



State of Illinois  
Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor

Illinois Department on Aging  
Charles D. Johnson, Director

# Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting

**Date:** December 10, 2008

**Location:** Chicago Marriott Downtown (site of 2008 Governor's Conference on Aging)

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

### **Committee Members:**

- Stephanie Altman – Health and Disability Advocates
- Darby Anderson – Addus HeathCare
- Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
- Pat Stacy Cohen – Illinois Adult Day Service Association
- Pat Comstock - Illinois Health Care Association
- Thomas Cornwell, MD – HomeCare Physicians
- Jan Costello – Illinois HomeCare Council
- Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center
- Jon Lavin – Age Options
- Joyce Gusewelle – Eden United Church of Christ
- Flora Johnson – family caregiver and SEIU Local 880
- Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long Term Care
- Michael Koronkowski – University of Illinois at Chicago
- Jonathan Lavin –Age Options
- Phyllis Mitzen – citizen member over 60
- Nancy Nelson – Illinois HomeCare Council
- Patricia O'Dea-Evans – Northwest Community Hospital
- Jason Speaks – for Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network
- Susan Real - East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc.
- 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:**

- Jerry Crabtree – The Township Officials of Illinois
- Frank Daigh – family caregiver
- Barbara B. Dunn – Community Health Improvement Center
- Karen Schainker – Association of Illinois Senior Centers
- Maria Schmidt – Alzheimer's Association
- Nancy Zweibel, Ph.D. – The Retirement Research Foundation

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

- Charles D. Johnson – Illinois Department on Aging
- Yvonne Clearwater – Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
- Gail Hedges for Maureen Palmer – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Tara Peele – Illinois Housing Development Authority

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

- William Bell – Illinois Department of Public Health
- Kelly Cunningham for Theresa Eagleson – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Gwen Diehl – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs
- Rob Kilbury – Illinois Department of Human Services
- Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging, Long Term Care Ombudsman

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**Observers:**

- Donna Ginther
- Rebecca Finer – Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
- Dave Lowitzki – SEIU 880
- Amy Wiater - Administration on Aging
- Walter Rosenberg
- James Miner
- Nicole Seyller

**Illinois Department on Aging:**

- Michael Gelder
- Shelly Ebbert
- Jan Cichowlas

## SUMMARY

**Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Director Johnson welcomed members to the meeting. Members introduced themselves.

**Approval of minutes**

Stephanie Altman moved to approve the minutes. Darby Anderson seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Approval of Agenda**

Pat Comstock moved to approve the agenda. Jon Lavin seconded. The agenda was approved.

**State Agency Reports**

**Illinois Housing Development Authority** – Tara Peele reported on progress related to the Statewide Housing Locator. The Statewide Housing Locator is a web-based listing available to case managers to locate housing by location, rent, accessibility, with notes regarding senior housing. A vendor has been selected, and the website will be up and running in Spring 2009.

**Illinois Department on Aging** – Director Johnson reported that budget preparation for State Fiscal Year 2010 has started. Deputy Director Gelder noted that the rate increase for Adult Day Services will go into effect as planned on January 1, 2009.

**Old Business**

**OASAC Report** - In order to begin the discussion of the approval of the OASAC 2009 Report to the general Assembly, Director Johnson asked for a motion. Motion to approve the 2009 OASAC Report Overview of OASAC Mandates, Executive Summaries, and Workgroup Reports was made by Stephanie Altman and seconded by Flora Johnson.

Discussion included concerns that if Supportive Living Facilities were included as a success (which are not part of the mandate), should efforts to implement the Minimum Data Set (MDS) also be included?

**Minority Report** - At previous meetings, Pat Comstock had advised the full body that she had concerns regarding the focus of the report and the development of “benchmarks” which are not part of the legislation. As a representative of the nursing home industry, she

felt that her members might expect that she file a Minority report in disagreement with the 2009 OASAC report.

After reviewing the Executive Summary, Ms Comstock noted that she would be willing to withdraw the Minority Report if the "benchmarks" were changed to "measures". Members concurred that the intention of the measures was not so much to set targets regarding long term care, but to provide some quantitative measures of where Illinois is going. They are more descriptive than evaluative in nature.

Following the discussion, Director Johnson called for a vote on the acceptance of the OASAC report, with the change of "benchmarks" to "Long term Care measures". This amendment was offered by Pat Comstock and accepted by Stephanie Altman and Flora Johnson. The motion to approve the report with the change was accepted with one vote in opposition.

### **Announcements**

**Ethics Statement** – please complete your ethics timesheets and provide them to IDOA.

**Governor' Conference Presentation** – Shelly Ebbert noted that she and Jan Cichowlas will be presenting the OASAC Benchmarks (now measures) at a session on Thursday, and provided the time and room information.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm. Director Johnson thanked the staff and members for all of their work in 2008, and invited the members to join him at the conference reception.