



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Finance Work Group

Date: May 4, 2009

Location: Illinois Department on Aging, 160 N. LaSalle Street, N-700, Chicago
Illinois Healthcare Association, 1029 S. Fourth Street, Springfield

NOTE: There were technical problems with the conference call-in number; members were unable to connect by phone. The meeting continued by video conference only.

Attending: Stephanie Altman (Co-Chair), Pat Comstock (Co-Chair), Joe Hart, Phyllis Mitzen, Nicole Seyller (IDoA Intern), Janice Cichowlas (IDoA).

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes:

Approval of minutes will take place at next meeting.

Finance Committee Research Presentation by Nicole Seyller

(see accompanying PowerPoint)

The Minnesota (MN) report is a good core document from which to model our efforts. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Rebalancing Research Report is also an important document in literature review.

Pat discussed legislative efforts to provide incentives to buy long-term care (LTC) insurance. So far, there is not consistent support for this.

Mike McRaith, head of the Division of Insurance, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, should come and speak to the Finance Workgroup.

In Illinois, we call the "Miller Trust," the "Pooled Trust." The office of the State Guardian can speak on the Pooled Trust if the Committee is interested in learning more.

Topics Determined for Future Research

- Examine how other states specifically use global budgeting.
- Explore Managed Care; how are other states making it work, and how can it can work in Illinois?
- Determine if there is still funding for the "Own Your Own Future" federal program to increase awareness about LTC coverage.
- Look at how States use the Partnership for Long-Term Care Program.
- Check the availability for Systems Change grants.

- Further research the Medicare/Medicaid Integration Program.
- Determine which states are doing well with their Money Follows the Person program. We may want to talk to Kelly about what their goals are for financing LTC in the future.

The Finance Workgroup may need a consultant to go into this deeper. Pat Comstock mentioned that the IDoA has \$10,000 allocated to OASAC.

Phyllis suggested that we organize this research on two areas:

- 1) How do we help individuals with their LTC needs.
- 2) How do we help the State finance LTC.

Nicole to send link for the Final Report for Rebalancing Research Project.

AARP and Illinois Healthcare Association Work:

Pat Comstock expressed that they had a good meeting with AARP last week. They are working on joint comments for Representative Feigenholtz' meeting on Thursday.

Every Wednesday for the rest of May, AARP and the Health Care Council of Illinois will do joint lobbying. This is a more coordinated effort than in the past. AARP and the Health Care Council of Illinois are currently finalizing their draft. The draft will contain a two-sided chart: one side with a budget request for HCBS and the other side for the Nursing Home budget.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting, possibly Thursday, June 4, around 9:30 or 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.