



# Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting

**Date:** December 7, 2005

**Location:** Marriott Chicago Downtown, Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois

## IN ATTENDANCE:

### Committee Members:

- Stephanie Altman – Health and Disability Advocates
- Darby Anderson – Addus HeathCare
- Paul Bennett – Central West Case Management Unit
- Pat Comstock -- Illinois Health Care Association
- Thomas Cornwell, MD – HomeCare Physicians
- Donna Ginther – AARP
- Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long Term care
- Flora Johnson – family caregiver and SEIU Local 880
- Jonathan Lavin –Suburban Area Agency on Aging
- Linda Leone – Prairieland Home Care
- David Lindeman – Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging
- Phyllis Mitzen – citizen member over 60
- Barb Schmal for Harriet O'Connor – Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
- Steven K. Rothschild, M.D. – Rush University Medical Center
- Dan Thomann for Tim Thomas – SEIU Local #4

### Committee Members not in attendance:

- Dennis Bozzi – Life Services Network
- Ann M. Cooper – Illinois Association of Nutrition Programs
- Jerry Crabtree – The Township Officials of Illinois
- Marion Hanks-Bell – registered nurse
- Joyce Lony – Eden United Church of Christ
- Jean McCain – Livingston Manor
- Patricia O'Dea-Evans – B A Place for Mom
- Brian Schwarberg – Alzheimer's Association
- Carmen Velasquez – Alivio Medical Center
- Cathy Weightman-Moore – Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Cheryl Woodson, M.D. – Woodson Center for Adult HealthCare
- Cynthia Worsley – Association of Illinois Senior Centers

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

- Charles D. Johnson – Illinois Department on Aging
- Kelly Cunningham for Ann Marie Murphy – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Enrique Unanue – Illinois Department of Public Health
- Teri Dederer – Illinois Department of Human Services
- Jennifer Novak – Illinois Housing Development Authority

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

- Gwen Diehl – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs
- Jared Thornley – Office of the Governor
- Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging, Long Term Care Ombudsman
- Sinead Rice-Madigan – Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Insurance

**Observers:**

- Ziv Sabin – Senior Services Association
- Nancy Nelson – Illinois Home Care Council
- Donna Copeland Hill- Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging
- Carolyn Guthman – AARP
- Michele Austin – WADI
- Ryan Grunenfelder – AARP
- Pat Stacy Cohen – Illinois Adult Day Service Association
- Jarquie Mallu – Catholic Charities
- Shawn Lewis – Oak Park township
- Karen Harris – Catholic Charities
- Alicia Weber – SEIU 880
- Courtney Snyder – AARP
- Nako Muramatsu – University of Illinois at Chicago
- Karen Freda – Alternatives for the Older Adult

**State Agency Representatives:**

- Michael Gelder - Illinois Department on Aging
- Rance Carpenter - Illinois Department on Aging

- Dave Vinkler - Illinois Department on Aging
- Ross Grove - Illinois Department on Aging
- Leann Dolan - Illinois Department on Aging

## **SUMMARY**

### **Welcome and Introductory Remarks:**

Director Johnson welcomed the members and observers to the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Enrique Unanue moved to amend the September 26 meeting minutes in the Nursing Home Conversion workgroup section concerning the IDPH bond program. All members accepted the change. Minutes were approved as amended.

### **Executive Committee Update**

Deputy Gelder explained to the members that all boards and commissions fall under the Ethics Act. In addition to the ethics test members have already completed, members are also required to fill out time sheets to document the time they spend working on OASAC business.

Deputy Gelder informed the members that the Department's legal counsel made a determination that the full committee and executive committee fall under the Open Meetings Act. The workgroups do not although the executive committee did agree to follow the intent of the law as much as possible without restricting the flexibility of the chairs of the workgroups.

The executive committee discussed and agreed to have a retreat to allow for a longer, less formal session facilitated by professionals. The executive committee will continue its discussion on this at their next meeting.

Deputy Gelder provided an update on the committee's membership. Letters were sent to those members with a one year term. Those members interested in serving another term will be reassigned to a three year term. Sydney Bild and Karen Ann Rose both declined another term. The committee has vacancies in the areas of pharmacist, county official, and municipal official. The township officials have a new representative, Jerry Crabtree, who was unable to attend this meeting but is looking forward to participating in future meetings.

### **Review of Draft Report to the General Assembly**

Members commended the work of the report writers.

Donna Ginther reported that the Services workgroup met yesterday and came to consensus on what to submit and revised the services report to add rationale and framework as well as modified the numbers. Donna will send comments to expand on sections of the report regarding statutory items.

The services workgroup will meet January 19 to discuss quality standards and quality improvements.

David Lindeman reported that the workforce/caregiver workgroup met prior to the full committee meeting to get feedback from workgroup members. The workgroup would like clarification on the immediate 2006 priorities and long range priorities related to the dollar amounts and descriptions. The workgroup tried to differentiate between immediate goals and long range goals.

The workgroup would like to improve its portion of the report. Any changes would not change the intent that has already been approved by the committee. David requested one last brief review before the report is finalized. David also suggested that the report distinguish between general revenue funds and

federal funds. The workgroups suggestions would expand items and add clarity but not change the goal the committee has already voted on and approved.

A suggestion was made regarding the executive summary section of the report. There is a potential opportunity to have more impact if the summary listed the priorities and if the key items were available in that summary.

The workforce/caregiver workgroup will be meeting by conference call on January 11 or 12 and will see about the availability of members to do updates on work going on by subgroups to bring something back to the March 13 meeting of the full committee.

Jonathan Lavin had clarifications for the Coordinated Point of Entry portion of the report. The total dollar amount for the workgroup's priorities is no longer correct. It was agreed that the line totaling the items would be removed.

The point of entry workgroup will be meeting on January 5 in Bloomington to talk about the concept of neutral growth. Health and Medicine Policy Research Group will be conducting that session.

A concern was raised about all members on the workgroup not being able to make comments on the workgroup's portion of the report. Jonathan Lavin agreed to set up a conference call to allow for another discussion. Paul Bennett agreed to conduct the call on December 14.

Deputy Gelder requested that any changes or suggestions be sent to the Department by e mail. The deadline to submit comments on the draft report is December 14.

Director Johnson explained the Department Assessment portion of the report will include contributions by the other state agencies. The Department is also interested in developing a short work plan to include in the report that would explain the long term plan.

Pat Comstock offered to give hand written notes on the report that contains her initial reaction. She commended the report writers and offered to provide some additional facts to accurately represent the Olmstead decision. She will be providing different language to use in the document.

David Lindeman suggested that the executive summary be used to speak to the opportunity the legislation presents and to the positive aspects of what the committee is charged with. The committee agreed that the executive summary may be the only document most people see and the critical points should be included there.

Director Johnson set a deadline of December 14 for comments and changes to the report. Any comments should be sent by e mail to the Department. The Department will make changes and send the report out to members on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The executive committee will need to meet to review and finalize the document on December 21 at 10:00am.

Charles thanks everyone for their hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.