



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 23, 2015 1:00pm - 3:00pm (Approved May 18, 2015)

Locations:

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

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield (Rock River Video Conference Room – 2nd Floor)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Carol Aronson- Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
June Benedick – Parish Nurse
Jean Bohnhoff- Effingham County Committee on Aging
Dr. Thomas Cornwell – HomeCare Physicians
Cindy Cunningham – Illinois Adult Day Service Association
Jan Grimes – Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council
Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center
Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long Term Care
Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy
Jon Lavin – Age Options
Phyllis Mitzen – Center for Long Term Care Reform
Patricia O’Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection
Cathy Weightman-Moore – Long Term Care Ombudsman

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members not in attendance:

Darby Anderson – Addus HealthCare
Jonathan Becker –Senior Services Plus
Jennifer Belkov- Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Illinois Chapter
Andy Chusid – Health Care Council of Illinois
Frank Daigh – Citizen Member over the age of 60
Jan Grimes – Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council
Terri Harkin – SEIU Health Care – IL and Indiana
Mike Hughes- Lifescape Community Services
Susan Hughes – Community Health Sciences School of Public Health
Dave Lowitzki – SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana
Samantha Olds- Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans
Susan Real – Caregiver -East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Geraldine Simmons - Geraldine C. Simmons Attorney at Law
Jason Speaks – Leading Age Illinois
Ancy Zacharia – HomeCare Physicians

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

John K. Holton, Director – Illinois Department on Aging
Ben Noven – Illinois Housing Development Authority
Doree Vetter – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

Ex-officio – Committee Members not in attendance:

Debra Bryars – Illinois Department of Public Health
Kelly Cunningham – Illinois Department Healthcare and Family Services
Linda Gonulsen – Illinois Department of Human Services
Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging - Ombudsman
Representative – Illinois Governor’s office

Illinois Department on Aging staff:

Sonia Bhagwakar
John Eckert
Sophia Gonzalez
Mary Mayes
Scott Norton
Matt Ryan
David Weibring

Guests:

Sherry Barter Hamlin - River to River Residential Corporation
Bill Bell- ILL Healthcare Association
Tameshia Bridges -PHI
Nikki Briggs- CLESE
Janice Cichowlas-CLESE
Kelly Fischer- Journey Care
Mari Money-Illinois Finance Association
Marsha Nelson- Shawnee ICCCU
Con Outman- Molina Healthcare
Sharon Post, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
Hannah Tolan- Senior Services Plus
Deb Woodford- Molina Healthcare

Welcome and Introductions

Director Holton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Department Updates

Director Holton introduced the Illinois Department on Aging - Chief of Staff Matt Ryan. He discussed the Governor’s proposed budget and what the proposed budget means for the Department on Aging. The Governor’s proposed budget means an 8.4% cut for the Department on Aging (includes a decrease of 14% for CCP, increases for the Home Delivered Meals Program, the Ombudsman Program, and Managed Care Coverage for FY16). Appropriation Committee Hearings are scheduled for next month (March 17th and 19th) in Springfield. It is expected that the Budget not be finalized until June or later.

Approve minutes for Full OASAC Meeting

Michael Koronkowski moved to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2014 meeting. Jan Grimes second. Minutes approved.

OASAC Membership Updates

Director Holton reported three OASAC vacancies (for Hospice care, Nursing home or assisted living establishments, and statewide organizations engaging in advocacy or legal representation on behalf of the senior population). Recommendations for these vacancies have been received but he has not made a decision. Director Holton expects to make a decision for the next Full OASAC Meeting.

Executive Meeting Update and Discussion

Cathy Weightman-Moore provided an overview of the executive meeting in which the OASAC vacancies that Director Holton has addressed were discussed. The OASAC PA Workgroup provided an update on the PA Workgroup Recommendations. The OASAC Executive group discussed revising the OASAC Priorities for 2014-2015, after inviting a representative from the new administration to attend the Full OASAC meeting. Members suggested reaching out to Michael Gelder's replacement.

Director Holton informed the group that Jennifer Hammer from the new administration was scheduled to attend the Full OASAC meeting today but was not able to attend due to conflicts in schedule. Patience was requested from the group considering that both the 1115 Waiver and the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) were proposed and submitted during the end of Quinn's administrations and the new administration is still in a transition process. The Department on Aging has a new Legislative Liaison, Alexander Burke, from the new administration that perhaps may be able to attend the next Full OASAC meeting and be part of the agenda.

Updates of OASAC Priority Issues

Director Holton started a discussion on the OASAC Top Priority items defined on the **OASAC Priorities 2014-2015 and Recommended Stakeholder Engagement Process** document. The 1115 Waiver included high stakeholder involvement and is currently in the process of review by Federal CMS, the next step will be for CMS to respond to Illinois, and then it will be the responsibility of the new administration to review the response; which means that the current nine waivers need to be renewed. A question arose regarding the information that has been disseminated that there is proposal to increase the Determination of Need (DON) score, which is currently used to determine eligibility for services. It was mentioned that other intents have been proposed in the past to raise the DON score but that Federal CMS has not allowed. A discussion on the Uniform Assessment Tool (UAT) that is component of the BIP (one of the OASAC Priorities) was initiated; the UAT is expected to replace the DON. The BIP is expected to continue and is part of the Governor's budget. Scott Norton (IDoA) provided an update on the BIP, he reported that the first phase of the UAT is due to be in place by September 1st and the 2nd phase of the UAT must be in place by December. The Lewin Group has been contracted and has been working on simplifying Level One of the UAT. A question regarding who will have access to completing Level one of the UAT and the response was that Level One – UAT may be completed by multiple persons (e.g.) and the Community Care Unit (CCU) would not become involved until UAT- Level two. A No Wrong Door (NWD) vendor has been, FEi Systems from Maryland and the InterRAI HC is the replacement assessment tool that is being reviewed.

In the process of revising the OASAC Priorities, a discussion on Managed Care Organizations (MCO's) was initiated by the group considering the increase that has been proposed in the budget by the governor. Members had several questions regarding MCO's that included the following: a) how are MCO's integrating Long Term Care Services and Supports (LTSS); b) who is looking at how the MCO's are integrating LTSS; c) what quality indicators are being used; d) how is person direction measured; e) how is person centered measured and f) how is rebalancing defined? In addition, the group would like to know if the MCO contracts include quality measures and if so, how are these being tracked and who is reviewing these measures. It was advised that HFS is in charge of the MCO contracts and that perhaps the OASAC HFS representative Kelly Cunningham (not present at the meeting) may be able to assist in answering these questions.

Another discussion during the meeting was the White House Conference on Aging that is scheduled for April 27 in Cleveland. Jon Lavin shared that this conference will have a focus on the following four topics; Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), Retirement Security, Healthy Aging, and Adult Protective Services (APS). It was suggested that it may be a good idea to align the OASAC Priorities with the White House focus topics.

Director Holton stated that based on the discussion the group had engaged in, there seemed to be 6 underlying concepts to be considered for the revision of OASAC priorities. These concepts will be reviewed and outline for discussion during the next OASAC Executive meeting scheduled for April 20.

The purpose of the Stakeholder Engagement process and recommended strategies section of the **OASAC Priorities 2014-2015 and Recommended Stakeholder Engagement Process** document was discussed. It had been agreed that stakeholders needed to be educated and involved in all new initiatives being proposed, especially the persons impacted by these initiatives. However, the group questioned what would be the best way to educate stakeholders and consumers. The AgeOptions representative shared that they were conducting a series of educational programming sessions to inform consumers of the Managed Care Movement. A high level of confusion has been reported regarding Managed Care and the OPT-OUT Options. The group would like to be more informed regarding the reasons why people have chosen to OPT-OUT of MCO enrollment (e.g. the need to change doctors). Several questions regarding MCO stakeholder groups were brought up (e.g. public meetings, agendas and meeting minutes' availability to the public). Perhaps, OASAC member representing the Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans, Samantha Olds (not present) can be part of the agenda of the next OASAC Executive meeting and clarify these MCO questions.

Recommendations from PA-Consumer Directed Workgroup

Phyllis Mitzen presented an update on the finalized recommendations composed by the OASAC Personal Assistant (PA) Workgroup regarding the application of PA/Consumer directed principles. The group was asked to review the recommendations and advise on what the next step would be with these recommendations. The group had many questions regarding the recommendations. They questioned whether these recommendations should be approved by OASAC, if there has not been an approved 1115 Waiver, and if the current 1915c waiver in Aging does not include an option for a PA and if it is possible for an MCO to choose to pay for a PA? If the purpose of the PA Workgroup had been to review the existing PA models and make a recommendation to the Governor's Office of Health, Innovation and Transformation (GOHIT) and it no longer exists, should the group approve the recommendations? Phyllis Mitzen motioned to approve the OASAC PA Workgroup Recommendations as OASAC advice to the Department on Aging in regards to a PA-Self Directed Model. Patricia O'Dea-Evans second. However, the group opposed. There was discussion on whether OASAC was recommending to the Department on Aging that a PA- Self Directed Model be available. It was mentioned that with Person-Centered planning process that needs to be put into place, there may be a need to have a PA-Self directed model, if that is the consumer's choice. However, the Person-Centered Planning Process needs to be defined. Phyllis Mitzen motioned to approve the *OASAC PA Workgroup as advice to IDoA; pursuant an 1115 Waiver is approved and when and if a PA-Self Directed Model becomes available*. Patricia O'Dea Evans second. No members opposed. Recommendations were approved.

Announcements

Director Holton announced that Phyllis Mitzen received the NASW Lifetime achievement of the year.

Jon Lavin announced that the ASA Conference will be in Chicago this year in March.

Jan Grimes announced that the IL Palliative Health Care & Hospice is now offering Palliative Care online courses.

Patricia O'Dea Evans announced that Silver Connections will be offering Continuing Education opportunities for Care Managers, APN, RN's, social workers and discharge planners on March 26, 2015 at the Midwest Conference Center in Northlake.

Dr. Thomas Cornwell announced he received the Humanism Award.

Susan Real was selected as the new Executive Director for East Central Illinois Area Agency on Agency.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.