State of Illinois
Pat Quinn, Governor
Illinois Department on Aging
Charles D. Johnson, Director

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: February 23, 2009

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

Attending: Stephanie Altman, Darby Anderson, Carol Aronson, Dennis Bozzi, Kelly Cunningham, Barb Ginder, Flora Johnson, Robert Kilbury, Myrtle Klauer, Jonathan Lavin, Dave Lowitzki, Phyllis Mitzen, Nancy Nelson, Tara Peele and Cathy Weightman-Moore. **Absent:** Pat Comstock, Sally Petrone and Susan Real. **Staff:** Janice Cichowlas, John Eckert, Michael Gelder and interns: James Miner, Nicole Seyller, Kristen Pavle.

SUMMARY:

Director Johnson is at a U.S. Administration on Aging conference in Boston and unable to attend the meeting. Michael Gelder opens the meeting from Chicago.

Approval of the January 26 Executive Committee Minutes
Jon Lavin moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009, meeting after a few corrections are made. First, Jon Lavin and Cathy Weightman-Moore were present at the previous meeting, not on the phone. Second, Jon Lavin and Cathy Weightman-Moore met with Shelly and Michael. Last, Lisa's name was misspelled and will be replaced with Zuurbier. The motion was seconded by Flora Johnson. The minutes were approved.

Department Updates:

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)
No representatives present

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS)
Kelly Cunningham reported that a new version of the MDS from the federal government is expected as early as October 1, 2009, but may be delayed. The department uses this data for rate and quality improvement purposes. There are approximately 18 new applications for the supportive living facilities, but they have not started looking through them at this time.
The department continues to work on Money Follows the Person (MFP). They are focusing training on quality improvement related topics and a lot of work has been put in to ensure that the approach to MFP is consistent. Michael Gelder stated that one of the biggest components of MFP is the interagency agreement between IDHS, IHDA, and IDoA, which includes a mechanism to transfer funds from HFS to cover other department transition costs and this has taken a lot of work and is close to final.

Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA)
The level of detail required by the federal government for MFP is at a higher level than we have been providing in our programs and has taken a longer time to develop contracts and training than the department had expected. IDoA thinks they have an agreement with its budget office about how to pay case management providers. The Coordinated Care Units (CCUs) will need funds in advance and will have to keep track of the funds. Dennis Bozzi asked if there is any proof that rebalancing Illinois long-term care will actually save money. Kelly Cunningham discussed how the original grant had to commit to "rebalancing benchmarks" in the beginning and that we will be held to those standards. Dennis Bozzi feels that it is crucial that we show that we are saving federal dollars or it may be cut. The model should be irrefutable.

IDoA has been working on the Economic Recovery Act; and in an effort to increase transparency, the website, www.Recovery.Illinois.gov, was created. This website will be used to show how the Economic Recovery Act will affect Illinois seniors, how the money is being sent, and encourage municipalities to share ideas on how to use this spending.

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)
Robert Kilbury reported on the FY 10 budget and is not sure what will come out of the March 18, 2009, budget address.

Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA)
Tara Peele reported IHDA has been working on the recovery package and are expecting about $20 million for independent living and rehabilitation. There is no positive news about the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, but they are expecting to get money from the recovery package in order to pay for properties that were supposed to be built. The new housing search project is still moving along. They have established an advisory board that is focused on outreach and have picked www.ilhousingsearch.org as the official website when the site is up and running.

Old Business
Jan Cichowlas sent meeting materials to all members including the Report to the General Assembly draft. She asked that if anyone wishes to make any changes, please email her by noon Thursday, February 26. Michael Gelder reported that the production distribution schedule should be done and to the General Assemble by the end of next week.

Michael Gelder explained that the department would be meeting with all workgroup co-chairs during February and March to provide direction on workgoup activity and issues for this calendar year.

New Business
OASAC membership update:
There are some new members joining the OASAC committees and some terms being reinstated. There are still a few vacancies including county, municipality, and housing officials. There was an audit and it was found that the OASAC committees were not staffed with the correct people. There may be a legislative remedy to this problem.

Workgroups:
Co-Chairs
Darby Anderson was concerned about missing too many meetings to be a co-chair, but

Michael Gelder said that it is fine as long as the co-chair arranges it with the other co-chair so that one is present. All members are final at this point unless co-chairs make a request right now.
All co-chairs should schedule a meeting with Charles Johnson, Michael Gelder, and Janice Cichowlas to discuss what the workgroups are focusing on in 2009. Afternoons on March 9, 20, and 23 in the IDoA Chicago office are available.

Mandates
There is some concern about whether the committee is straying from the original intentions of the mandates. If different language is used (i.e. benchmark), is this veering from the mandate?

Agenda Development for full OASAC Meetings

- Health and Medicine Policy Research Group (HMPRG) and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) are scheduled March 9 to present on the Determination of Need (DON) study
- Update on Money Follows the Person
- The next meeting is March 9
- New and relevant legislation updates

Workgroup Updates

Services Expansion
They had a meeting with John Eckert covering a review of MFP. They meet again on March 30. They plan on coming up with action items at their next meeting, but they are anticipating needing assistance from the Finance Workgroup for some of the items.

Finance
The next Finance Workgroup meeting is March 4. They are researching best practices in other states. Specifically, they have focused on Ohio's budgeting strategy which has favorable provider payments and a more globalized payment structure. IDoA's intern, Nicole Seyller, is doing preliminary research on this.

Workforce/Caregiver
No update

Coordinated Point of Entry
They are having their next meeting tomorrow, February 24, 2009. The Survey Monkey went out and they have received 107 responses. They will be analyzing the surveys tomorrow. They hope it will lead to recommendations for standards.

Nursing Home Conversion
They have a meeting tomorrow, February 24, 2009. The meeting will be at the Illinois Health Care Association (IHCA) in Springfield. They now meet every other month. They are taking inventory of services being offered in the different communities and have data now from two years of work.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.