



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: June 26, 2006

Location: Illinois Department on Aging, Chicago, and conference call

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Committee Members:

Stephanie Altman, Health and Disability Advocates
Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare
Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network
Pat Comstock, Illinois Health Care Association
Kelly Cunningham for Anne Marie Murphy, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Jonathan Lavin, Suburban Area Agency on Aging
David Lindeman, Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging
Phyllis Mitzen, citizen member over the age of 60
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Department staff:

Michael Gelder
Shelly Ebbert
John Eckert
Ross Grove
Robin Morgan
Dave Vinkler
Leann Dolan
Paul Bennett

Absent:

Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network
Donna Ginther, AARP
Charles Johnson, Illinois Department on Aging
Flora Johnson, SEIU Local 880
Enrique Unanue, Illinois Department of Public Health

Guest:

Jennifer Novak, Illinois Housing Development Authority

SUMMARY:

Welcome

Deputy Gelder welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approve minutes

Jonathan Lavin moved to approve the minutes. David Lindeman seconded. All were in favor.

Department Updates**Interagency Leadership Meeting**

Deputy Gelder reported that a date has been set for the interagency meeting with Aging, Public Health and Health and Family Services (HFS). The meeting will be Friday, July 7 by video conference.

Enhanced Transition

Deputy Gelder provided an update on the status of funding for the Enhanced Transition (ET) project. The Department was initially given \$2 million from an HFS transfer to implement the program. Last year grants were given to six Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) that had developed and submitted proposals incorporating other agencies in their areas including CCUs, ombudsman and other local resources to assist nursing facility residents in returning to community. The six sites for the ET project are PSAs 1, 3, 6, 11, 12 (northeast part of Chicago), and 13 (northern suburbs).

The Department awarded the grants and funded the sites for 2 years of services based on their projections. All sites have been frugal in spending the money and many clients have returned to the community for less than projected. The Department expects there to be enough money to take the sites through June 30, 2007 without additional funding as long as the cost of services continue to remain low. The Department anticipated this being a \$2 million transfer every year. After meeting with HFS a month ago, the Department learned there would not be another transfer and in the future, HFS would be the payer of last resort. The Department is exploring new funding and hope to allocate money from new sources to add additional sites to ET.

Robin Morgan provided additional information regarding ET. At the end of the 3rd quarter, 85 clients had been transferred back to the community. Most are receiving one-time costs such as rent, home modifications, and household goods. Very few clients are receiving on going services and if they are it is usually emergency home response, medication management and home health. The program is getting more highly impaired clients out of the nursing facilities than expected. The average DON score is 52 which is higher than the average DON score for CCP clients. These clients are being tracked specifically to see how they progress. Medication management and housing are two major reasons some residents are unable to return to the community. Jonathan Lavin added area 13 is still interested implementing a personal aide program under ET.

The Department is also tracking in-kind donations and other money to calculate how much it would cost to realistically get someone out of nursing facility. All donations are factored in.

Kelly Cunningham reported the \$2 million for ET came from SLF funding. That money is now being used and needs to be increased. The average DON score in the SLF is in the low 40s at the time of preadmission screening. The SLF is designed to serve a lower range DON score with the upper range being 47 – 48. The range is only a guideline.

Deputy Gelder agreed to provide the executive committee with further information regarding ET at the next meeting.

Workforce Training recommendations

Deputy Gelder reported he and Director Johnson had met with David Lindeman to discuss the Workforce/Caregiver workgroup's key priority areas. David Lindeman summarized the workgroup

is looking at the need to first move ahead with the family caregiver benchmarking survey, and a consensus conference for working caregivers. The workgroup is seeking resources from the committee or the state to help fund these initiatives and try to get matching funds to accomplish goals set out for 2006. The workgroup is preparing a workplan and is optimistic about benchmarking data and would like to schedule a consensus conference in late November. The workgroup will be sharing the information with the other workgroups and bringing back a write up for approval from the full committee.

Deputy Gelder added that it was great to see specific recommendations. He also noted that the discussion with David Lindeman highlighted the need to provide more training to existing homemaker and adult day service providers. The Department is undergoing a review of products for training programs and hopes to identify some and provide them through associations or directly to agencies through our library. Their recommendations reinvigorated the Department's interest in making sure that good material is available to the people that need it. The workgroup is also trying to review and recommend any evidence based programs to the Department.

David also informed the committee that several workgroup members have stepped down and have left or will be leaving shortly. The committee discussed possible additional members to Workforce/Caregiver workgroup. Phyllis suggested the workgroup also consider adding someone from a CCU or social worker that could be thinking about comprehensive case management. The workgroup is also considering asking Betsy Creamer to be a liaison between the Caregiver Advisory Committee so the two groups do not duplicate efforts.

There was a brief discussion on the relationship between training, job availability and security and salaries. Deputy Gelder noted that these considerations are present throughout planning for IDOA initiatives including case management.

Changes to vision statement

John Eckert reported that Mary Ellen Barry, the facilitator for the retreat, revised the vision statement and suggested leaving it with the top paragraph only and removing the last two paragraphs. It was agreed to review the vision statement and discuss at the July meeting. The Department will send out the initial and revised vision statements before the July meeting.

OASAC Meeting Follow up

Housing Issues

Jennifer Novak, Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), attended the executive committee meeting to follow up from the June 12 meeting of the full committee. Jennifer is also a member of the Housing Task Force (HTF) which is chaired by the Director of IHDA. Some members of OASAC are also involved in the HTF. She noted that legislation passed last year calls for coordination between OASAC and HTF. It was not clearly defined how that would happen. There has been discussion of creating a housing workgroup within the OASAC.

Jennifer reported that through IHDA, housing is being created and preserved. She has been reporting on recommendations of the HTF and reporting back to the HTF what is going on with OASAC. She is looking for feedback on what else OASAC would like or if a new procedure is needed so the HTF can fit into OASAC or reverse. Jennifer offered her assistance and is available to prepare any necessary information and is available to present at any of the meetings of the full committee or executive committee.

Deputy Gelder thanked Jennifer for all of her updates related to IHDA. IHDA has also made some money available to the Department to address housing related problems.

Darby Anderson suggested a small committee be formed in the short term to look at the information Jennifer provided. IHDA could also come to OASAC for expertise on senior issues.

Deputy Gelder agreed it would be helpful for OASAC to look at issues through an interagency subcommittee. A housing and resource inventory is being compiled through the systems change grant. Housing is not addressed in SB 2880.

The committee discussed various types of housing and issues surrounding them as well as how IHDA creates and preserves housing. Deputy Gelder suggested Jennifer Novak and Paul Bennett meet to discuss the housing inventory. Dennis Bozzi also agreed to work with Jennifer Novak and Shelly Ebbert to discuss housing and make a recommendation to the executive committee on how to structure this at the next meeting.

Town hall meetings

Shelly Ebbert suggested that the Governor's Conference be used as the first town hall meeting. The purpose is to provide feedback on the 2006 report and information on OASAC's second report due January 1, 2007

The committee agreed to hold the first town hall meeting at the Governor's Conference but also expressed desire to attend other sessions of the conference as well as to reach out to other people that would not be in attendance at the conference.

Conference presentations

Jonathan Lavin submitted proposals for OASAC to the National Area Agency on Aging Association conference that will be held during August in Chicago.

The committee discussed the time needed to present information on OASAC at the Governor's Conference on Aging in December. It was decided that OASAC would have two back to back sessions, allowing for almost three hours. This would allow workgroups to provide updates without having an entire session. It was also requested that workgroups have a meeting space available during the conference.

Jonathan Lavin submitted four proposals to the Spring ASA/NCOA conference and to the executive committee. Three of the proposals are on the Aging track and one on the long term care track. Jon is interested in feedback from the committee and the Department on the proposals.

Workgroup Updates

Services Expansion – Donna Ginther was unable to attend the meeting.

Finance – Pat Comstock reported nothing new since the last meeting.

Workforce and Caregiver – Workgroup update provided in Workforce Training Recommendation section.

Coordinated Point of Entry – Jonathan Lavin reported that two pieces of information have been sent out to the executive committee, the neutrality statement and the branding exercise. The workgroup is looking for direction from OASAC and the executive committee on how to approach

branding. Jonathan suggested this issue be a major topic for the July meeting. Jonathan would like feedback on the neutrality document from the workgroups. Paul will put together a memo on branding to be sent to the executive committee.

Nursing Home Conversion – John Eckert reported the next meeting is scheduled for July 18th in Pontiac. The workgroup has nothing new to report.

Systems Change Update

Paul Bennett is in the process of scheduling and coordinating the focus groups of providers, caregivers and consumers.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.