

## **ACQ Policy and Quality Subcommittee Meeting Summary**

**8/13/2025, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Attendees:** Angie Brooks, Alix Dean, Valerie Dewbrie, Scott Doan, Jim Copeland, Elana Gonzales, Christina Hill, Siri GuruNam Khalsa, Chris Leroi, Elisheva Levin, Peter Michaels, Kate Nash, Tracy Perry.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **1. Introductions**

- Several new attendees are joining as a result of the webpage updates and announcement in the last ACQ meeting.

#### **2. Updates from the last meeting**

- ACQ P&Q webpage has been updated.
- Brief update on Access Rule Grievance System

#### **3. Exception Policy Presentation: Angie Brooks**

- Angie Brooks gave a brief explanation of the recent Waiver Exception Policy Update and read through the Draft Exception Policy document.
- Kate Nash raised a question about whether there would be exceptions for children under the age of 18 who are living in care arrangements. Examples of types of exceptions that have been considered are:
  1. Face to face visits.
  2. Age requirements.
  3. Customized community supports.
  4. Water temperatures.
- Jim Copeland asked whether the new exception policy would apply across the waiver system and Angie explained that one of characteristics of the new Exception Policy was that it would apply to all of the waivers.
- Jim Copeland wanted to know what the definition of an extraordinary circumstance was in reference to the Exception Policy and Scott Doan explained that currently there wasn't any specific published definition for this.

#### **4. Wrap-up**

- Suggestion of topics for next meeting.
- Future meetings will continue with the usual schedule (bi-monthly, 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1:00-3:00 pm).
- The next sub-committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 8th, 2025, from 1:00-3:00 pm.