



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Workforce and Caregiver Work Group

Date: March 6, 2006, conference call

Attending: Darby Anderson, Donna Copeland-Hill, Leann Dolan, Martha Holstein, Peg Keeley, David Lindeman, Robin Morgan, Scott Musser, Ruth Waeltz and Alicia Weber

1) Status Report of OASAC meetings, report, retreat

Department Report has been released.

Governor's Budget has been released – impact on OASAC report will be discussed at OASAC Meeting on March 13.

Next Workforce and Caregiver Subcommittee call set for **April 10, 2006**.

OASAC retreat set for April 26.

OASAC meeting dates for 2006 available on the IDoA website.

2) Status Report from Coordinators on Subcommittee Priority Efforts

Workforce Priorities

1) Improve Health Insurance for Workers -- Coordinators: Alicia Weber and Darby Anderson
Alicia reported that HB 404 was passed out of the Assembly and is now before the Senate. The Subcommittee Survey of provider staff to obtain input on potential benefits/beneficiaries from expanded health insurance, an example of survey responses, and a cover letter were reviewed. The definition of long-term care service providers is still under discussion and was referred to the larger OASAC committee for clarification.

Next Step: The survey will be piloted in the near future; Darby/Alicia will determine means to distribute; goal will be to complete the survey by May. Update will be provided for 4/10 call.

2) Career Ladder and Lattice Programs -- Coordinators: David Lindeman and Melissa Kahn
This effort is being combined with the Priority Training Program work being conducted by Melissa and Brian.

Next step: The background document will be circulated to the Subcommittee again; potential next steps will be discussed on the 4/10 call.

3) Priority Training Programs -- Coordinators: Brian Schwarberg and Melissa Kahn
The background document that identifies training programs that do not overlap with career ladder/lattice/apprenticeship programs is still under development.

Next step: The document will be circulated to the Subcommittee when it is completed; potential next steps will be discussed on the 4/10 call.

Family Caregiver Priorities

- 1) Improve Respite Funding and Alternative Services -- Coordinators: Naom Ostrander, Martha Holstein and Brian Schwarberg
Justification for the respite funding level is being deferred until data are available from the benchmarking study.
Next step: Data will be collected by the Coordinators at a future date.
- 2) Caregiver Benchmarking Study -- Coordinators: Brian Schwarberg and Martha Holstein
Martha and Brian will attend the State Caregiver Advisory Committee. Martha has commenced the collection of anecdotal data on caregiver experiences. Mechanisms for funding the collection of quantitative statewide data need to be identified as a next step.
Next steps: Martha and David will discuss funding issues with Department staff; Martha, Brian and David will discuss a contingency plan for data collection.
- 3) Working Caregiver Meeting -- Coordinators: Brian Schwarberg and Martha Holstein
Background work needs to be done to determine who the private/public stakeholders are.
Next step: Martha, Brian and David will develop a list of organizations/groups that should be included as private/public stakeholders and distribute it for the 4/10 call.
- 4) Individualized Caregiver Training -- Coordinators: Brian Schwarberg and Martha Holstein
Brian has begun a list of Caregiver Training programs.
Next step: An update of data on representative training programs will be provided at the 4/10 call.

3) Next Steps – Proposed Meetings

Please hold the following times on your calendar:

Monday, April 10..... **Subcommittee**, 11a.m. conference call

Wednesday, April 26..... **OASAC Retreat**

Monday, May 8..... **Subcommittee**, 11a.m. conference call