



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 14, 2010, 11am-2pm

Location:

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

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 201 South Grand Ave, Springfield

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members:

- Stephanie Altman – Health and Disability Advocates
- Darby Anderson – Addus Healthcare
- Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
- Jean Bohnhoff – Effingham County Committee on Aging
- Pat Cohen – Illinois Adult Day Service Association
- Jan Costello – Illinois Home Care Association
- Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center
- Joyce Gusewelle – Parish Nurse
- Flora Johnson – SEIU Health Care Illinois and Indiana
- Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long-Term Care
- Jonathan Lavin – Age Options, Inc
- Dave Lowitzki, SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana
- Phyllis Mitzen – Citizen member over 60, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
- Eli Pick – Ballard Healthcare
- Tom Prohaska – University of Illinois at Chicago
- Susan Real – Caregiver, Eastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging
- Dave Vinkler – AARP
- Cathy Weightman-Moore – Catholic Charities Rockford
- Ancy Zacharia – Nurse practitioner, Homecare Physicians

Committee Members not in attendance:

- Pat Ahern – Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care
- Melanie Chavin – Alzheimer's Association of Greater IL
- Pat Comstock - Health Care Council of Illinois
- Thomas Cornwell – HomeCare Physicians
- Jerry Crabtree – Township Officials of Illinois
- Frank Daigh – Caregiver
- Barbara Dunn – Community Health Improvement Center
- Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy
- Melissa O'Brien – Senior Services Center of Will County
- Patricia O'Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection
- Kirk Riva - Life Services Network

- Cindy Worsley – Association of Illinois Senior Centers

Ex-officio – non voting Committee Members in attendance:

- CHAIR: Charles Johnson – Director, Illinois Department on Aging
- Bill Dart for Theresa Eagleson - Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Sam Mordka – Illinois Housing Development Authority
- Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- Gail Hedges – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Robert Kilbury - Illinois Department of Human Services
- Gwen Diehl – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

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

- Arthur Friedson - Illinois Finance Authority
- William Bell – Illinois Department of Public Health
- Yvonne Clearwater – Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, Senior Health Insurance Program
- Michael Gelder – Office of the Governor

OBSERVERS:

- Laurie Hagemen, ACM Care
- Kristin Pavle, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
- Paul Bennett, UIC
- Joe Widmar, Addus HealthCare
- Rebecca Cruz, ASI

Illinois Department on Aging:

- Sandra Alexander
- Janice Cichowlas
- Ross Grove
- Robin Morgan
- Leann Dolan

SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions

Director Johnson welcomed members to the meeting. Members introduced themselves. Sandra reported a change in membership. Dave Vinkler will be replacing Nancy Nelson on the OASAC.

Approve March 8, 2010 meeting minutes

The minutes of the March 8th meeting were approved.

Executive Committee Report

Myrtle Klauer reported the executive committee has been focusing on the draft plan to restructure long term care.

OASAC State Plan

Public Act 96-0248 amends the Older Adult Services Act and requires the Department to develop a plan. Sandra Alexander reported the executive committee held a retreat and developed a state plan. The

Department hired Dr. Robert Mollica to facilitate the retreat and draft the report. The executive committee took the lead in terms of working with Dr. Mollica and over the course of a couple of months, including a two day retreat, outlined accomplishments, identified outstanding issues and gaps, and prioritized those issues by importance and feasibility. The retreat focused on the priority issues. The plan has been reviewed by an internal committee and the executive committee.

Sandra reviewed the report with members and discussed suggested changes. Sandra also clarified that Dr. Mollica is the primary author of the report and the report is a summary of the retreat.

Members discussed page 22 of the draft report which states:

During periods of declining revenues, the DON scale can be an effective tool to target services to people with the greatest needs. If funding is not sufficient to serve all eligible participants, funds should be reallocated from participants with low DON scores to people with high DON scores.

Dave Vinkler suggested that this paragraph is only referring to Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). The DON score measures the eligibility for a nursing facility. There would still be an overall cost. In periods of declining revenue, you would want as many people in the community, going to a nursing facility costs more. Members discussed this paragraph and global budgeting. Sandra added any major changes to the report need to have a recommendation from the executive committee.

Dave suggested if the recommendation is to cut CCP, a specific plan should be included. Carol Aronson added there are not many clients on CCP with a DON score. They have informal support as well.

Jonathan Lavin moved to strike *“If funding is not sufficient to serve all eligible participants, funds should be reallocated from participants with low DON scores to people with high DON scores.”*

Discussion: Dave would like the entire paragraph removed. Rob Kilbury suggested the state should increase HCBS at the expense of institutional placement as it is the most cost effective way. Several members thought the first sentence should stay. Dave suggested eliminating the statement “during period of declining revenue”.

Jonathan Lavin amended the motion to say change the paragraph on page 22 “don scale can be an effective tool to target services to people with the greatest needs”

Discussion: none, all were in favor, no oppose.

Susan Real suggested including medication management in the report as it ranks the number one need of caregivers of service for care recipients. Sandra responded that has already been included in the report in an updated version of the document not distributed under service package and equity

There was a suggestion regarding the appropriations process included in the draft report on page 12 and 13. The report does not include recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the appropriations process. We should make an objective that appropriation hearings during appropriation decision making are made as a whole instead of by individual agency.

Dave Vinkler motioned to add a dot point on the relevant appropriation committee of the General Assembly hear the long term care budget as whole from the agencies relevant to long term care services including IDOA, IDHS, IHFS. Motion was seconded by Dave Lowitzki. Members discussed also recommending the General Assembly in appropriations committees in the senate and house hold hearings that focus on the long term care budget. All were in favor, no oppose.

A comment was made that the report implies we want to avoid nursing home placement. What we want to avoid is unnecessary, permanent placement whenever possible. Sandra agreed to review the report and make adjustments to clarify those statements and others.

Sandra agreed to make changes and clarifications and send a revised report to members to review by the end of the week.

Eli Pick motioned to approve the draft of the final report with changes and amendments agreed upon today. Myrtle Klauer seconded. All in favor no oppose.

Department Updates

Illinois Department on Aging – Sandra Alexander provided an update on legislation. The OASA has been amended to require one representative from township, county or municipality instead of one representative from each.

Illinois Department of Public Health – No report.

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services – Bill Dart reported on the June 9, Money Follows the Person meeting. There have been 121 transitions, 96 more are considering enrolling. The Supportive Living Program has 119 operational facilities. HFS is also accepting applications for SLFs to serve persons with disabilities and was accepting applications for dementia care units until July 31.

Illinois Department of Human Services – Rob Kilbury reported DHS continues to work with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) to come up with necessary cuts. DHS is \$200 million under what the Governor has proposed. For home services, \$43 million will have to be cut.

Illinois Housing Development Authority - Sam Mordka reported IHDA continues to focus on long term care rebalancing. There will be a new development in Shorewood, IL that will be announced next week. The Area Agencies on Aging will be involved.

Director Johnson informed members that the department is researching names to brand the network and the ADRCs. No decision has been made yet. We are leaning towards building on the Illinois Cares brand as that seems to make the most sense. There will be a requirement for all agencies to use the logo. There is a great deal of interest at the national level that state units on aging identify themselves with the aging community. ADRCs will have an emphasis on the disabled and funding as well.

Sandra updated members on the ADRC grant and four possible proposals for additional funding. IDOA will be applying for two of the grants and HFS could possibly apply for a third.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.