

OASAC Personal Assistant (PA) Workgroup

Background and Purpose of the Personal Assistant (PA) Workgroup

At the July meeting of the OASAC Executive Committee, members requested that a workgroup be formed to review the issues around a Personal Assistant (PA) self directed home and community based service, and to make recommendations to the State with regard to this service as it pertains to the 1115 waiver proposal recently submitted to CMS. Potential areas for discussion include, but are not limited to the following:

- Research national practices for the PA self – directed model.
- Outline the implications with regard to implementation of the PA/self directed model from the perspective of the aging and disability network (e.g., consumers, provider agencies, workers, etc...). Include topics such as grievance process; training; mitigating waste, fraud and abuse; and assessing capacity for the service for consumers with declining functioning.
- Make recommendations to IDoA, DHS and HFS for consideration of a PA/self directed model program in Illinois.

Workgroup Membership

Co-Chairs:

- Phyllis Mitzen, Citizen Member over age 60, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group- Center for Long Term Care Reform
- Susan L. Hughes, Ph.D., Professor at University of Illinois at Chicago, and Director - Center for Research on Health and Aging

OASAC Members (invited)ⁱ

- Darby Anderson (Addus Healthcare)
- Carol Aronson (Shawnee Alliance for Seniors)
- Frank Daigh (Citizen member over age 60)
- Jon Lavin (Age Options)
- Dave Lowitzki (SEIU)
- Patricia O’Dea-Evans (Family Caregiver)
- Susan Real (Family Caregiver, AAA representative)
- (CILS Representative - to be determined)
- (Consumer Representative - to be determined)

OASAC State Members

- Sandra Alexander (IDoA)
- Sophia Gonzalez (IDoA)
- Nyle Robinson (IDoA)
- Linda Gonulsen (DHS)
- Kelly Cunningham (HFS)
- Ben Noven (IHDA)
- Mary Mayes (IDoA)

Logistics

The OASAC PA Workgroup will meet 5-6 times between September and December 2014 (dates to be determined). Each meeting will be held for 2 hours. The first meeting will be scheduled by videoconference, but the subsequent meetings will have a call – in option.

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