



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Nursing Home Conversion Work Group

Date: September 23, 2008, Illinois Health Care Association Building, 1029 S. Fourth Street, Springfield
Present: Phyllis Mitzen (co-chair), Myrtle Kauer (Co-Chair), Petre Hunter (AARP), Bill Dart (HFS), Kevin Taylor (IL Council on LTC), Bill Bell (IDPH), Janice Cichowlas (IDoA), Stefanie Eisele (for Sally Petrone, IDoA), Scott Musser (AARP). **by Phone:** Steve Wolf (Elder Care), Janice Cichowlas (IDOA), Maria Schmidt (Alz Assoc of Greater IL)

Welcome and Introductions

Motion to approve minutes: Kevin Taylor moved to approve the minutes. Scott Musser seconded.

Work Group 2009 Recommendations:

Kevin Taylor reported that his data may be skewed (i.e., people who did not answer a question, or put an "X" vs. days of service). In summary, there may be some missing data. There appears to be about 791 responses out of 1,200.

Maria and Phyllis reviewed the act prior to the meeting in order to finalize the draft Nursing Home Conversion 2009 recommendations for discussion by the group. There was concern about the Health Facilities Planning Board (HFPB) Bed Need Methodology. It was suggested that this goal be removed; instead recognize it under Recommendation 1.a.

Changes to the GOALS section:

See changes to draft (cross check with notes by Phyllis/Stephanie).

Changes to RECOMMENDATIONS section:

See changes to draft (cross check with notes by Phyllis/Stephanie)

Myrtle explained the Innovations in Long-Term Care Grants awarded through the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Myrtle explained the grants were awarded to long term care facilities that proposed an innovative and sustainable plan, which would positively impact the quality of care/life for long-term care residents.

Bill Bell explained that the Innovations Grants are only one way in which Civil Monetary Penalties (CMP) funds are used. Bill stated that CMP funds have also been used to support a dental program, as well as the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP). Bill stated that \$750,000 in CMP funds were provided to the LTCOP. Phyllis asked if IDPH would continue to fund the LTCOP through CMP funds. Bill stated IDPH was able to do it this year but reminded the group that these funds were not necessarily a known or guaranteed funding stream.

Phyllis asked Kevin how he wished to proceed regarding the data he initially introduced. Kevin stated he would do some preliminary number crunching and would email out the frequency tables to all members. He suggested the group could discuss how best to proceed after this preliminary data was distributed and reviewed by members.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held October 28, 2008. However, the date to submit recommendations to OASAC is October 6, 2008. There will be communication prior to the next meeting date in order to solidify recommendations and gain consensus prior to submitting to OASAC.

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.