



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department on Aging

# Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: November 17, 2014 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

**Locations:**

Illinois Department on Aging Conference Room, 160 N. LaSalle St., 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Chicago

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield (Rock River Video Conference Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

Jean Bohnhoff – Effingham County Committee on Aging

Theresa Collins – (proxy for Jonathan Becker) – Senior Services Plus

Dr. Thomas Cornwell – HomeCare Physicians

Cindy Cunningham – Illinois Adult Day Service Association

Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center

Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy

Jon Lavin – AgeOptions

Dave Lowitzki – SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana

Phyllis Mitzen – Center for Long Term Care Reform

Susan Real – Caregiver – East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging

Geraldine Simmons – Geraldine C. Simmons, Attorney at Law

Jason Speaks – Leading Age Illinois

Cathy Weightman-Moore – Long Term Care Ombudsman

Ancy Zacharia – HomeCare Physicians

**Committee Members not in attendance:**

Darby Anderson – Addus HealthCare

Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors

Jennifer Belkov – Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Illinois Chapter

June Benedick – Parish Nurse

Andy Chusid – Health Care Council of Illinois

Frank Daigh – Citizen Member over the age of 60

Jan Grimes – Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council

Terri Harkin – SEIU Health Care – IL and Indiana

Mike Hughes – Lifescape Community Services

Susan Hughes – Community Health Sciences School of Public Health

Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long Term Care

Patricia O’Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection

Samantha Olds – Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans

**Ex-officio – Non-voting Committee Members in attendance:**

Kelly Cunningham (Theresa Eagleson) – Illinois Department Healthcare and Family Services

Selma D’Souza (Michael Gelder) – Illinois Governor’s office

John K. Holton, Director – Illinois Department on Aging

Ben Noven – Illinois Housing Development Authority

Doree Vetter – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

**Ex-officio – Non-voting Committee Members not in attendance:**

Debra Bryars – Illinois Department of Public Health

Linda Gonulsen – Illinois Department of Human Services

Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging – Ombudsman

**Illinois Department on Aging staff:**

Sandra Alexander

Sophia Gonzalez

Mary Mayes

Nyle Robinson

**Guests:**

Janice Cichowlas – CLESE

Marta Pereyra – CLESE

Hannah Tolan – Senior Services Plus

Staci Warren – Molina Healthcare

Dave Vinkler – AARP Illinois Legislative Office

Sharon Post – Health & Medicine Policy Research Group

**Welcome and Introduction** – Sandra Alexander welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approve minutes for Full OASAC Meeting**

Jean Bohnhoff moved to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2014 meeting. Michael Koronkowski second. Minutes approved.

**Approve minutes for Executive OASAC Meeting**

Cathy Weightman-Moore moved to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2014 meeting. Jon Lavin second. Minutes approved.

**OASAC Membership Updates** – Sandra reported that OASAC has three vacancies for representatives from Hospice care, Nursing home or assisted living establishments, and statewide organizations engaging in advocacy or legal representation on behalf of the senior population. OASAC members were invited to share recommendations for these vacancies. All appointments to OASAC are made by Director Holton.

### **ADRC/NH Deflection Pilots & NWD Planning Grant Presentation/Discussion**

Nyle Robinson (IDoA) gave a presentation of the ADRC/NH Deflection Pilot & NWD Planning Grant and responded to questions from OASAC. The primary goal of the ADRC/Nursing Home Deflection Pilots is to fill service gaps in current Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) that result in avoidable Nursing Home (NH) placements, reduce initial nursing home placements or assure short-term placements do not turn into long term stays. The second goal is to promote ADRC/NWD concept by promoting benefits of partnerships across age & disability and person-centered services. The ADRC/NH Deflection project is intended for individuals that are at high risk of NH placement and that do not have special intervention or specific services and supports available and for individuals with a high risk of short-term stays that may turn into long-term NH placements and that do not have special follow up and/or services available. The ADRC/NH Pilot is intended for all individuals regardless of disability.

Seven applicants were chosen for this pilot project which represents different groups and geographic areas throughout the state. These seven applicants include Access Living (CIL), Senior Services Associates (CCU), Rockford Area VNA (CCU), AgeSmart (AAA/ADRC Collective), Western Illinois AAA (AAA/ADRC Collective), Shawnee Health Services (CCU), and Human Services Center (CMHC). Some of the services to be provided to these high risk individuals include; Hospital pre-discharge Intervention, Person-centered counseling, Behavioral health assistance, Assistive equipment & flexible services, Environmental modification, and housing counseling and assistance. Other related projects include Pilot Lights and Training of medical and case management professionals, customers and caregivers on ADRC/NWD and regarding safe and appropriate use of home and community services in place of NH placement and a NWD Planning Grant.

Clarification regarding OASAC and GOHIT was provided; each have a different charge in that GOHIT is focusing on the 1115 Waiver transformation of long term care.

### **Recommendations from PA-Consumer Directed Workgroup**

Phyllis Mitzen presented the recommendations proposed by the OASAC PA Workgroup on the analysis of the application of PA/Consumer directed principles across current operating state programs (Developmentally Disabled, Division of Rehabilitation Services, IDoA Agency with Choice, and Cash & Counseling). Recommendations were provided for nine principals that include Person-Centered Planning, Consumer Protections, Oversight & Monitoring, Capacity Assessment, Training, Background Checks, Consumer Awareness of Choice, Flexibility for participant to use both agency and/or personal attendant in their plan of care, and Workforce Protections.

John Lavin motioned to approve the OASAC PA- Consumer Directed Recommendations. Robyn Golden second. After group discussion OASAC requested that discussion continue at the next full committee meeting in February before finalizing and disseminating them either to GOHIT or the General Assembly. The OASAC PA Workgroup will continue to discuss recommendations made by the full OASAC at their next meeting on December 10, 2014. Final recommendations will shared with the full OASAC at the February meeting.

### **OASAC Report to General Assembly/Impediments to Progress**

Sandra Alexander requested feedback from OASAC members on the Annual Report to the General Assembly to be provided to by the end of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.