



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Point of Entry Work Group

Date: December 13, 2005
Location: Conference Call
Attending: Paul Bennett (Co-Chair), Ross Grove (Illinois Department on Aging), Frank Daigh, Alan Factor, Karen Freda, Chloe Frooninckx, Carolyn Guthman, Martha Holstein, Shawn J. Lewis, Phyllis Mitzen, Nancy Nelson, Susan Real, Amy K. Reeser, Desiree Sculley, Matt Touhey, and Cindy Worsley,

Conference call was convened by sub-committee, Co-Chair, Paul Bennett and began at 10:00 a.m.

The primary agenda item was to review the sub-committee's written contribution to the IDOA Report to the General Assembly regarding the Older Adult Services Act. The report is due to the General Assembly in January and revisions due by December 14, 2005 .

Julie Hamos Request

Representative Julie Hamos brought to the attention of Phyllis Mitzen a list of legislative priorities that she had generated from a number of sources. Rep. Hamos asked that the PoE Sub-committee assist in prioritizing this list.

After a brief discussion it was decided that Phyllis would go back to Rep. Hamos to clarify our role, as many of the items were not strictly relevant to the PoE sub-committee, but to other OASAC sub-committees as well; secondly, most conference call attendees did not have a copy of her recommendations and thirdly, the focus of our meeting was to gain consensus on our portion of the IDOA Report.

Depending on the outcome of Phyllis' discussion with Rep. Hamos, we may put this on the agenda for the January 5, 2006 meeting. This also would depend on the timing of when legislation needed to be submitted to the General Assembly and if we had adequate time to provide feedback to Rep. Hamos.

Review of Document

The sub-committee went paragraph by paragraph discussing the content. The result of this effort is in the attached document that has our input. In addition, there were several items that emerged from our discussion that were to be sent to IDOA that pertained to this over-all report. The following is what was sent to IDOA staff:

- Need for Definitions -- Committee felt that terms such as long-term care deserve to be in a "Definition of Terms Section." We did incorporate a definition in our narrative. The committee felt there maybe other words that need to be defined.

- Branding Name -- Several of the committee members felt that the large OASAC committee should have undertaken a vote on a specific brand -- "Illinois Elder Care Options." There was a strong sentiment about this issue that I was asked to convey the idea of the Department conducting a call-in vote or e-mail voting, so a name can be cited in this report. We did use this name as a recommendation in our narrative.
- Source/Rationale Section of the Priority Objectives -- There was a feeling that perhaps this whole column should be eliminated, or at the least the dollar amounts should be eliminated. There is a fear that legislators may turn some of our ideas in legislation, which is a good thing, but use the amounts of money of how we arrived at something to prioritize funding and subsequently fund only a small piece of a bigger picture. We eliminated all references to the specific dollar amounts and left in the total estimated fiscal costs.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held face-to-face at the East Central Area Agency on Aging's offices in Bloomington, IL on January 5, 2005. The primary discussion topic will be on neutrality. Phyllis Mitzen and Martha Holstein will lead the discussion; Karen Freda will try and locate information pertaining to prior IDOA decisions regarding neutrality in the CCP program.

Co-chair, Paul Bennett concluded the meeting at about 11:15 a.m. He asked the group to voice any concerns that may not have been addressed. Hearing none, the conference call ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H. Bennett