



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: November 13, 2006

Location: Michael A Bilandic Building, Chicago, Illinois

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members:

- Stephanie Altman – Health and Disability Advocates
- Darby Anderson – Addus HeathCare
- Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
- Dennis Bozzi – Life Services Network
- Pat Stacy Cohen – Illinois Adult Day Service Association
- Pat Comstock - Illinois Health Care Association
- Thomas Cornwell, MD – HomeCare Physicians
- Frank Daigh – family caregiver
- Donna Ginther – AARP
- Flora Johnson – family caregiver and SEIU Local 880
- Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long Term care
- Michael Koronkowski – University of Illinois at Chicago
- Jonathan Lackland – Alzheimer’s Association
- Jonathan Lavin –Age Options
- David Lindeman – Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging
- Phyllis Mitzen – citizen member over 60
- Patricia O’Dea-Evans – B A Place for Mom
- Kathie Nash for Margaret Rudnik - Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
- Karen Schainker – Association of Illinois Senior Centers
- Tim Thomas – SEIU Local #4
- Cathy Weightman-Moore – Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Committee Members not in attendance:

- Jerry Crabtree – The Township Officials of Illinois
- Ann M. Cooper – Illinois Association of Nutrition Programs
- Joyce Gusewelle – Eden United Church of Christ
- Jean McCain – Livingston Manor
- Steven K. Rothschild, M.D. – Rush University Medical Center
- Debbie Trueblood Witt – Illinois Home Care Council
- Carmen Velasquez – Alivio Medical Center
- Cheryl Woodson, M.D. – Woodson Center for Adult HealthCare

Ex-officio – non voting Committee Members in attendance:

- Charles D. Johnson – Illinois Department on Aging
- Kelly Cunningham and Theresa Wyatt for Anne Marie Murphy – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging, Long Term Care Ombudsman
- Yvonne Clearwater – Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Ex-officio – non voting Committee Members not in attendance:

- Enrique Unanue – Illinois Department of Public Health
- Jennifer Novak – Illinois Housing Development Authority
- Gwen Diehl – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs
- Teri Dederer – Illinois Department of Human Services
- Jared Thornley – Office of the Governor

OBSERVERS:

- Jeremy Schroeder – SEIU 880
- Wayne Smallwood – AALC
- Margaret Burroughs – Council on Aging

Illinois Department on Aging:

- Michael Gelder
- Shelly Ebbert
- Ross Grove
- Robin Morgan
- Leann Dolan
- Paul Bennett, University of Illinois, Chicago

SUMMARY**Welcome and Introductory Remarks:**

Director Johnson thanked everyone for coming. He noted that the agenda was adjusted to allow workgroup presentations to be first and he requested that members notify the Department if this new meeting time works for you. Deputy Gelder reminded members to fill out the ethics timesheet as required by the ethics act.

Approval of minutes – Dr Cornwell reported he has learned since his presentation that HFS is now paying for geriatric nurse practitioners. He requested a note be added to the minutes to reflect the change.

Donna Ginther moved to adopt the minutes. Jonathan Lackland seconded. All were in favor.

Operations Manual – Director Johnson reported the Department did not receive any comments on the Operations Manual since it was presented to the committee on September 11.

Stephanie Altman moved to adopt the Operations Manual. Myrtle Klauer seconded. All were in favor. The Operations Manual was approved.

Workgroup Reports

Shelly Ebbert reminded members that this special meeting was scheduled in order to prepare the report due to the General Assembly in January. The last report was assembled by the Department, edited by the committee and presented at the December meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to review the information the workgroups submitted on their accomplishments and goals for 2007 and beyond. Shelly requested each workgroup present what was submitted and distributed to members prior to the meeting. Discussion will follow each presentation.

Nursing Home Conversion Workgroup – Terry Sullivan reported the workgroup is proposing a fairly original approach to conversion. The workgroup has spent a great deal of time discussing what conversion means and reviewing other states projects. The workgroup's research shows other states used a limited approach to conversion through either a buy back program, or by encouraging nursing facilities to use assisted living facilities or adult day centers. The workgroup is proposing a service conversion program. Currently, no other states are using a similar model. The workgroup wants the overall committee to be on board and understand the vision on not only closing down nursing home beds but turning beds into something that could be used in the community. For example, home delivered meals could be provided cheaper and more efficiently in a nursing facility than by traditional catering services and can also offer special diets. The workgroup would also like to involve the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the banking industry in order provide other services other than nursing facility services such as dialysis and other services that are not provided in rural areas.

Dennis Bozzi asked what the feasibility is for facilities to take advantage of this and what are the scenarios if there is little or no response and the issue of too many beds continues. Terry Sullivan responded several states set up programs but did not have enough incentive for nursing facilities to provide additional services. That is one reason why the workgroup wants to work with DCEO and the banking industry to be sure what we are doing in conversion is a legitimate and valuable service model and it is part of the future and not an old model of the past. The workgroup feels stressing economic viability is important.

Frank Daigh added doing this as an economic development program makes it less constrained and opens up the possibility of retooling for services that serve seniors but if there are no needed services, open up for other things. There is more money in economic development than in our field.

Terry also reported the rules for a conversion program that were developed by IDPH are early in the rulemaking process. It will be six to nine months before the rules move forward. It is unclear if OASAC has to approve the rules.

Terry clarified that two things are going on in conversion right now. The first is setting up a grant structure and criteria so a mechanism will be in place. The second is looking at the Nebraska model as a successful conversion program. Nebraska is the only state that has used conversion as something other than beds. The workgroup would expand the program considerably beyond that. The workgroup is not recommending a dollar amount or grant structure. Conversion is asking OASAC to look at the vision the workgroup has for a conversion program and be sure it is what the OASAC wants to accomplish.

Deputy Gelder restated the conversion workgroup wants an endorsement of the concept of a broad based conversion going beyond a typical bed conversion program but rather one that would endorse service conversion. Terry Sullivan added that the workgroup will also need to set up a structure as detailed in the Older Adult Services Act for grants to be made once funding is available.

The OASAC voted to support all of the conversion workgroup's objectives for 2007.

Workforce/Caregiver Workgroup - David Lindeman reported the workgroup has postponed the consensus conference for early 2007. The primary objectives for 2007 are a continuation of the objectives from 2006. Some of the objectives for 2006 require additional resources to complete. The workgroup is carrying over last year's objective to provide insurance to homemakers. This year, a goal was added to include insurance for all long term care workers. David agreed to minor changes to the objectives.

The OASAC voted to support all of the Workforce/Caregiver workgroup's objectives for 2007.

Services Expansion – Donna Ginther reported the workgroup is proposing overarching recommendations, short term goals and long term goals.

Theresa Wyatt cautioned the workgroup against mixing different waivers in their goals as described in the Housing Plus Services short term goal. Patricia O'Dea Evans also had concerns about Assisted Living Facilities being grouped together with Supportive Living Facilities. Donna agreed to restate the goals to reflect the suggestions.

After discussion, Donna agreed to remove Housing with Services, long term objective number seven due to HFS input that information is solicited from local agencies through the Area Agencies on Aging.

Members discussed the Services proposed objectives and made some adjustments. It was agreed that the overarching recommendations should be discussed at the next executive committee meeting and possibly be included as a preamble for the entire report. The short term recommendations as amended were approved by the members. Donna noted that the services workgroup will meet on November 28 and will review the recommendations to put them in a different format. The long term recommendations as amended were approved by the committee.

Finance – Pat Comstock reported Debbie Witt will be withdrawing as co chair of the workgroup but not from the full committee. The workgroup's three priority objectives were presented and discussed. Stephanie Altman clarified the second objective regarding Medicaid eligibility. The OASAC voted to support all of the workgroup's priority objectives for 2007.

Coordinated Point of Entry – Jonathan Lavin presented the objectives. The workgroup wants to develop a draft of what a coordinated point of entry will look like for everyone to review and discuss. Frank Daigh added the workgroup would like to the members to comment on the outcome of a CPOE. The state is diverse and the process will vary across the state.

The workgroup's objectives were reviewed and discussed. After some changes in wording, the OASAC approved the workgroup's 2007 priority objectives.

Shelly Ebbert thanked everyone for their cooperation and hard work. The Department will compile the information into a single document to be discussed at the December meeting. If there are additional comments about the objectives, they should be directed to the workgroup chair. The Department will work with the workgroup chairs and the executive committee to finalize the report.

Department Reports

Healthcare and Family Services - Theresa Wyatt reported there are now 66 operating supportive living sites statewide with 74 applications proceeding toward certification.

The Department continues to work on the preadmission screening issue and have hosted several meetings with CCUs and other groups. IDOA drafted a directive that tightens the timeframes for prescreens. There are also discussions on creating a form to be used when requesting a pass screening.

The Money Follows the Person demonstration proposal was turned in on November 1. Theresa offered to provide the executive summary to the committee. Theresa thanked everyone for the letters of support and involvement thus far.

Department on Aging

Deputy Gelder reported Comprehensive Care Coordination is in the first stage. The second stage will begin January 1. Emergency Home Response has begun and is enrolling clients. The Department is sending our frequently asked questions as they come in.

Flexible Senior Services and Assistive Technology are being implemented this month. ADRC received additional federal grant, commitment to co locate.

The Department expects to implement Cash and Counseling sometime in December.

Other Business

Jonathan Lavin reminded members that the Older Americans Act was recently reauthorized which includes long term care coordination. Deputy Gelder suggested an update on the OAA be included in the agenda for the committee's first meeting in 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

These minutes were approved December 6, 2006.