State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: July 21, 2014
Location: Illinois Department on Aging, 160 N LaSalle, Ste N-700, Chicago, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, and conference call

In attendance:

Executive Committee Members:
Carol Aronson (phone), Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Dave Lowitzki for Terri Harkin, Trade or Union Member, SEIU
Phyllis Mitzen, Citizens member over age 60
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, Catholic Charities

Department Representatives:
Debra Bryars, IL Department of Public Health
Kelly Cunningham (phone) for Theresa Eagleson, IL Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services
Ben Noven, IL Housing Development Authority
Doree Vetter, IL Department of Veteran Affairs

IL Department on Aging staff:
Sandra Alexander
Sophia Gonzalez
Mary Mayes

Absent:
Executive Committee Members:
Darby Anderson, Community Care Program Homemaker Services, Addus HealthCare
Myrtle Klauer, IL Council on Long-Term Care
Samantha Olds, Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans
Susan Real, Family Caregiver, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging
David Vinkler, AARP Illinois Legislative Office

Welcome and Introduction Sandra Alexander

Cathy Weightman-Moore moved to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2014 Executive meeting, Phyllis Mitzen second. Minutes were approved.

Discussion of LTSS Workgroup Sandra Alexander

An overview of the creation of the five workgroups currently coordinated by the Illinois Governor's Office of Health Innovation and Transformation Office (GOHIT) was provided. The Services and Support Work Group (which consists of 264 stakeholders) was discussed in detail. This group encompasses two subgroups that include a Children's Subcommittee and an LTSS Subcommittee; the LTSS Subcommittee met on July 15, 2014. The LTSS Subcommittee is further broken down into 2 'breakthrough' groups; Services and Definitions for HCBS Waivers and Conflict Free Case Management & Person Centered Planning. A document is being developed to outline the deliverables and timelines for this initiative and also to include requirements of the Balancing Incentive Programs new HCBS rule, Residential settings and Person Centered Planning requirements. The next LTSS stakeholder meeting will be July 25th, 2014 from 1-3pm.

Other initiatives that require stakeholder input are the new HCBS regulations on person centered planning, and residential and other settings. Illinois must submit a 5 year transition plan to CMS in December and the plan is expected to be in place by March 17, 2015. All of these efforts require public input.

Discussion of Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights (HB5852) Sandra Alexander

HB5852 will take into effect upon being signed by the Governor; this bill amends the Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Act and the Older Adult Services Act by requiring IDoA and DHS to develop a Consumer Bill of Rights. The bill must include the following rights: to basic safety; to information concerning the availability of home care services and other matters; to choice; participation; and self-determination in connection to planning home care services; to care and services provided in a way that promotes consumer's dignity and individuality; and to redress grievances. Similarities between the HB5852 and Person Centered Planning Federal regulations were discussed. State agencies are looking at strategies to coordinate as many of these efforts as possible.

Follow up re: Stakeholder Engagement Process Sandra Alexander

OASAC Executive members noted that there is some confusion regarding the new initiatives and that there is a need to train stakeholders and consumers to increase their participation in the process. The Catalyst Tool provided to OASAC members was referenced to in discussing that there are two categories under The Stakeholder Engagement Process; the training process (e.g. how do you select and train the individuals) and an evaluation process (in which the actual stakeholder engagement is evaluated). Strategies to increase consumer engagement are needed; perhaps stakeholders can reach out to consumers but how would this occur? A separate engagement process may be needed to maintain their engagement throughout the long process of the new initiatives being developed and implemented. Other stakeholder engagement ideas were; to have Public Forums (to help people understand); to have the AAA's reach out to consumers; to utilize ADRC's to reach out to caregivers, but a question was raised regarding reaching out to caregivers vs., the actual consumers and how to reach out to consumers in Nursing Homes and homebound clients.

Overall, OASAC Executive members agreed that more representation from OASAC members on these new initiatives is required. One of OASAC's goals is to educate the Full OASAC members and there was a discussion on what OASAC Executive committee needs to do to make sure that OASAC is informed and become active participants. Some of the suggestions were to distribute material and to have direct outreach with selected OASAC members. Another suggestion was to add a half day roundtable overview during this year's Governors Conference in December. For now, IDoA will share the information for the upcoming LTSS Subcommittee - CFCM/PCP Breakout Group (GOHIT) on Friday, July 25th, 2014.

Full Committee Agenda for the Full OASAC Meeting on August 25, 2014 was approved by OASAC Executive members after adding OASAC Strategic Priorities to the Agenda. It was determined that OASAC should request questions from the presenters on APS and LTCO before the meeting to be prepared to provide informed input regarding how OASAC can assist and/or provide advice on the new roles.

A suggestion was made for OASAC to create a workgroup and provide input on recommended practices on the Personal Assistant (PA) model for Aging and persons with disabilities. This workgroup would be chaired by an OASAC member and include CCP providers. OASAC members agreed that it is necessary to begin looking at PA models and assist in developing models. Aging will follow up with contacting the potential chair person and discussing the creation of the workgroup.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm