



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 15, 2010, 11am-2pm

Location: Department on Aging Conference Room, 160 N. LaSalle St., 7th floor, Chicago
Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 201 South Grand Ave, Springfield

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members:

- Pat Ahern – Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care
- 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
- Thomas Cornwell – HomeCare Physicians
- Jan Costello – Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council
- Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long-Term Care
- Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy
- Anne Posner for Jonathan Lavin – Age Options, Inc
- Dave Lowitzki, SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana
- Phyllis Mitzen – Citizen member over 60, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
- Patricia O'Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection
- Eli Pick – Ballard Healthcare
- Tom Prohaska – University of Illinois at Chicago
- Susan Real – Caregiver, Eastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging
- Kirk Riva - Life Services Network
- Cindy Worsley – Association of Illinois Senior Centers
- Cathy Weightman-Moore – Catholic Charities Rockford

Committee Members not in attendance:

- Melanie Chavin – Alzheimer's Association of Greater IL
- Pat Comstock - Health Care Council of Illinois
- Jerry Crabtree – Township Officials of Illinois
- Frank Daigh – Caregiver
- Barbara Dunn – Community Health Improvement Center
- Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center
- Joyce Gusewelle – Parish Nurse
- Flora Johnson – SEIU Health Care Illinois and Indiana
- Melissa O'Brien – Senior Services Center of Will County
- Dave Vinkler – AARP
- Ancy Zacharia – Nurse practitioner, Homecare Physicians

Ex-officio – non voting Committee Members in attendance:

- CHAIR: Charles Johnson – Director, Illinois Department on Aging
- Kelly Cunningham 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
- Robert Kilbury - Illinois Department of Human Services

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

- Michael Gelder – Office of the Governor
- William Bell – Illinois Department of Public Health
- Arthur Friedson - Illinois Finance Authority
- Sandy Leith – Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, Senior Health Insurance Program
- Gail Hedges – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Gwen Diehl – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

OBSERVERS:

- Kristin Pavle, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
- Laurie Hageman, ACM Care
- Dr. Shanthy Edward, Illinois Adult Day Service Association

Illinois Department on Aging:

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

SUMMARY

Sandra Alexander welcomed members to the meeting.

Approve minutes

Eli Pick moved to approve the minutes from September 13. Dave Lowitzki seconded. Minutes were approved.

Executive Committee Report – Phyllis Mitzen reported the executive committee discussed at the last meeting the overlap between various committees. The Department will be arranging for presentations at OASAC regarding the work being done by other committees.

The executive committee also discussed the use of the term “long term care” and what it refers to.

Operations Manual – Sandra Alexander reported the Operations Manual has been revised slightly to reflect the Executive Committee meetings will be scheduled quarterly instead of monthly.

It was also suggested to change the Operations Manual to reflect the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services is no longer the Illinois Department of Public Aid and to also reflect the change in the law that now requires 30 members on OASAC instead of the original 32.

Eli Pick moved to approve the Operations Manual with the suggested changes. Myrtle Klauer seconded. All were in favor.

The schedule of proposed meetings for 2011 was distributed prior to the meeting.

Membership Update – Sandra Alexander reported letters are going out to the various associations and organizations representing OASAC members inviting the directors/presidents to submit recommendations. Terms will be staggered and redistributed more evenly.

Sandy Leith is the new representative for the Illinois Department of Insurance.

2011 Report to the General Assembly – Eli Pick moved to approve the document. Tom Prohaska seconded. The committee discussed the draft document that was distributed prior to the meeting.

It was suggested the objectives included in the report be described using the logic model to clearly show success. Sandra agreed to discuss this with the sister agencies at their next meeting.

The report is unchanged from the last time members reviewed it in September. The executive committee did not have any changes to send to the full OASAC. An executive summary and other sections will be added to the document.

ADRC Presentation – This was postponed and will be rescheduled to a later meeting. Sandra agreed to work to reschedule the ADRC presentation as well as presentations on MFP and Care Transitions. It was also suggested OASAC hear a presentation on various lawsuits impacting OASAC.

Department Updates

Illinois Department on Aging – Sandra Alexander reported the Governor's Conference on Aging is scheduled for December 8-10 in Chicago. Trainings have been scheduled regarding the implementation of policies and procedures regarding CCP changes and spend down. Those changes were effective September 1. Trainings are also being held on quality systems change including client forms manager, consolidated forms, case notes, tracking and events reporting. Those trainings will be held in Effingham, Springfield and Chicago.

Illinois Department of Public Health – no report

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services – Kelly Cunningham reported the Supportive Living Facilities Program has 123 operational facilities with 9600 units. In addition, 37 programs are working toward certification with 3800 units.

HFS is operating a Dementia Pilot Program. Interviews with potential applicants have been completed. Rules allow for five applicants to be selected, 19 applied. More information will be available by the next meeting.

HFS filed major rule making changing a variety of components related to Medicaid eligibility as a result of the deficit reduction requirement of 2005. Public hearings were held in two locations resulting in over 300 pages of comments. The comments are currently being reviewed.

HFS continues to work to maximize payment for Medicaid recipients in nursing facilities to get the most match from the ARRA program. HFS is trying to maximize payments for services delivered this calendar year through December 31 to maximize ARRA match which starts to phase down. Nursing homes and hospitals are required to be paid in less than 30 days.

Money Follows the person has transitioned 151 residents out of nursing homes into the community. The goal for the calendar year is 192 transitions. HFS is working closely with DHS and IHDA to maximize transitions this year.

The Nursing Home Safety Task Force has a rate review subcommittee also created in the legislation. They were charged with looking at staffing ratios and adopting a provider tax. The group is completing a report to the General Assembly. There has been talk of moving legislation related to the task force during the veto session. The task force has held eight public hearings since July.

Federal CMS now requires a new section of the MDS called Section Q. It is new and was implemented across the county. The goal is to assess residents' ability to participate in the assessment and their desire for discharge into the community. If they want to be discharged into the community, they will be reassessed every quarter. This is a resident driven interview process. CCUs are identified as the local community agency for residents 60 years and older without serious mental illness. The new requirement establishes protocol that can tighten up relationships between Case Coordination Units, home health agencies and hospice agencies. This new protocol will be beneficial to people leaving nursing homes.

Illinois Housing Development Authority – Sam Mordka reported the Governor's Conference on Affordable Housing was held last month with over 400 in attendance. IHDA will be receiving \$130 million out of the capitol budget for persons with disabilities and at risk veterans.

Other funding is available to meet broader requirements and could be geared toward supportive housing including senior housing.

The committee discussed available senior housing and how to fill those vacancies. IDoA has been invited to and participated on the previous two calls on this topic. Sandra Alexander agreed the interagency group of the state agencies will continue to look at this situation in order to develop a plan and make recommendations on improving the process. Sandra also suggested information listing available senior housing throughout the state is provided at future OASAC meetings. The interagency group and executive committee will also discuss the issue of housing and if a workgroup should be created.

Illinois Department of Human Services – Rob Kilbury reported DHS expects budget to be over by \$40 million. DHS continues to work on MFP with HFS. DHS recently redid contracts for CILs that are doing what is required of MFP through the Community Reintegration Program. DHS is trying to create incentives for enhanced MFP which is available in the short term.

DHS is working with IDoA on issues related to prescreening in order to utilize real time electronic information rather than receive information months after nursing home admissions. This could allow case managers to get to seniors sooner and may prevent extended, unnecessary nursing home admissions.

Workgroup Updates

Services Expansion – The workgroup was suspended but did move its work under the CCPAC in order to look at CCP related to home health. The workgroup developed recommendations which will be voted on at the next CCPAC meeting in December. If CCPAC approves the document, it will be a recommendation to the Department. The workgroup hopes that work related to further coordination could continue under OASAC now that the work related to CCPAC is complete.

Carol Aronson and Susan Real presented the document to members. The recommendations were developed with the HomeCare and Hospice Council. The purpose of the paper is to provide for coordination between the Community Care Program with hospice and home health services. The related associations are committed to this coordination. The state agencies also need to be committed to have a comprehensive partnership. This is a small piece of the coordination that needs to occur. The hope is that this will be a long term issue the OASAC will take on and allow for more work on integration and coordination.

The next step is to develop a training curriculum for home health agencies and case managers.

Members commented on the recommendations and provided feedback which will be incorporated into the document which will then be sent to CCPAC to be voted on.

Announcements

Sandra Alexander reminded members to turn in their ethics time sheet.