



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department on Aging

# Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 20, 2013 1-3pm

**Location:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

Stephanie Altman – Health and Disability Advocates  
Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors  
Theresa Collins for John Becker – Senior Services Plus  
Dr. Thomas Cornwell – HomeCare Physicians  
Cindy Cunningham – Illinois Adult Day Service Association  
Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center  
Jan Grimes – Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council  
Joyce Gusewelle – Eden United Church of Christ, Parish Nurse  
Terri Harkin – SEIU Health Care  
Dr. Susan Hughes – Center for Research on Health and Aging  
Jon Lavin - AgeOptions  
Jason Speaks – Life Services Network  
Phyllis Mitzen – Center for Long Term Care Reform  
Melissa O’Brien – Senior Services Center of Will County  
Patricia O’Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection  
Eli Pick – Post Acute Innovations  
Susan Real – East central Illinois AAA  
David Vinkler – AARP Illinois Legislative Office  
Cathy Weightman-Moore – Long Term Care Ombudsman  
Ancy Zacharia – HomeCare Physicians

**Committee Members not in attendance:**

Patricia Ahern – Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care  
Darby Anderson – Addus HealthCare  
Frederick Berstein – Community Health & Emergency Services, Inc.  
Jean Bohnhoff – Effingham County Committee on Aging  
Pat Comstock – Health Care Council of Illinois  
Frank Daigh – Citizen member over the age of 60  
Beverly Kimmons – Alzheimer’s Association  
Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long Term Care  
Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy

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

John K. Holton, Director – Illinois Department on Aging  
 Bill Bell – Illinois Department of Public Health  
 Doree Vetter – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs  
 Rob Kilbury – Illinois Department of Human Services  
 Bill Dart – Illinois Department of Public Health  
 Lora McCurdy – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

**Ex-officio – nonvoting Committee Members not in attendance:**

Mari Money – Illinois Finance Authority  
 Michael Gelder – Illinois Governor’s office  
 Ben Noven – Illinois Housing Development Authority  
 Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging - Ombudsman

**Illinois Department on Aging staff:**

Sandra Alexander  
 Carole Schwartz  
 Sonja Bhagwakar  
 Jan Cichowlas  
 Patrick Macquire  
 Lenore Roth  
 Robin Morgan  
 Joseph Mason  
 Lisa Zuurbier  
 Mary Mayes

**Presenters/Guests:**

Kitty Watson – IL Treasurers Office  
 Hillary Bray – Health & Medicine Policy research  
 Alexandra Cooney – City of Chicago AAA

**SUMMARY**

**Welcome and Introductions** – Director John K. Holton, Illinois Department on Aging welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approve Minutes**

Phyllis Mitzen moved to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2013 OASAC meeting, Patricia O’Dea-Evans second. Minutes approved.

**Membership Report**

Christopher Laxton has resigned his position on the board and has been replaced by Jason Speaks. Sandra Alexander passed around the membership list in Chicago and asked everyone to make corrections as necessary.

### **Executive Committee Report**

Stephanie Altman reported that the Executive Committee's last meeting was centered around the MLTSS report. The Committee reviewed the report thoroughly so that the draft could be presented at the Full OASAC meeting on May 20, 2013.

### **Uniform Assessment Tool RFI**

Mike Moss from the Governor's office gave background information of the Uniform Assessment Tool (UAT) and why it needs to be updated. The primary goal of acquiring UAT is to standardize and streamline the collection of financial and functional eligibility information for consumers who may be Medicaid eligible for long term institutional care, or for home and community based services in Illinois.

The purpose of the RFI was created to collect information to assist in the acquisition of a tool and to serve as the functional eligibility assessment for Illinois home and community based and institutional program of long term supports and services and will replace the current Determination of Need (DON) tool.

Mike indicated that by synchronizing our uniform tool along with the Balancing Incentive Program that CMS Illinois could then find a way to incorporate all the information necessary to provide the right assistance to those who may be Medicaid eligible.

Mike asked that the committee review the RFI and invited OASAC members to respond to the RFI by June 7, 2013 if they had comments.

### **MLTSS Transition Report**

Phyllis Mitzen and Kristen Pavle gave a short background on why the workgroup was put together. Phyllis stated that the Executive committee was very active in the creation of the draft. They also conducted interviews with Tennessee, Texas and Kansas; all states that have MLTSS. Kristen gave a summary of the recommendations in the report.

Sandra thanked Phyllis and Kristen and the workgroup as a whole on their hard work on this project. The Department on Aging will share the report with their sister agencies and discuss the recommendations with them. Several recommendations were made that involve OASAC. The Executive Committee will meet to discuss next steps for OASAC.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 pm.**