



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: December 12, 2007

Location: Marriott Chicago Downtown, Chicago

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members:

- Stephanie Altman – Health and Disability Advocates
- Darby Anderson – Addus HealthCare
- Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
- Dennis Bozzi – Life Services Network
- Melanie Chavin – Alzheimer’s Association
- Pat Stacy Cohen – Illinois Adult Day Service Association
- Pat Comstock - Illinois Health Care Association
- Thomas Cornwell, MD – HomeCare Physicians
- Frank Daigh – family caregiver
- Joyce Gusewelle – Eden United Church of Christ
- Flora Johnson – family caregiver and SEIU Local 880
- Michael Koronkowski – University of Illinois at Chicago
- Jonathan Lavin –Age Options
- David Lindeman – Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging
- Phyllis Mitzen – citizen member over 60
- Nancy Nelson – Illinois HomeCare Council
- Patricia O’Dea-Evans – Northwest Community Hospital
- Margaret Rudnik - Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
- Tim Thomas – SEIU Local #4
- Cathy Weightman-Moore – Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Dave Vinkler - AARP
- Ancy Zacharia – HomeCare Physicians

Committee Members not in attendance:

- Ann M. Cooper – Illinois Association of Nutrition Programs
- Jerry Crabtree – The Township Officials of Illinois
- Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long Term Care
- Susan Real - East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc.
- Steven K. Rothschild, M.D. – Rush University Medical Center
- Karen Schinker – Association of Illinois Senior Centers

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

- Charles D. Johnson – Illinois Department on Aging
- Kelly Cunningham for Theresa Wyatt – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Enrique Unanue – Illinois Department of Public Health
- Jennifer Novak – Illinois Housing Development Authority
- Joseph Hamlett for Teri Dederer – Illinois Department of Human Services

Ex-officio – non-voting Committee Members not in attendance:

- Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging, Long Term Care Ombudsman
- Jared Thornley – Office of the Governor
- Maureen Palmer – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Yvonne Clearwater – Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
- Gwen Diehl – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

OBSERVERS:

- Jeremy Schroeder – SEIU 880
- Donna Ginther
- Ziv Sabin – Elder Care Services
- Ryan Gruenfelder – AARP
- Scott Musser – AARP
- Robyn Golden – Rush Medical Center
- Bob Gallo – AARP
- Steve Wolf – Illinois Council on Aging

Illinois Department on Aging:

- Michael Gelder
- Shelly Ebbert
- Jan Cichowlas
- Ross Grove
- Andrea Mansfield
- Leann Dolan
- Robin Morgan
- Paul Bennett

SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductory Remarks:

Director Johnson welcomed members and attendees introduced themselves. Director Johnson acknowledged David Lindeman and thanked for his service on the OASAC.

Approve Agenda — Carol Aronson moved to approve the agenda. David Lindeman seconded. All were in favor. The agenda was approved.

Approve Minutes — Frank Daigh moved to approve the minutes. David Lindeman seconded. The minutes were approved.

Executive Committee Report — Dennis Bozzi reported for the executive committee. The executive committee discussed and edited the report and also discussed the work that needs to be done to transform the landscape of elder care services in Illinois.

Director Johnson reported the OASAC report is on track and will be submitted on time. The report includes success on several initiatives including Home Again, Flexible Senior Services (FSS) and Comprehensive Care Coordination (CCC).

There are new legislative initiatives that will expand services. The Department reviewed the CPOE workgroup recommendations from the branding conference. We hope to have a name for CCP in 2008.

Susan Real is the new chair person for the Workforce/Caregiver workgroup.

State Reports

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) — no report

Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) — Jennifer Novak reported the following: State of Illinois Consolidated Plan-2008 Action Plan, which is a HUD-required document estimating State activity from January to December, 2008 was submitted to HUD's Office of Community Planning & Development on November 15th. HUD has 45 days to review and approve the plan.

Rental Housing Support Program — 16 applications came in on the November 30 application deadline. We're currently doing initial, completeness screening, and will begin reviewing soon.

Second Annual Governor's Conference on Affordable Housing — took place December 10-11th at McCormick Place. Session topics included Multifamily Finance, Services for Independent Seniors, Rural Development, Preservation, Reasonable Accommodation for Tenants with Disabilities, and two sessions sponsored by the Affordable Assisted Living Coalition. Over 330 people attended.

2008 Comprehensive Housing Plan — currently being drafted, due to the Governor and General Assembly January 2nd. Focus activities include the following:

- Money Follows the Person housing strategy
- Support continuation of Community Reintegration, assistive technology, and home modification, at sustaining funding levels
- Explore expansion of Comprehensive Care in Residential Settings (CCRS) program
- Commit at least 25% of State's housing resources to the elderly (estimating 1,085 multifamily units, 500 single family units)

Illinois Department on Aging (Department) — Deputy Gelder reported the Department continues discussions with the Governor's office on the 2009 budget. The economy is slowing down and there is not a significant source of new money.

The department is finishing the proposed rules for All Willing and Qualified (AWAQ). There has been a lot of discussion. The rules are finished at the Department level.

Shelly Ebbert provided an update on membership. Several members had terms expire in November. Jonathan Lavin, Flora Johnson, Joyce Gusewelle, and Patricia O'Dea Evans have been reappointed. Dave Vinkler is the representative for AARP. Susan Real joined as a caregiver and will be the chair of the Workforce/Caregiver workgroup.

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS) — Kelly Cunningham reported Your HealthCare Plus is in 15 long term care facilities managing the care of 600 residents. IDHFS will be speaking with the long term care ombudsman association next week to discuss additional outreach to facilities.

IDHFS continues to work on the Operational Protocol for Money Follows the Person (MFP).

OASAC Report to the General Assembly

Shelly Ebbert reported since the last meeting, the various pieces of the report have been compiled into one complete draft. The report has been submitted to the Governor's office for approval. The report contains the suggested changes and the updates provided by the workgroups including new language for the executive summary provided by David Lindeman. We are hoping the report will go to the General Assembly by the end of December in order to meet the January 1 deadline.

Divided We Fail

Ryan Gruenenfelder, AARP, presented on Divided We Fail, a movement AARP started nationally with SEIU and the National Federation of Independent Businesses. AARP is trying to make healthcare and financial security major issues. AARP wants every American to have access to affordable healthcare

AARP is collecting pledge cards nationwide. By signing a pledge card you are saying that when you vote you will look for candidates with a policy on healthcare and a plan of action, not someone who is speaking in generalities. AARP will be launching voter education next year.

The entertainment industry has filmed a public service announcement. So far, 215 members of congress have signed a pledge card or submitted a letter of intent. AARP is looking for more partners in Illinois.

Ryan will be talking to various organizations throughout the state and is looking to collect stories and pledges.

Workgroup Reports

Workgroups provided written reports.

Workforce and Caregiver workgroup — David Lindeman reported the workgroup is planning on consensus conference for the next Governor's Conference on Aging in 2008. The Illinois Caregiver Advisory Committee is helping to coordinate the conference. If there are any suggestions, please forward them to Jan Cichowlas. The focus of the conference is issues related to working caregivers. The goal of the conference is to bring a public private consensus meeting together to bring ideas forward to act upon in legislation, in particular, have companies at the table with their innovative work and bring issues to the state as well.

The 2008 meeting schedule for OASAC was distributed.

Other Business

Workgroup membership is open through January. The sign up sheet can be distributed to all interested parties.

Shelly Ebbert reported members have been identified to participate in the MFP advisory group. Those members will be contacted directly by HFS.

Director Johnson agreed the executive committee should discuss the workgroups, their membership and structure to better use the expertise of members.

Jennifer Novak reported the Housing Task Force is using the entire year of 2008 to examine itself and restructure.

These minutes were approved on March 10, 2008.