



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 18, 2015; 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Minutes approved August 24, 2015)

Locations:

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

Illinois Department on Aging (at DNR bldg.), One Natural Resources Way, Springfield

IN ATTENDANCE – Committee Members

June Benedick – Parish Nurse

Jean Bohnhoff- Effingham County Committee on Aging

Theresa Collins (for Jonathan Becker) –Senior Services Plus

Dr. Thomas Cornwell – HomeCare Physicians

Cindy Cunningham – Illinois Adult Day Service Association

Kelly Fischer – Journey Care Hospice

Julie Hubbard (for Jon Lavin) – I4A

Mike Hughes- Lifescape Community Services

Susan Hughes – UIC Community Health Sciences School of Public Health

Dave Lowitzki – SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana

Phyllis Mitzen – Center for Long Term Care Reform

Samantha Olds Frey – 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

Cathy Weightman-Moore – Regional Ombudsman

Ancy Zacharia – Home Care Physicians

Rebecca Zuber (for Jan Grimes) – Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council

NOT IN ATTENDANCE – Committee Members

Darby Anderson – Addus HealthCare

Carol Aronson- Shawnee Alliance for Seniors

Jennifer Belkov- Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Illinois Chapter

Andy Chusid – Health Care Council of Illinois

Frank Daigh – Citizen Member over the age of 60

Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center

Terri Harkin – SEIU Health Care – Illinois and Indiana

Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long Term Care

Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy

Patricia O’Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection

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

John K. Holton, Director – Department on Aging

Doree Vetter – Department of Veterans Affairs

Ex-officio – Committee Members not in attendance:

Debra Bryars – Department of Public Health
Kelly Cunningham – Department Healthcare and Family Services
Gail Hedges – Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Linda Gonulsen – Department of Human Services
Megan Spitz – Illinois Housing Development Authority
Representative – Governor’s office

Illinois Department on Aging staff:

Alex Burke
John Eckert
Mary Mayes
Dennis Miner

Guests:

No guests signed-in at either meeting location.

Introductions and Welcome of New Members:

Director Holton welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced new member Kelly Fischer from JourneyCare who will be participating under the Hospice care role on OASAC. Kelly gave a brief description of herself and noted that pending the merger with Horizon Hospice and Midwest Palliative— JourneyCare will soon be providing Palliative and Hospice care to over 2,400 adults and children in the region.

Director Holton noted that Lori Hendren from AARP and Megan Spitz from the Illinois Housing Development Authority had joined OASAC but were not able to attend the day’s meeting. He also noted that Sally Petrone, State Long Term Care Ombudsman had retired since the last meeting and that her replacement would be named soon.

Approve minutes of Full OASAC Meeting:

Jean Bohnhoff moved to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2015 meeting. David Lowitzki seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Executive Committee Meeting Update:

Cathy Weightman-Moore provided an overview of the April 20, 2015 Executive Committee meeting including the review and approval of the agenda for today’s meeting. The Committee discussed vacancies and the need to identify and recruit from agencies representing more diversity and immigrant groups. She noted that Director Holton led a discussion on the draft OASAC concepts/priorities that will be reviewed/discussed later in today’s meeting. Weightman-Moore noted the ongoing discussion on Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) and that the Committee has requested for Kelly Cunningham to ask someone from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to provide an update of the State’s MMC activities as they relate to OASAC rebalancing mandate at an upcoming OASAC meeting. She concluded her update noting that OASAC needs to continue to reach out to representatives from the Governor’s office to come to a meeting to discuss his administrations’ priorities as they relate to Seniors.

OASAC Membership Updates:

John Eckert referred the members to review the membership grid handout. He discussed vacancies and Director Holton’s request to identify and recruit new members who are more diverse and from agencies representing more diversity and immigrant groups. He noted that with the addition of Kelly Fischer (for Hospice care) and Lori Hendren (for statewide organizations engaging in advocacy or legal representation on behalf of the senior population), the only current vacancy for a voting member is for an additional representative of “Nursing home or assisted living establishments”. Eckert referred to the grid and asked members to begin to identify potential candidates for the vacancies occurring at the end of the year due to members completing their maximum term limits.

Legislative Updates:

Alex Burke, the Governor's Legislative Liaison to the Department on Aging noted that they are tracking more than 30 bills at this time. Two bills have passed both chambers of the General Assembly (HB1298 and HB1309):

- HB1298 (Care Act) Allows for designated family caregivers to receive after care training from hospitals as part of the patient's discharge plan. Following discussion, Burke noted that IDoA was in "support" on this bill.
- HB1309 pertains to revisions to Adult Protective Services regarding access to records by representatives of the public guardian and makes a clarification in existing APS practices.

Of the bills that remain active but have not passed both chambers, two that are likely to pass:

- HB2462 would allow nursing facility (NF) residents to have electronic monitoring in their rooms. The resident would procure the cost of the equipment and must consent to having the equipment in their room. There was a question regarding if this would apply to Assisted Living and/or Adult Day Services but Burke noted that it was only written for NFs. He also indicated that IDoA was "neutral" on the bill.
- HB3753 (Rep. Leitch; Sen. Morrison, sponsors) would allow IDoA to award grants to public and private nonprofit entities to demonstrate ways to integrate mental health services for Seniors into primary care settings. Burke noted that the bill as written was "subject to appropriation".

Following additional discussion, Burke noted upon completion of the Spring legislative session a summary of legislation passed in to law would be posted on the IDoA website. He also provided his email alexander.burke@illinois.gov if any members wanted to contact him for further information about his update or current legislation. Director Holton thanked Burke for his informative update.

Budget Updates:

Director Holton introduced Dennis Miner, IDoA's Chief Financial Officer. He noted that the FY '15 budget would be completed June 30th. HB 317 had reduced IDoA's GRF by 2.25% (\$21. mil.) but he felt okay on spending following the transfer of some unobligated funds between budgeted line items. Miner noted that the Governor had presented the FY '16 budget and that IDoA had participated in three appropriation hearings in the House and one in the Senate. The introduced budget of \$1.45 bil. represented a reduction from last FY's appropriation of \$1.53 bil. Highlights included a reduction of \$167 mil. in the CCP line (pending the transfer of 20,000 clients to MCOs); \$32.5 mil. for Colbert activities, \$5.1 mil. for BIP initiatives; an increase of \$5.5 mil. for the Ombudsman program to expand its community-based presence; and an increase of \$2.4 mil. for Home-delivered meals.

During discussion, members noted concern that the original reduction for the transfer of the 20,000 CCP clients to MCOs was \$32. mil. but was now increased to \$167 mil. Additionally, a concern was raised about whether essential (LTSS) services remain the same from CCP to MCO transfers; and it was clarified that MCOs must meet minimum standards (in addition to new services). It was noted that MCOs are incentivized to keep people in HCBS settings.

Miner was asked if OASAC could see a copy of the introduced budget to determine if there had been an increase or decrease in the CCP line (not counting the reduction for the MCO transfers) but Director Holton indicated that he was unsure if it could be shared at this time.

Director Holton noted that the Governor was looking at the budget from the perspective of four funding "buckets": Education, Pension, Public Safety, and Health & Human Services. He noted that since the State Supreme Court recently struck down the pension revision legislation, the increased budgetary impact will have a negative impact on the other three bucket funding priorities. Holton noted that the House wants IDoA's FY '16 budget to have the same funding level as the FY '15 budget.

Director Holton noted that Dennis was retiring as CFO and that this would be his last OASAC meeting. He noted that he will be missed and wished him well. Holton indicated that a replacement would be named soon and if a budget is passed the new CFO will share the budget at the August meeting.

Discussion on draft OASAC Priorities/Concepts:

Weightman-Moore led a discussion on the draft priorities/concepts that were reviewed by the Executive Committee. It included a list of 12 priority areas. Regarding the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) staff reported that: The roll-out of the Level I Universal Assessment Tool (UAT) is set for October 1; Conflict-Free Case Management has been included in the Aging Waiver renewal (will go to federal CMS at the end of June); the No Wrong Door/Coordinated Point of Entry concept of providing more seamless services continues to be developed; and the BIP call-center is gearing up for an October start-up. There were questions about who would use the call-center and how it was different from the Senior HelpLine. Staff noted that the call-center will include all ages and disability groups and will assist callers who want help entering UAT Level I screens (across state agencies). It was also noted that certain ADRCs were looking for more direction from IDoA on exactly what they should look like. There was discussion on the role of OASAC as it related to rebalancing outside of the Aging silos, inasmuch many of the priorities cross all ages and disability groups.

Director Holton noted that he continues to reach out to the staff from the Governor's office for their participation on OASAC; and that IDoA is eager to learn about the Governor's vision for the provision of long-term care in the State. He indicated that no one agency can develop a seamless service delivery system given their current makeup. The previous administration had begun to address this issue with the development of the 1115 Waiver but that appears to have been tabled at this time.

There was discussion about adding additional priorities outside of the OASAC rebalancing mandate; including the concern about the "concealed carry" law as it relates to Adult Day Services and ADS drivers. Issues with workers and medical marijuana were also discussed. It was agreed that the priorities would be re-ordered and include more references to consumer choice and Person-Centered Planning. Creating action items was discussed and Director Holton indicated that he would contact NASUAD staff to research other States rebalancing activities.

Announcements

Thomas Cornwell received the Arnold P. Gold - Humanism in Medicine Award from the American Geriatric Society.

Phyllis Mitzen received the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) National Lifetime Achievement Award (for outstanding contributions to the social work profession).

Susan Real was recognized and congratulated as the new Executive Director for East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.