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Illinois Department on Aging
Charles D. Johnson, Director

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: January 26, 2009

Location: Illinois Department on Aging, 160 N. LaSalle, Ste. N-700, Chicago; 421 E. Capitol, Springfield; and conference call

Attending: Stephanie Altman, Carol Aronson, Pat Comstock, Jon Lavin, Susan Real, Phyllis Mitzen, Dave Vinkler, and Cathy Weightman-Moore. **Absent:** Darby Anderson. **Staff:** Bill Bell, Jan Cichowlas, Bill Dart (Substituting for Kelly Cunningham), John Eckert, Shelly Ebbert, Michael Gelder, James Miner, and Nicole Seyller. **Guests:** Barb Ginder, Mike O'Donnell, and Lisa Zuurbier

SUMMARY:

Welcome and Introductions: Opening the meeting from Chicago, Michael Gelder stated in his introductory remarks that the impeachment proceedings have created an atmosphere of uncertainty.

Approval of the November 24 Minutes:
Phyllis Mitzen moved and Kathy Weightman-Moore seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The Minutes were approved.

Department Updates:

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Bill Bell reported that New Home Services had received 158 applications for nursing licenses, for a total of 652 licensure applications to date. 117 of the 652 licenses have been granted as of 1-26-2009. Bill Bell agreed to email these figures to Jan Cichowlas.

Phyllis Mitzen asked Bill Bell if would attend the next Nursing Home Conversion Committee meeting, and he agreed. He also suggested that because there are issues he is not privy to on the planning board, Director Johnson could bridge the communication gap in this department by speaking with Dr. Arnold. Michael Gelder noted that IDPH represents many sides of the issues concerning Nursing Home Conversion as well as the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and that he intended to join appropriate parties together.

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS)

Bill Dart reported that four more supportive living facilities have opened since the last Executive meeting took place. The department has announced that a new list is available. Thirteen applications had been received as of the previous week. March 2 is the application deadline. Shelly Ebbert noted that IDoA is mandated by OASA to establish priority service areas. She suggested Bill Dart bring this topic into his departmental conversation regarding geographic service area designations.

Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA)

Shelly Ebbert reported that the operational protocol for Money Follows the Person was approved last summer. John Eckert is the lead staff person in the Division of Planning Research and Development at IDoA. IDoA is working to establish that the rates being paid are commensurate with rates being paid to a nursing home, and trying to get people back to the home/community. She reported the program providing $1,500 in home modifications and up to $1,000 in assistive technology. Michel Gelder added that he feels very enthusiastic about the program. He noted that contracts with case management agencies were still needed, but the system is otherwise ready to begin (estimating 3-4 weeks). Michael Gelder noted that in terms of funding, the program is 75% federally matched. He added that money will be deducted from the IDHFS long-term care appropriation and (probably) put into IDoA and Illinois Department of Human Services accounts used for transferring people from nursing homes. He reported that IDoA had not secured the commitment of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) yet, but felt confident the funding would be secured. Community Care Program (CCP) enhancement rules are proceeding slowly through the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) process. The rules consist of changes necessary to implement the All Willing and Qualified provider selection process and CCP enhancements mandated in last year's HB 652. JCAR requested an extension until their February meeting.

IDoA is preparing the budget as if the budget address will take place as scheduled on February 18. The budget crisis has opened the question of whether the State can continue to afford its CCP coverage. IDoA is exploring options with OMB that could drastically cut CCP services or clients.

Illinois Housing Development Authority

In Tara Peele's absence, John Eckert reported that the Authority is close to achieving the web-based Housing Locator. $2 million has been awarded to 14 different aging and disability organizations by IHDA. Up to $25k per housing modification has been approved.

Old Business:

(completed)

New Business:

OASAC membership update:

Jan Cichowlas reported that Carol Green will replace Ann Cooper for the nutrition project position. Nancy Nelson from AARP will be filling an advocacy position. The department has invited someone from Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Association. Tom Prohaska, UIC, will fill the Gerontology researcher position. The Illinois Council on Aging will have representatives attending OASAC as follows: Pat Taylor, Steven Wolf, Eugene Verdue, Anna Ostrich.

Vacancies include:

- Illinois Finance Authority
- One position for Nursing Home/AFL position
- County Operational position
- Municipality position

Renewal letters were sent out for soon-to-expire positions and for membership sign-up for OASAC Workgroups. January 31 is the deadline to renew.

Shelly Ebbert reported that the 2009 meeting date packets went out the morning of January 26.2009. Shelly announced that she is resigning her post at the department, noting that Jan Cichowlas and Portia Riley will be taking over OASAC duties in the interim. Jan will send out the list of sub-committees when all the renewal updates have been received.

Work Group Updates:

Services Workgroup: Dave Vinkler reported that the Money Follows the Person meeting occurred with John Eckert. Meetings are set for further in the year. Shelly Ebbert noted that one mandate is the priority service areas, mentioning that Paul Bennett has worked on this issue under the Systems Change grant. Dave Vinkler mentioned that the work group is always open to guest speakers. He noted that the next Services Group meeting is March 16.

Finance Workgroup: Stephanie Altman reported that the Finance Group had a meeting on December 4. The group divided up some of the research to compare Illinois and other states. Ohio in particular has some interesting financing and provider reimbursement methods worth examining. This group will be reporting back to the committee Wednesday, January, 28.

Workforce/Caregiver Workgroup: Susan Real reported that the work group is in the middle of an evaluation. The last group meeting was on December 10, 2008, at the Governor's Conference on Aging. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2009. The recruitment of a co-chair is at the top of our agenda. Jan Cichowlas noted that co-chairs have to be members of the Full Committee.

Coordinated Points of Entry Workgroup: Jon Lavin and Cathy Weightman-Moore noted that Michael Gelder and Shelly Ebbert had met with them earlier in the day. The next meeting for the group is scheduled for February 24, 2009, to discuss the survey results.

Nursing Home Conversion Workgroup: The next meeting is February 24, 2009. The group will meet once per month now. The group would like to meet with the CPOE group in the mean time. Kevin Taylor has the data and is working with it.

Announcements / Further Discussion:

At the request of Jon Lavin, Michael Gelder agreed that in cases where an Executive Committee meeting immediately follows a full OASAC meeting and there are no issues in need of immediate resolution, the Executive Committee meeting may be canceled.

Shelly Ebbert spoke about agenda development for the Full OASAC Meetings next year. The department wants to coordinate its efforts with the long-term care mandates and measures:

1. Trends in the percent of Medicaid money spent on institutional care and Home and Community Based Care for persons 65+
2. Trends in the percent of nursing home care residents 65+ that are high acuity based on Minimum Data Set or Resource Utilization Groups
3. Trends in the number of nursing home residents transitioned from nursing home care to home- and community-based services (HCBS) each year
4. Trends in the percent of HCBS (both Community Care Program and Supportive Living Facilities) recipients that are high need, as defined by functional or financial status
5. Trends in services, including nursing home beds per 1,000 persons age 65+ by county or area agency on aging
6. Quality of life survey data in residential facilities and community-based services.

The department can also discuss the Determination of Need (DON) study (in response to HB 652) on the agenda, including all of the questions that it may raise.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.