State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Retreat

Date: October 5, 2009

Locations: Illinois Department on Aging: 160 N. LaSalle, Suite N-700, Chicago, and 421 E Capitol, Springfield

Attending: **Exec. Com. Members:**
Stephanie Altman, Health and Disability Advocates
Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare
Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Charles Johnson, Illinois Department on Aging
Flora Johnson, SEIU Local 880
Myrtle Klauer, Illinois Council for Long Term Care
Jonathan Lavin, Age Options, Inc
Phyllis Mitzen, citizen member over the age of 60
Nancy Nelson, AARP
Susan Real, family caregiver
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Department staff:
Sandra Alexander
Jan Cichowlas
John Eckert
Ross Grove
Leann Dolan

Guests:
Michael Gelder, Governor's Office
Rob Kilbury, Illinois Department of Human Services
Tara Peele, Illinois Housing Development Authority
Kristin Pavle, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group

Absent:
Bill Bell, Illinois Department of Public Health
Theresa Eagleson, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Pat Comstock, Illinois Health Care Association

Welcome and Introduction

Flora Johnson moved to approve the minutes from August 23. Cathy Weightman-Moore seconded.

Department Updates

Illinois Department of Human Services — Rob Kilbury reported DHS staff is being trained on changes related to the home services program.

Illinois Department on Aging — Sandra Alexander reported the Department has been awarded two grants. The Lifespan Respite grant is for $200,000 over three years. The goal is to improve access to respite care, create a website, and an emergency fund for respite. This will be collaboration with state agencies and will train caregivers and volunteers. A public awareness campaign will include a toll free number for technical assistance which will be staffed by Markland Children's Home through a partnership with the Illinois Respite Coalition.

The second grant is the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) grant. This is a three year grant that is being given out one year at a time. The Department will receive $240,716 for the first year. This will allow the Department to expand the sites currently in Planning and Service Areas (PSA) 1, 5, and 13 and add sites in PSAs 2 and 8. In the second year, the Department will continue to fund PSAs 2 and 8 and add PSAs 3 and 4. At the end of year three, the goal is to have at least seven sites. The goal is to integrate statewide standards that have been developed by the Coordinated Point of Entry workgroup. We plan to establish an advisory group and develop a five year plan to bring the ADRCs statewide as well as identify necessary funding. The sites were determined based on the responses of a RFP and the funding available from AoA. Trainings will be held for the ADRCs. Any PSA is welcome to attend and participate in the trainings.

Director Johnson reported the Department is working on legislative proposals for FY11. The budget work has also begun for FY11.

Illinois Housing Development Authority — Tara Peele reported IHDA has a new director, Gloria Materre. She was appointed by IHDA's board in September. The draft of the state's five year consolidated plan is available and public hearings are coming up. This is the state's application to HUD to apply for different funding opportunities for housing and community development.

IHDA has also released a draft of the Annual Comprehensive Housing Plan Interim Report which is done every year and required by the state. This report is prepared in concert with the Housing Task Force. The report focuses on activities for January through June and is also available on IHDA's website.

IHDA no longer has a set aside for senior housing but instead has implemented incentives to landlords to provide housing to seniors. Illinoishousingsearch.org has over 700 landlords registered over half of which are from Cook county. IHDA will begin advertising in the downstate area.

IHDA began trainings for transition coordinators on how to search for housing, fair housing laws, as well as barriers to getting and keeping housing. This training could also be made available to AAA if interested.

The Allocation Plan is at www.ihda.org, click on multifamily programs on the left hand side.

Old Business

Collaboration Opportunity for OASAC and DSAC — Michael Gelder reported there is an overlap between the missions of OASAC and DSAC and it makes sense to coordinate those two processes. The solution for OASAC's goal for increasing funding for home and community based services (HCBS) is through decreased spending from state for institutional long term care. DSACs efforts to help establish alternatives for institutionalization for the developmentally disabled, substance abuse, mentally ill and the younger physically disabled individual is consistent with IDOA's mission. The state has been paying the same or more for nursing homes. It is important to coordinate efforts and each group to be informed of the other's activities. It is not suggested that there be a formal change in the law but to find specific ways to share information between OASAC and DSAC so both groups are on the same page. OASAC and DSAC have a common interest in nursing home bed conversion. The issue is fundamental to both groups. The executive committee should look at this more broadly. DPH is doing an analysis of residents of nursing homes and converted beds. The information will be provided when available.

There is a task force meeting scheduled to look at nursing home safety. Younger residents are posing risks to older residents. The complexion of nursing homes is changing from mostly older adults to now include younger adults. The Governor has formed a task force to look at nursing home safety. Meeting information will be sent to the executive committee.

New Business

Senate Bill 314 — Jan Cichowlas reported this bill was passed into law on August 25 and is now Public Act 96-0758. It amends the Illinois Act on Aging and the Finance Act. It creates a Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) fund to receive funds for the express purpose of the LTCOP. It also amends the Nursing Home Care Act and makes the IDPH nursing home violation process stricter. The law amends the Older Adult Services Act, section 30 m to create a nursing home conversion fund. Currently no money is appropriated.

Draft of 2010 report to the General Assembly — Sandra Alexander reported several sections of the report were distributed prior to the meeting including the Departmental Assessments, Executive Summary, Background and History, Mandates, Workgroup reports, OASAC members and Workgroup members.

Phyllis Mitzen suggested the DON study be added to the report; Sandra agreed to include that information.

Jonathan Lavin moved to accept the report. Myrtle Klauer seconded.

Planning process to develop a state plan – Director Johnson reported on the need to develop a process to complete the report due September 2010. The group has had some discussions in terms of the way we intend to function next year. The Department is open to suggestions in terms of how we proceed and the process needed to recognize the work we have done and develop recommendations that are easily understood to present to the General Assembly.

After discussion, Director Johnson suggested a small group of the executive committee meet and develop recommendations to present to the full committee on how to proceed including consideration of a facilitator, one day retreat, and necessary research. Director Johnson suggested the group focus on developing five major tasks that would enhance long term care reform. Executive committee members that volunteered to serve on this group are Phyllis Mitzen, Nancy Nelson, Myrtle Klauer, Stephanie Altman, Susan Real and Darby Anderson. This group will meet on October 19 at 1p.m. and will e-mail the results of the meeting to the executive committee and full committee.

The Executive Committee agreed to cancel the October 26 meeting of the executive committee. The group also agreed to change the meeting times to 2-4 p.m.

Workgroup Updates

Services Expansion — Nancy Nelson reported the workgroup has been working on Medication Management and an audit program to utilize a pharmacist to identify drug problems. Susan Real will discuss this at the next full committee meeting.

Susan Real reported on the Medication Management Issue Paper includes responsibility of services; medication management is identified as a priority service. The White Paper was distributed to members. It includes two tiers, 1) working with pharmacists and 2) the actual medication management program. The goal is to move this program component forward for CCP clients in the future.

Nancy Nelson motioned to approve the Medication Management Issue Paper. Stephanie Altman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nancy Nelson reported members from the Services workgroup have been talking about the coordination of health and social services and met with the home health association twice regarding better coordination. Carol Aronson added the workgroup has been working on this for two years and plan to continue.

Coordinated Point of Entry — no report.

Finance — no report.

Nursing Home Conversion — Phyllis Mitzen reported the workgroup will be meeting at the end of the month.

Workforce/Caregiver — Susan Real reported on the implementation of a working caregiver track at the Alzheimer's Conference is being finalized with support from the Department and AARP. Work on this topic will continue during 2010.

Draft agenda for OASAC full committee meeting

Darby Anderson will present the Executive Committee report to the full committee. He will also include the motion for the process regarding the report due September 2010.

Director Johnson agreed to combine the N4A leadership presentation and the 2020 presentation.

Announcements

Stephanie Altman reported the Senate Democrats are holding a hearing as a result of the articles in the paper regarding racial disparities in nursing homes. Health and Disability Advocates was asked to testify. Michael Gelder will also be participating in these hearings. The first is October 22 at 11 a.m. in Chicago at the Thompson Center, Room 16-503. Stephanie will forward the information to members.

It was suggested the November meeting of the executive committee be moved up to the week prior to Thanksgiving. The Department will notify members of any changes in scheduling.