



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 28, 2011, 1-3 p.m.

Location: Illinois Department on Aging Conference Room, 160 N. LaSalle St., 7th floor, Chicago
Illinois Department on Aging, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield (Rock River Video Conference Room – 2nd Floor)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

- Pat Ahern – Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care
- Stephanie Altman – Health and Disability Advocates
- Jean Bohnhoff – Effingham County Committee on Aging
- Donna Ginther for Pat Comstock - Health Care Council of Illinois
- Thomas Cornwell – HomeCare Physicians
- Jan Costello – Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council
- Frank Daigh – Caregiver
- Shanthy Edward – Illinois Adult Day Service Association
- Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center
- Joyce Gusewelle – Parish Nurse
- Terri Harkin – SEIU
- Beverly Kimmons – Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders
- Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long-Term Care
- Christopher Laxton – Life Services Network of IL
- Phyllis Mitzen – Citizen member over 60, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
- Elio Montenegro – Omega Community Healthcare Organization
- Grant Nyhammer – Northwestern IL AAA
- Patricia O’Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection
- Tom Prohaska – University of Illinois at Chicago
- Dave Vinkler – AARP
- Cathy Weightman-Moore – Catholic Charities of Rockford
- Ancy Zacharia – Nurse practitioner, Homecare Physicians

Committee Members not in attendance:

- Darby Anderson – Addus Healthcare
- Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
- Jerry Crabtree – Township Officials of Illinois
- Barbara Dunn – Community Health Improvement Center
- Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy
- Dave Lowitzki – SEIU
- Melissa O’Brien – Senior Services Center of Will County
- Eli Pick – Ballard Healthcare
- Susan Real – Caregiver, Eastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging

Ex-officio – non voting Committee Members in attendance:

- CHAIR: Charles Johnson – Director, Illinois Department on Aging
- Vice-Chair: Kelly Cunningham for Theresa Eagleson – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Michael Gelder – Office of the Governor
- Gail Hedges – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Francisco Alvavado for Robert Kilbury – Illinois Department of Human Services
- Sandy Leith – Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, Senior Health Insurance Program
- Sam Mordka – Illinois Housing Development Authority

Ex-officio – nonvoting Committee Members not in attendance:

- Vice-Chair: William Bell – Illinois Department of Public Health
- Gwen Diehl – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs
- Arthur Friedson – Illinois Finance Authority
- Gail Hedges – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Observers

- Paul Bennett, UIC
- Walter Rosenberg, Rush (Guest Speaker)
- Beth Weis, UIC
- Jennifer Wood, SSA Student

Illinois Department on Aging staff:

- Sandra Alexander
- Janice Cichowlas
- John Eckert
- Lance Kovacs
- Robin Morgan
- Lisa Zuurbier
- Tameka Britton

SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions

Director Johnson welcomed all members and introduced the new members to the committee.

Approve November 15, 2010 OASAC Minutes

Myrtle Klauer moved and Tom Prohaska seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Michael Gelder, Governors Office Report

Mr. Gelder reported about the concern with the backlog in unpaid bills. The revenue generated with the new tax is not to increase spending but to get our house in order. The General Assembly proposed limits on what the states can spend. Even with the tax increase passed, the tax increase is null and void if the state overspends by even one dollar. Pension commitments continue to increase with the aging of the workforce. The Governor's priorities include: jobs/growing economy, education, public safety, human services to serve the most vulnerable.

The Human Service budget had minimal cuts to CCP which is Medicaid matchable based on serving only new Medicaid-eligible participants beginning July 1, 2011. In the State's LTC budgeting, line items were identified throughout the budget that can be looked at comprehensively or a single line item for LTC. Resources are needed for both institutional care and home and community-based care. Waiver programs need to be reconsidered in such a way so that persons are not prevented from leaving the nursing home and returning to the community.

Ethics Training Certification Forms

All members are required to sign and return their ethics forms.

Executive Committee Report – Susan Real

Susan Real was ill so IDoA staff gave a brief summary of the last meeting and noted that minutes are posted on the IDoA website.

Presentation on Illinois Transitions Care Consortium

Guest Speaker: Walter Rosenberg, Rush Medical Center

The Bridge Program was presented which is a model to improve care transitions from hospital discharge to home using masters prepared social workers as care coordinators. The Illinois model is operating in urban, rural and suburban locations in the State.

Program Logic Model on Top 5 Priority Areas

IDoA staff shared program logic model diagrams for each of the top 5 priority areas which the state agencies will be addressing in the coming year.

New Work Groups

The Executive Committee recommended the formation of 2 workgroups for 2011.

1. Housing/Access to Community Settings (Lead: Sam Mordka/IHDA)
2. Access to Community Supports (Co-Leads: Carol Aronson and Susan Real)

Committee members were encouraged to volunteer and sign-up sheets were circulated. The Housing workgroup will focus on 1) Outreach to the aging network regarding aging units that were set aside but still vacant, and 2) the ILHousingSearch.org locator to allow for private access for caseworkers and transition coordinators for subsidized housing opportunities. Department staff will work with the co-leads on the Access to Community Supports workgroup to define priorities.

State Department Progress on Priority Areas

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- Director Johnson provided an update on the IDoA Budget. CCP may become a Medicaid-only program, and the Circuit Breaker/IL Cares Rx program is proposed to be eliminated. Stephanie Altman reported that there is a coalition trying to save ILCaresRx and CB (600+ groups), led by AARP. 200,000 people are on just the medication portion of the program, and the implementation of the Affordable Care Act does not cover the entire donut hole created in Medicare Part D until 2019.
- Lisa Zuurbier informed the group about ADRC Options Counseling

- Lance Kovacs gave a legislative update. Rep. Hernandez is the new Chair of House Aging Committee. Representative Hernandez is carrying 3 IDoA initiatives HB 2019, HB 2020 and HB2043. Lance also reported on other legislation of interest to OASAC.
- SB1353 (Schoenberg) proposed moving the LTC Ombudsman Program to Attorney General's office. Fed law requires that Ombudsman be housed in State Agency on Aging.
- HB1328 (Rep Dugan) proposes a 90 day notice to alter or terminate a vendor.
- HB1426 (Rep Bradley) proposes amendments to the enabling OASA legislation, including the requirement to develop a report for the General Assembly on the inventory of services and priority service areas by January 1, 2012. A motion was made by Dave Vinkler and seconded by Phyllis Mitzen. Motion: OASAC members intending to submit a bill related to the OASAC enabling legislation will inform the OASAC committee prior to going to the legislative committee. Discussion: OASAC doesn't have the authority to bind a piece of legislation being introduced, and given that OASAC only meets quarterly it could be difficult to comply with the motion. The motion passed.

Illinois Department of Public Health (absent)

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

- HFS is working with sister state agencies to identify line items in specific agency budgets to incorporate into a unified budget.
- HFS continues to work with CMS with regard to implementation of the new MDS tool, especially section Q.

Illinois Housing Development Authority

- The first 2011 Housing Locator Advisory Board meeting will be held in mid-March

Illinois Department of Human Services

Francisco sends regrets for Rob not attending today

Illinois Department of Insurance

The Department of Insurance has just started planning for the development of a health insurance exchange. More information will be available at future OASAC meetings.

Announcements/Issues

IDoA staff have developed an OASAC Orientation Handbook for new members. This will be e-mailed out to new members shortly.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.