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**CHOICE Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 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 1:00 p.m. EDT.

Members in attendance: Chair Hannah Carlock, Vice Chair Laurie Mullet, Representative Ed Clere, Dr. JoAnn Burke, Leslie Huckleberry, James Leich, Beth Schoenfeld, Representative Carolyn Jackson

Members not in attendance: Senator Ed Charbonneau, Senator Jean Breaux, Megan Smith

Hannah asked for additions and/or corrections for the minutes from the January 19, 2023, meeting as well as the March 16, 2023, meeting. There were none, and a motion was made to approve. A quorum was present and there was no opposition, so the minutes were approved.

Karen McKinney, Indiana Pathways for Aging and Hoosier Care Connect Director, and Shannon Effler, Director of Care Programs, both from the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP), reported on Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Reform, the Indiana Pathways for Aging (Pathways) overall quality goals, the Managed Care Implementation timeline and Onboarding overview, as well as the Readiness Review Overview. Regarding stakeholder engagement, 92% of stakeholder considerations, gathered through 600+ meetings, were fully or partially incorporated into the LTSS reform effort. Dr. Steve Counsell clarified the terminology of services in care management and service coordination in response to Representative Clere's concerns regarding the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA).

Stephanie Laskey from the Division of Aging presented information regarding the CMS regulation that applies to Medicaid waiver participants. Stephanie updated on the Settings Rule compliance project that is nearing completion. Discussion afterwards yielded questions that are



likely better answered by the Division of Disabilities and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) director Cathy Robinson.

Leslie Huckleberry, Division of Aging Director, provided an update on the legislative session and how this budget session will impact the Division of Aging and some of the program services. Leslie provided information and clarification on the Dementia Care Specialist Program and ALS Hospice program, both of which are new to the Division of Aging. She also outlined the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver rate funding increase with this legislature. The General Assembly fully funded the proposed rate increases with this historic investment by the Assembly to our division.

Kristen LaEace, CEO, Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging (IAA), began by introducing Linda Muckway, a CHOICE recipient of 25+ years, from Muncie who is a LifeStream client. Kristen expressed her hope that all CHOICE clients know that these meetings are open to the public, and that a CHOICE consumer would hold a position on the CHOICE Board.

Kristen explained that the AAA network has evolved how they are going to be contracting with Managed Care Entities (MCE). An RFP was put out related to ongoing management services in the AAA network to the current Enliven manager, CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions. CICOA, who has been on the forefront of contracting nationally, decided to form a joint venture called Community Care Hub of Indiana. This is springboarding off the work that Aging and In-Home Solutions has already been doing with a community care learning collaborative, an initiative they entered with ACL last fall. It is going to be governed by CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions, so it sits outside the association. They are finalizing and a larger communication will go out to stakeholders.

Kristen also mentioned that May is Older Americans month. This month coincides with the 50th anniversary of Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). Dr. Burke attended a celebration in New Albany, where Kristen was as well, for LifeStream Services, one of our AAAs in the southern Indiana area. Representative Ed Clere was a key speaker at the celebration. She pointed out that one way to celebrate older Americans is by nominating someone for a 'Golden Hoosier' award. Lt. Governor Crouch and Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) partner to gather older adult nominees that have been recognized for their outstanding volunteer efforts within their community. AAAs have their own 'Golden Hoosier' nominees as well, and all are put forward for consideration of this award.

Hannah Carlock received a motion to adjourn, and the meeting ended at 2:52 p.m. EDT.