



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 9, 2011, 1-3 p.m.

Location:

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

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield (Rock River Video Conference Room – 2nd Floor)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

- Darby Anderson – Addus Healthcare
- Jean Bohnhoff – Effingham County Committee on Aging
- Joyce Gusewelle – Parish Nurse
- Terri Harkin – SEIU
- Beverly Kimmons – Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders
- Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy
- Christopher Laxton – Life Services Network of IL
- Nora Gaines for Dave Lowitzki – SEIU
- Phyllis Mitzen – Citizen member over 60, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
- Grant Nyhammer – Northwestern IL AAA
- Patricia O’Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection
- Susan Real – Caregiver, Eastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging
- Dave Vinkler – AARP
- Cathy Weightman-Moore – Catholic Charities of Rockford
- Ancy Zacharia – Nurse Practitioner, Homecare Physicians

Committee Members not in attendance:

- Pat Ahern, Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care
- Stephanie Altman – Health and Disability Advocates
- Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
- Jerry Crabtree – Township Officials of Illinois
- Barbara Dunn – Community Health Improvement Center
- 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
- Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long-Term Care
- Elio Montenegro – Omega Community Healthcare Organization
- Melissa O’Brien – Senior Services Center of Will County

- Eli Pick – Ballard Healthcare
- Tom Prohaska – University of Illinois at Chicago
- Elio Montenegro – Omega Community Healthcare Organization
- Melissa O’Brien – Senior Services Center of Will County

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
- Doree Vetter for Gwen Diehl – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs
- Joe Hamlett 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
- Arthur Friedson - Illinois Finance Authority
- Michael Gelder – Office of the Governor
- Gail Hedges – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- Arthur Friedson - Illinois Finance Authority

Observers

- Paul Bennett
- Walt Meyers
- Laurie Hageman – ACM Care

Illinois Department on Aging staff:

- Sandra Alexander
- Kim Bailey
- Janice Cichowlas
- Betsy Creamer
- Marsha Miller
- Robin Morgan
- Paul Stepusin
- Lisa Zuurbier
- Barb Schwartz
- Andy Austin
- Mary Mayes

SUMMARY**Welcome and Introductions**

Director Johnson welcomed all members.

Approve February 28, 2011 OASAC Minutes

Pat O’Dea-Evans moved and Christopher Laxton seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Executive Committee Report – Susan Real

Susan Real gave a brief summary of the Executive Committee meeting.

New Work Groups

- **Housing/Access to Community Settings**

Sam Mordka reported that the housing work group is focused on : 1) How to improve IDHA's targeting program (low income disabled and seniors); and 2) How to improve the Housing Locator (IDoA is one of the funding agencies of this project). IHDA is also exploring: IT training for electronic security; roll-out of a process to allow for a caseworker portal to case managers working on MFP cases; and needed documents to roll-out the training.

- **Access to Community Supports and Services**

At the first Access work group, the members received a presentation from Paul Bennett about work he did in 2008 to address the inventory and priority service needs identified in the OASAC legislation. The foundation for the inventory is the Enhanced Services Program (ESP), a statewide web based inventory of services for older adults. Workgroup members will receive a tutorial on ESP May 24th. This will be done remotely at individual computers. At a subsequent meeting, workgroup members will learn how the Department and AAAs address unmet needs/priority service areas for their regions.

Presentation on history of OASAC work on Inventory/Priority Service Areas (Paul Bennett)

Paul Bennett gave a PowerPoint presentation on the work he did in 2008. A report is posted to the Department's website.

Walt Meyers then gave an update on the ESP statewide web based system which includes over 21,000 service records and over 180 authorized users. There were 32,000 requests for information during the past year. AAAs are responsible for updating their regional records, but this has been problematic for some. Goals for ESP are to look for ways to ensure that data is current, to broaden the disability data, and to encourage tracking of client data.

State Department Progress on Priority Areas

Illinois Department on Aging

- Paul Stepusin reported that there are budget, legislative, and programmatic components to a unified budget. The legislative component has to do with moving funds to rebalance long term care spending. The programmatic view would address the rebalancing initiatives put forward by relevant agencies as well as costs, impact and key steps. At this point, it is expected that a unified budget approach would begin in FY 12.
- Robin Morgan reported on quality management activities for IDoA's HCBS waiver. IDoA has created an Events Tool, Customer Satisfaction Surveys, Training Tracking database, and automated Case Notes. Management reports will be generated to monitor key performance indicators.
- Sandra Alexander reported on progress with the ADRC grants being managed by the Department.
- Barb Schwartz reported on the Lifespan Respite grant

Illinois Department of Public Health

N/A

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Kelly Cunningham reported:

- If respite stay in NH less than 14 days, there is no need for an MDS assessment to be conducted by the NH. They have 14 days to get the interim assessment done. After 14 days, then MDS is required. A prescreen is required for respite in the NH because it is a nursing facility stay (or any LTC facility or waiver program requires screening before entry into the program).
- Mike Moss will be joining the Governor's office in mid-may to work on unified budgeting.
- HFS and DHS (Mental Health) are working on the pre-admission screening
- MFP update was provided

Illinois Housing Development Authority

Sam Mordka reported:

- Moving ahead with Capital Bond Program (capital to finance affordable housing with focus on supportive housing)
- Low Income Tax Credit program – applications are in for 2011 and are being reviewed
- New Executive Director, Mary Kinney (formerly Chief Counsel)

Illinois Department of Human Services

N/A

Illinois Department of Insurance

Sandy Leith reported:

- Insurance policies for LTC will be impacted by the new Civil Union laws. A Fact Sheet should be available on Department of Insurance website. Effective date of Civil Unions will be June 1, 2011. This won't impact Medicare/Medicaid because that is federal law.

Announcements/Issues

Next meeting August 8th

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.