



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: December 6, 2006

Location: Marriott Chicago Downtown, Chicago, Illinois

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members:

- Stephanie Altman – Health and Disability Advocates
- Darby Anderson – Addus HeathCare
- Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
- Pat Stacy Cohen – Illinois Adult Day Service Association
- Pat Comstock - Illinois Health Care Association
- Ann M. Cooper – Illinois Association of Nutrition Programs
- Frank Daigh – family caregiver
- Scott Musser for 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
- Joy Paeth for Jonathan Lavin –Age Options
- David Lindeman – Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging
- Phyllis Mitzen – citizen member over 60
- Steven K. Rothschild, M.D. – Rush University Medical Center
- Margaret Rudnik - Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
- Karen Schainker – Association of Illinois Senior Centers
- Cathy Weightman-Moore – Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Committee Members not in attendance:

- Dennis Bozzi – Life Services Network
- Thomas Cornwell, MD – HomeCare Physicians
- Jerry Crabtree – The Township Officials of Illinois
- Joyce Gusewelle – Eden United Church of Christ
- Jean McCain – Livingston Manor
- Patricia O’Dea-Evans – Northwest Community Hospital
- Tim Thomas – SEIU Local #4
- 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 for Anne Marie Murphy – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging, Long Term Care Ombudsman
- Jennifer Novak – Illinois Housing Development Authority
- 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
- 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
- Karen Gricus – Chicago Reach
- Risa Dankworth – Chicago Reach
- Sharon Pinsky – Chicago Reach
- Nancy Frank – AARP
- Scott Musser – AARP
- Jennifer McDermott – AARP
- Zoe Biwstrow – AARP
- Jill Daigh – AARP
- Ross Weber – IHCC
- Dave Vinkler – AARP
- Steven Wolf – Illinois Council on Aging
- Betty Martin – Illinois Council on Aging
- Gene Verdu – Illinois Council on Aging
- Charlotte Kauffman – Illinois Department of Human Services
- Robyn Golden – Rush
- Carolyn Guthman – AARP
- Murrie Biedesel – AARP
- Emma Cain – AARP
- Pat Taylor – Illinois Council on Aging
- Margaret Hastings - PMI

Illinois Department on Aging:

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

SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductory Remarks:

Director Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members introduced themselves.

Approval of November 13 minutes

Stephanie Altman moved to approve the minutes. David Lindeman seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Conference schedule and OASAC Sessions

Shelly Ebbert reminded attendees of the OASAC related sessions at the Governor's Conference. The Town Hall meeting is tomorrow, December 7 at 4pm. This session is designed for public comment. Members are encouraged to attend. The Department will also be conducting a session at 1pm on the Transformation of Long Term Care which members are welcome to attend as well.

Interagency Meeting Update – Deputy Gelder and Shelly Ebbert met with Kelly Cunningham and Theresa Wyatt from HFS and Enrique Unanue from DPH on November 27. A variety of issues were discussed during the meeting. Enrique will discuss with his supervisor the need for more DPH involvement. The drafters of the legislation had a broader role envisioned for DPH in terms of looking at the population in areas of prevention and promotion of healthy living. The recommendations put forward from the workgroups were discussed. The agencies do not have a formal response yet.

Deputy Gelder added the interagency group is specific to OASAC and other state agency participation is welcome.

Review draft report to the General Assembly

Shelly Ebbert reported the executive summary was distributed to members prior to the meeting. Also included were the department activities updates. Please review to be sure it accurately captures the workgroup recommendations. Each workgroup was asked to identify someone to work with the department on finalizing the report.

Members discussed the possibility of addressing the potential issue for increasing the minimum wage in the report. David Lindeman agreed to write another recommendation to include the concerns related to the minimum wage increase.

Pat Comstock moved to authorize the workforce/caregiver workgroup to draft an additional recommendation to address the problem of having workers tied to the minimum wage. Frank Daigh seconded. All were in favor.

Shelly Ebbert reported some of the workgroups have created products mentioned in their accomplishments. Last years report did not contain products. Are there products that are ready to be public? If they are completed, we should include them, otherwise, the report should state they are in preliminary draft form and will be made available later. Deputy Gelder also offered to put any products on the website once completed so they can be available to the public once approved by OASAC.

Kelly Cunningham reported HFS is still in the process of identifying some of the activities to be included in the report and getting that information approved. HFS is working with Chicago Reach, the PACE provider in Chicago, to take the full program to Medicare/Medicaid capitation to help older adults

remain in their homes. Chronic Care Delivery Systems have contracted with McKesson to do chronic disease. As soon as the recommendations are approved, they will be sent to IDOA.

Jennifer Novak reported IHDA will be sending additional information to be included in the report on their efforts to help older adults remain in their own home.

Myrtle Klauer moved to approve the executive summary with the additions mentioned. Stephanie Altman seconded.

Pat Comstock amended the motion to allow for comments that Donna Ginther submitted and what others intend to submit. Michael clarified that the motion will include comments received today and those forthcoming. The comments that will be accepted are those editorial in nature. All were favor. Motion passed.

Deputy Gelder asked the committee how much of the final report and how far in advance OASAC needs to see the report prior to it being submitted. The executive summary and workgroup recommendations have already been approved. The rest of the report will be the Department's part. Michael agreed to give the committee one week to review the report before it is finalized.

Other business

Shelly Ebbert inquired if the schedule for 2007 works with everyone's schedules. All dates were fine except the November date which will be changed. It was recommended that the meetings be held in the middle of the day (11-2). Michael asked if all were in favor of the meeting schedule except for the November date. Members approved.

Shelly Ebbert reminded members the Operations Manual has been adopted and is effective January 1, 2007. The workgroup section calls for open enrollment. The Department will create a form to distribute for sign up. The intent is for those on workgroups to be counted as members for more continuity, not to limit participation and to help make the workgroups more manageable. All of the workgroup meetings are posted in advance on website and are open to the public. It is also possible for workgroup chairs to open membership at any time.

Shelly also reminded members that the Operations Manual requires chairs and co chairs of workgroups to be members of OASAC. Shelly encouraged workgroups to put that issue on the next meeting agenda if their workgroup would be affected by that rule.

Deputy Gelder reported those members with a two year term had their term expire in November. The Department will be sending letters out to those members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.

These minutes were approved March 12, 2007