



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department on Aging

# Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 8, 2010, 11am-2pm

**Location:**

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

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 201 South Grand Ave, Springfield

## IN ATTENDANCE:

### Committee Members:

- Pat Ahern – Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care
- Stephanie Altman – Health and Disability Advocates
- Darby Anderson – Addus Healthcare
- Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
- Jean Bohnhoff – Effingham County Committee on Aging
- Melanie Chavin – Alzheimer’s Association of Greater IL
- Pat Comstock - Health Care Council of Illinois
- Thomas Cornwell – HomeCare Physicians
- Frank Daigh – Caregiver
- Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center
- Joyce Gusewelle – Parish Nurse
- Flora Johnson – SEIU Health Care Illinois and Indiana
- Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long-Term Care
- Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy
- Jonathan Lavin – Age Options, Inc
- Dave Lowitzki, SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana
- Martha Holstein for Phyllis Mitzen – Citizen member over 60, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
- Nancy Nelson – AARP
- Melissa O’Brien – Senior Services Center of Will County
- Patricia O’Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection
- Eli Pick – Ballard Healthcare
- Susan Real – Caregiver, Eastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging
- Kirk Riva - Life Services Network
- Cathy Weightman-Moore – Catholic Charities Rockford
- Ancy Zacharia – Nurse practitioner, Homecare Physicians

### Committee Members not in attendance:

- Pat Cohen – Illinois Adult Day Service Association
- Jan Costello – Illinois Home Care Association
- Jerry Crabtree – Township Officials of Illinois
- Barbara Dunn – Community Health Improvement Center

- Tom Prohaska – University of Illinois at Chicago
- Cindy Worsley – Association of Illinois Senior Centers

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

- CHAIR: Charles Johnson – Director, Illinois Department on Aging
- William Bell – Illinois Department of Public Health
- Jennifer Chan – Illinois Housing Development Authority
- Yvonne Clearwater – Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, Senior Health Insurance Program
- Gwen Diehl – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

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

- Robert Kilbury - Illinois Department of Human Services
- Theresa Eagleson - Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Arthur Friedson - Illinois Finance Authority
- Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- Gail Hedges – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Michael Gelder – Office of the Governor

**OBSERVERS:**

- Laurie Hagemen, ACM Care
- Kevin Taylor, Health Care Council of Illinois
- Nadia Chivers, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
- Kristin Pavle, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
- Terry Sullivan, Health Care Council of Illinois

**Illinois Department on Aging:**

- Sandra Alexander
- Janice Cichowlas
- John Eckert
- Ross Grove
- Robin Morgan
- Leann Dolan
- Tina Chen

**SUMMARY****Welcome and Introductions**

Director Johnson welcomed members to the meeting. Jean Bohnhoff is joining OASAC representing municipalities. The OASAC still has a vacancy in the area of county officials.

**Approve November 9, 2009 meeting minutes**

Eli Pick moved to approve the minutes. Myrtle Klauer seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Executive Committee Report**

Nancy Nelson reported the Planning Retreat is scheduled for April 6 and 7 at the Illinois Council on Long Term Care in Chicago. Phyllis Mitzen, Sandra Alexander and Nancy meet regularly with Bob

Mollica, facilitator, to discuss the retreat. The executive committee identified thirteen priorities for possible discussion at the retreat. At the last executive committee meeting those priorities were summarized and discussed. Some priority areas were combined, leaving 11 priority areas. Members were then asked to rank those items on an online survey. The survey results are not yet available.

The executive committee identified gaps in four areas needing representation at the retreat. The gaps are in research, physician, home health and mental health. The executive committee invited four additional members from OASAC to participate in the retreat and the planning discussions prior to the retreat. Those invited are Jan Costello, Robyn Golden, Tom Prohaska and Thomas Cornwell.

### **Department Updates**

Illinois Department of Public Health – Bill Bell reported IDPH is involved with the Governor's Nursing Home Safety Task Force. The final report was released on February 19 and consisted of 38 recommendations. Several bills have been introduced to the General Assembly that coincides with the report. A task force has been formed to discuss possible legislation. The issues of the task force overlap with the issues of the OASAC.

The task force has established several workgroups. The task force is meeting every Tuesday and Thursday. The workgroups are being lead by appropriate state agencies and are beginning to hold meetings.

The report is available on the nursing home safety website. Members are encouraged to read it.

IDPH is working on finding appropriate placement for residents of three nursing homes that have been terminated from federal program. There are not enough community placements. Concern exists regarding training for caregivers to meet the needs of the client.

Illinois has not had a state program for the mentally ill. We are now trying to catch up and make sure these people get appropriate care and treatment.

Carol Aronson was interested in participating on the workgroup on prescreening. Carol was informed to contact Brenda Hampton at DHS who is coordinating that workgroup.

Illinois Housing Development Authority – Jennifer Novak reported IHDA is a partner in Money Follows the Person (MFP). IHDA has been promoting [ilhousingsearch.org](http://ilhousingsearch.org) and is assisting with outreach for applications for new HUD vouchers coming out of MFP.

IHDA is hoping for coordinated leadership from the Governor's office regarding housing for various populations including the homeless, veterans, ex offenders, and aging.

IHDA continues to work with the Supportive Housing Workgroup for Nursing Home Safety and Supportive Housing for Services Expansion. Additional money is needed to increase services in housing. A linkages workgroup also exists to better coordinate housing, employment and transportation.

The Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit Program is set to sunset in 2011. IHDA hopes to get that renewed.

Jennifer offered to do a presentation on housing if the committee would like. The executive committee has discussed SLF model and housing in rural areas. Jennifer is available if the OASAC feels a presentation is necessary.

Illinois Department on Aging – Sandra Alexander reported there have been 16 MFP transitions to date. IDOA has entered into an agreement with the LTCOP to assist with outreach and referrals for MFP. The contract began March 1 and LTCO received training last week.

Feasibility reviews are being conducted of the Department's demonstration programs. The Extended Community Care Options (ECCO) demonstration project is being terminated and clients are being transferred to CCP by the end of June. Reviews are being finalized for Managed Community Care Program (MCCP), Comprehensive Care in Residential Settings (CCRS), home delivered meals, congregate meals and transportation. Other demonstrations project reviews will begin once these are completed.

The Department has initiated legislation in HB 4909 that would repeal requirements to form various committees and unfunded mandates. This would alleviate audit findings and duplication.

HB 9010 would amend the OASA to combine the committee positions of township, municipality and county into one representative. It has been difficult to fill those three positions. This would reduce the total appointed members from 32 to 30.

SB 3590 would determine if the DON tool accurately reflects the service needs of those members with Alzheimer's disease. The Department feels this is already being addressed through the DON study and we are already doing what the legislation would require.

HB 5223 provides that no employee of IDOA, AAA, or any agency under contract would make referrals or disseminate info to an unlicensed or uncertified program that is required to be licensed. In November, OASAC approved language for the Coordinated Point of Entry (CPOE) workgroup standards and this was included. The law would not allow referrals to unlicensed board and care homes and would require a board and care to provide a copy of their license. This initiative is from the Illinois Healthcare Council. Members discussed the proposed legislation and what it means to make a referral or a placement. Pat Comstock offered to get members additional information on this bill.

A memo from Steven Lutzky to Mary Killough regarding CCP Cost Effectiveness was distributed prior to the meeting. Sandra summarized the memo to make sure members were aware of the report.

Pat Comstock had concerns regarding the analysis and numbers used in the report. She distributed a response which was also e mailed to members after the meeting.

Director Johnson acknowledged that CCP is grossly underfunded and the service package is lacking in comparison to the DHS package. The hope is to have further discussions at the retreat on these issues.

The Ethics Training was distributed prior to the meeting. Members were asked to submit their timesheet and acknowledgement of ethics training.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.