that the federal budget had passed for this federal fiscal year. An additional \$220 million in funding for Older Americans Act. This mostly goes to nutrition and to the detriment of Title III B services. Kristen also touched on the Medicare Advantage plans over-charging, fraud, and unethical behavior by the Managed Care Entities. The federal government has put out some new rules to be implemented in 2024 programs. She noted that most adults have over 70 combinations of plans between regular Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans. The CHOICE budget has a decrease in the amount the governor's office will shift to Medicaid of about \$5.5 million, which leaves about \$11 million that will go to Medicaid for CHOICE services.

Hannah Carlock adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m. EST.