



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department on Aging

# Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: February 24, 2014 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

**Locations:**

Illinois Department on Aging Conference Room, 160 N. LaSalle St., 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Chicago

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield (Rock River Video Conference Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

Darby Anderson – Addus HealthCare

Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors

June Benedick – Parish Nurse

Andy Chusid – Health Care Council of Illinois

Dr. Thomas Cornwell – HomeCare Physicians

Cindy Cunningham – Illinois Adult Day Service Association

Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center

Jan Grimes – Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council

Susan Hughes – Community Health Sciences School of Public Health

Phyllis Mitzen – Center for Long Term Care Reform

Patricia O’Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection

Susan Real – East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging

Jason Speaks – Life Services Network

Cathy Weightman-Moore – Long Term Care Ombudsman

**Committee Members not in attendance:**

Patricia Ahern – Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care

John Becker – Senior Services Plus

Frederick Bernstein – Community Health & Emergency Services, Inc.

Jean Bohnhoff – Effingham County Committee on Aging

Pat Comstock – Health Care Council of Illinois

Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long Term Care

Jon Lavin – AgeOptions

Dave Lowitzki – SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana

Frank Daigh – Citizen member over the age of 60

Terri Harkin – SEIU Health Care – IL and Indiana

Beverly Kimmons – Alzheimer’s Association

Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy

Melissa O’Brien – Senior Services Center of Will County

David Vinkler – AARP Illinois Legislative Office

Ancy Zacharia – HomeCare Physicians

**Ex-officio – non-voting Committee Members in attendance:**

John K. Holton, Director – Illinois Department on Aging  
Kelly Cunningham (Theresa Eagleson) – Illinois Department Healthcare and Family Services  
Michael Gelder – Illinois Governor’s office  
Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging - Ombudsman  
Doree Vetter – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

**Ex-officio – nonvoting Committee Members not in attendance:**

Toni Colon – Illinois Department of Public Health  
Ben Noven – Illinois Housing Development Authority  
Rob Kilbury – Illinois Department of Human Services  
Mari Money – Illinois Finance Authority  
Ben Noven – Illinois Housing Development Authority

**Illinois Department on Aging staff:**

Sandra Alexander  
Sophia Gonzalez  
Sonia Bhagwakar  
Lenore Roth  
Joseph Mason  
Nyle Robinson  
Mary Mayes  
John Eckert  
Elton Arrindell

**Guests:**

Theresa Collins – Senior Services Plus, Inc.  
Bill Bell- IHLA  
Tameshia Bridges – Mansfield – Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute  
Kitty Watson – Illinois Treasurers Office  
Sharon Post – SEIU – HCII

**Welcome and Introduction**, Sandra Alexander welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approve minutes**

Pat O’Dea-Evans moved to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2013 meeting. Phyllis Mitzen second. Minutes approved.

**Membership Introduction and Updates** – Sandra introduced the new members of OASAC, June Benedick – Parish Nurse replacing Joyce Gusewelle; Jennifer Belkov –Alzheimer’s disease and Related Dementias representative replacing Beverly Kimmons; Samantha Olds – Primary Care Service Provider replacing Frederick Bernstein; Andy Chusid – Nursing Home or Licensed Assisted Living Establishment replacing Pat Comstock.

## **Executive Meeting Update and Discussion**

Sandra and Phyllis provided an overview of the planning process that the Executive Committee engaged in during their January meeting. As part of the process, the Executive Committee reviewed the major goals/objectives established for OASAC in 2010, the guiding principles of IDoA, and the key rebalancing initiatives currently underway in Illinois. The Executive Committee drafted three documents for the full OASAC committee's consideration.

1. Key rebalancing initiatives that will be the primary focus of OASAC during the coming 2-years.
2. Recommendations for a stakeholder engagement process
3. Development of key questions to guide the State as they are planning and implementing long term care rebalancing initiatives.

OASAC members made a number of suggestions to the draft documents, which will be summarized and disseminated to State agencies and posted to the OASAC web pages.

Director Holton discussed that it is critical for the public to organize and provide greater input to have an impact on the healthcare reform being proposed because the state is rapidly changing and well designed implemented feedback will be part of the review process for the 1115 Waiver.

## **1115 Waiver Discussion**

Director Holton, Michael Gelder, and Sandra Alexander provided an overview of the 1115 Waiver and responded to questions from OASAC. The 1115 provides Illinois the best chance to move forward and get the funding that is needed to put commitments and goals related to rebalancing into practice. The 1115 Waiver will redesign the way services are provided in IL. IL still needs to demonstrate to CMS investments in the waiver will be cost neutral and lower our anticipated costs over the next 5 years. We have to make sure that the programs we utilize under the 1115 Waiver support this claim.

It is anticipated that the waiver will be submitted in early March. Stakeholder meetings have taken place and information has been shared to try to make the process of the 1115 Waiver as open and transparent as possible. Information has also been posted on the HFS website.

Workgroups will be formed around each of the four pathways outlined in the waiver. IDoA will look for input to experts on OASAC and other advisory groups to help with this function. It will help to think beyond personal interests and move forward to the view of how we can help the older adults.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12pm