



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: March 9, 2009

Illinois Department on Aging Conference Room, 160 N. LaSalle St., 7th Floor, Chicago
Stratton Building, 401 S. Spring, Room 349-C, Springfield

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members:

- Stephanie Altman – Health and Disability Advocates
- Darby Anderson – Addus Healthcare
- Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
- Melanie Chavin – Alzheimer's Association of Greater IL
- Pat Cohen – Illinois Adult Day Service Association
- Jan Costello – Illinois Homecare Association
- Donna Ginther (subbing for Pat Comstock)
- Joyce Gusewelle – Parish Nurse
- Flora Johnson – SEIU Local 880
- Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long-Term Care
- Jonathan Lavin - AgeOptions
- Phyllis Mitzen – Citizen member age 60 and older
- Nancy Nelson - AARP
- Patricia O'Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection
- Eli Pick – Ballard Healthcare
- Tom Prohaska – University of Illinois Chicago
- Susan Real – Caregiver, Eastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging
- Cathy Weightman-Moore – Catholic Charities Rockford
- Ancy Zacharia – R.N., Nurse practitioner, Homecare Physicians

Committee Members not in attendance:

- Dennis Bozzi – Life Services Network
- Pat Comstock – Illinois Healthcare Association
- Thomas Cornwell – M.D.
- Jerry Crabtree – Township Officials of Illinois
- Frank Daigh - Caregiver
- Barbara Dunn – Community Health Improvement Center
- Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center
- Carol Green – Nutrition Projects
- Joyce Gusewelle – Eden United Church of Christ
- Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy
- Karen Schainker – Association of Illinois Senior Centers
- Tim Thomas – SEIU Local 4

Ex-officio – non voting Committee Members in attendance:

- CHAIR: Charles Johnson – Director, Illinois Department on Aging
- William Bell – Illinois Department of Public Health, representing Director Damen Arnold
- Kelly Cunningham – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, representing Medicaid Director Theresa Eagleson

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- Robert Kilbury – Illinois Department of Human Services
- Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- Pat Taylor – Illinois Council on Aging

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

- Yvonne Clearwater – Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, Senior Health Insurance Program
- Gwen Diehl – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs
- John Filan, - IL Finance Authority

Observers

- Sue Hughes – University of Illinois Chicago
- Wendy Thornton
- Terry Harkin – SEIU HC II
- Joseph Hart – SEIU HC II
- Becca Finer – HMPRG
- Jason Speaks - LSN
- Dave Vinkler - AARP

Illinois Department on Aging:

- Christina Banker
- Janice Cichowlas
- John Eckert
- Michael Gelder-Deputy Director
- Robin Morgan
- Kristen Pavle—IDoA rotating intern
- Ross Grove

Other Agency Staff

- Tara Peele – Illinois Housing Development Authority

SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

- Director Johnson welcomed members to the meeting, especially new members.

For Distribution:

- New Member Handbooks (also accessible on web for all members)
- Distribution and signing of Ethics Form
- Distribution and signing of Time Sheets
- OASAC Committee and Workgroup Lists (handout)
- 2009 Meeting Schedule (handout)

Approval of December minutes

Myrtle Klauer moved to approve the minutes. Flora Johnson seconded. The minutes were approved.

State Agency Reports

Illinois Department of Public Health – IDPH currently reviewing surveys from a variety of service providers: licensed home health agencies, home services home nursing programs, home nursing placement agencies, home service placement agencies. Reviewing about 40 per week.

- **Legislation HB3607** (Greg Harris and David Miller) Assisted Living Shared Housing Act compliant with Federal Fair Housing Act and Human Rights Act. This is a health care issue not housing issue, there seems to be some confusion over this.
- **Legislation SB321** regarding allowing IDPH to refund fines back to facilities to make improvements in the facilities. Currently working on language in this bill surrounding this issue, there is some confusion of direction of the bill. Personal interest for IDoA: 750K\$ for nursing home ombudsman program.
- **MFP Demonstration Conference** in Baltimore last week. 30 states and over 300 people in attendance. As we've seen in Illinois, other states are implementing their programs very slowly with the exception of Texas, which is exceeding target. Information on conference to be posted online soon.

MFP continued: In the past 4-5months, preparing for transitions. Outreach to Nursing Home facilities and training of coordinators in process. Hopefully by next meeting there will be transitions to report. None to date.

Supportive Living Program: the Department filed rules which were published last Friday in the Illinois Register calling for improvements to program. Currently underway: a demonstration project on Alzheimer's Disease (AD) in living facilities. The aim of this demonstration project: creating 5 units within existing facilities to explore AD and other dementias. Alzheimer's Association helping in implementation.

Economic Stimulus Package: Developed a fact sheet: posted on Governors website: HFS approach to economic stimulus package.

New Minimum Data Set (MDS): Federal required resident assessment instrument. New system 3.0 implementation extended to October 1st 2010—a lot of training to do before this time. Section Q covers residents' ability/interest in leaving nursing home to go home: some overlap with MFP.

Illinois Department of Human Services – Governors budget proposal is on the agenda; more information to come March 18, 2009.

Illinois Housing Development Authority –

- **Home Modification Grantees.** Funds from affordable housing trust-fund (from IHDA). Announcement of awards made in late December: 14 agencies and about 120 people assisted.
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program Request for Proposal:** assisting in title IV closures by acquiring properties in foreclosure and flipping these properties with rehab if necessary. Looking for applications for these properties; 6 + application workshops starting this week. A Special-Needs Population focus. Could create housing for elderly/persons with disabilities.
- **Housing Search Website:** nearing completion. Site design under way. Project accomplished with help from Advisory Board, including IHDA, landlords, etc. Marketing of the website to property owners and people searching for housing online: a one stop shop for housing. Estimated to be available to landlords for posting May 1st. June 1st estimation

to go public. A lot of marketing will be through word of mouth/email in effort to keep budget low.

- **Economic Stimulus Package:** Neighborhood Stability Program: community development block grant. Housing money similar: home funds: HUD, state gets money and participating jurisdictions also get money for housing. Only for IHDA funded housing already underway but could not find investors. Low income housing tax credit program changes for the better, including senior housing.
- **Emergency Shelter Grant Program:** Does not usually apply to seniors, usually to homeless. This extra money from the Economic Stimulus Package is for homeless prevention. With the MFP housing group, looking to see people leaving nursing facilities who may be at risk of homelessness. Short term rental assistance help available.

Tara Peele to send out more information on these updates via email for routing via Jan Cichowlas. Housing subcommittee still meets. Focus: rental assistance and people leaving nursing facilities. Next meeting is on April 9, 2p.m., at IHDA.

Illinois Department on Aging –

- **Waiver Renewal for HCBS Programs:** CCP — Current waiver expiring this fall. Waiver renewal due date is June 1; waiver already developed — ahead of schedule. Additional requirements for states from federal government: 1.) more stringent quality assurance 2.) change to All Willing and Qualified procurement process approved by Joint Committee Administrative Rules on February 18.
- **Budget:** in final part of process to be presented March 18 in Springfield.
- **Current Projects:** 1.) MFP with transitions later this month operating from 6 regions in state. 2.) Rapid Reintegration: Making sure clients using nursing homes for appropriate reasons and being transitioned upon discharge to appropriate place. MFP = 6 months or longer and Rapid Reintegration = for short term stays, less than 6 months.
- **Economic Stimulus Package:** Funding from federal Administration on Aging focused on home delivered meals, congregate meals, senior employment services, See www.recovery.illinois.gov and www.state.il.us/aging/ for more information
- **Cash and Counseling Demonstration Program:** report soon for first year of service. Hope to reopen with some adjustments in service cost maximum.

Old Business

OASAC Report to GA — Draft available but not to leave meeting room. All will be sent hard/electronic copy when finalized.

New Business

- **Draft agenda for June 15 meeting –**

1. 6 trends in LTC after meeting with all co-chairs
 2. Waiver discussion (IDoA)
 3. Housing Search Website (IHDA)
 4. Veterans Benefits for Older Adults ranked 50/50 in country (see announcements below for details)
- **Identify reporter for Executive Committee report** — Cathy Weightman-Moore to report today. Next report will be made by Stephanie Altman from the Executive Committee.
 - **Legislation impacting OASA** — Nothing discussed at this time.
 - **DON Study Presentation** — One of first external studies of CCP in a long time.
Speakers: Tom Prohaska and Sue Hughes, UIC
Phyllis Mitzen and Becca Finer, HMPRG

A data set from Developmental and Rehab Services (DRS) finally sent to consultants this past week: This analysis will be presented as an addendum to the report at the June OASAC meeting.

1. Looking at DON score, differences in personal ADLs & IADLs
2. Whether or not there are differences in SCM looking at DON score

In 1992, SCM diverged between aging and disability when Aging--lowered its SCMs.

Recommendations: if people have the same impairment profiles, they should have access to same service packages.

Rob Kilbury noted that there is no collective history of this. He added that

-1992-1993 McMillan vs. McCrimon: Ruling that in Medicaid waiver you cannot turn services on or off. Geared at younger population and entitlement programs. (Rob Kilbury will send information to Jan Cichowlas to email to the group).

Bottom Line: state is getting a good deal. People are receiving extremely modest amounts of services. People with really high scores, (a lot of need), receiving very little services.

Recommendations: See PowerPoint presentation handout

Workgroup Updates

Coordinated Point of Entry –Survey in, doing analysis, trying to identify standards for coordinated points of entry around the state → process to identify CCUs, AAAs, etc, so there is a common point of entry.

Finance – Report from January 28 meeting. March 31 next meeting. Researching several different states, with the help of Nicole Seyller (IDoA intern). Report by May. (Reports posted on website, OASA).

Nursing Home Conversion – November 25 meeting minutes in packet: MFP presentation, subgroup created to formalize goals. Last meeting: respite program discussed. Need to talk with Services Committee about this respite program, especially regarding overlap of financing possibilities. Bill Bell, Bill Dart and Phyllis Mitzen met regarding legislative changes/rule to allow movement forward on conversion program: in the works. Next meeting: April 28th.

Services Expansion – Two of the subcommittees: Coordination on Health and Social Services, and Medication Management and Audit→ The Services workgroup will collaborate with the Finance Workgroup. Stephanie Altman: will send her contact information by email to the Services Workgroup Co-Chairs. Stephanie can communicate what is needed to the Finance Workgroup members. Next Services meeting March 30 with a presentation on the DON study. Currently 5 subcommittees all meeting separately.

Workforce/Caregiver – March 20 regarding reinforcing role of workgroup, objectives. Currently evaluating December caregiver event, and exploring replicating downstate Next meeting April 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., by telephone.

Announcements

Chicago Caregiver Magazine: Vet benefits in IL ranked 50 out of 50 States for getting Older Vets federal money (Pat O’Dea-Evans reported).

A presentation about developments for **Senior Vets** will be on the June agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.