State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: March 22, 2010
Location: Illinois Department on Aging, 160 N LaSalle, Ste N-700, Chicago, 421 E Capitol, Springfield and conference call

<u>In attendance:</u>

Executive Committee Members:
Stephanie Altman, Health and Disability Advocates
Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Pat Comstock, Health Care Council of Illinois
Kelly Cunningham for Theresa Eagleson, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Charles Johnson, Illinois Department on Aging
Flora Johnson, SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana
Rob Kilbury, Illinois Department of Human Services
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:
Charles Johnson
Sandra Alexander
Janice Cichowlas
Leann Dolan

Guests:
Bob Mollica, facilitator
Dave Lowitzki**,** SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana
Jennifer Chan, Illinois Housing Development Authority
Sam Mordka, Illinois Housing Development Authority
Kristin Pavle, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
Jan Costello, Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council
Thomas R. Prohaska, University of Illinois at Chicago, Center for Research on Health and Aging
Jennifer Rice, Health and Disability Advocates

Absent:
Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare
Bill Bell, Illinois Department of Public Health
Michael Gelder, Governor's Office
Kirk Riva, Life Services Network

Welcome and Introduction
Sandra Alexander welcomed members to the meeting.

Approve February 22, 2010 Executive Committee meeting minutes
Flora Johnson moved to approve the executive committee minutes of February 22. Myrtle Klauer seconded. Minutes were approved.

Survey Results
The results of the online survey which was completed by the executive committee members and selected guests was discussed. Several handouts were distributed prior to the meeting. Members discussed how to interpret the rankings as the survey ranked issues in terms of importance and also feasibility. Survey results show the five most important items as the following:

1. Finance and funding
2. Transitions & integration between medical and long term care systems and settings
3. Access to the long term care system thought comprehensive preadmission screening/options counseling
4. Service allocation equity and the service package
5. Caregiver support

The remaining items would be discussed at the end of the retreat, including affordable housing; quality assurance; conversion of nursing home capacity, use of technology, and financial accountability across systems.

Members suggested some other items to be considered during the retreat including the federal Medicaid waiver which has an emphasis on quality. Federal healthcare reform may also impact our decisions. The nursing home task force continues to meet as well. Members should be aware of these issues as decisions are made at the retreat.

Members discussed the structure of the retreat and the retreat agenda. Members agreed the retreat should be spent discussing the topics as whole instead of breaking up into small groups. Members also agreed that while housing is an important topic, it may be better to discuss it at the end of the retreat with the other topics. Jennifer Chan will work with the Housing Task Force to see how best for OASAC to address housing without duplicating other efforts.

Members discussed the process of the retreat and the outcomes. A vision and implementation plan will be developed for each item. The retreat will focus on five main topics: funding, transitions, access, caregiver support, service allocation. The remaining will be included in a broad implementation plan and steps to move forward in the next

three years. Those topics will include housing, financial accountability, technology, quality assurance, conversion and website access

Members agreed to discuss three topics the first day, two the second. The facilitator will insure the conversation is focused and time will be allowed for each item. The agenda will be revised to reflect these changes and distributed prior to the retreat.

The retreat will also allow time for visitors' comments. Visitors are welcome to attend and observe the retreat but their participation will be limited to a particular time on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.