Older Adult Services Advisory Committee
Services Work Group

Date: March 30, 2005

Overview of Department on Aging Grants related to Service Components

Molly Spengler (IDoA) discussed the committee's role and responsibility to identify services and coordinate work to provide technical assistance to the Department on Aging. Molly also provided an overview of Grants the Department has received in reference to services.

Enhanced Transition Project – $2 million has been transferred, one year demonstration project to assist nursing home patients to remain in their homes and communities. The 13 Area Agencies on Aging have submitted proposals – 4 to 5 will be selected as demonstration projects by 1 or 4 of April.

The committee asked to see proposals and be involved in development of the evaluation tool.

Cash and Counseling Demonstration Project – $378,004, granted awarded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to the Retirement Research Foundation, with a partnership between IDoA and Illinois Public Health Association. The project focuses on person-centered changes and systemic changes.

Initiative's to Increase Community Serves for Frail Elderly – $300,000 over three years. Part of CMS New Freedom Initiative Real Choice grants for the states. Program will create inventory of services state-wide, public and private, and gaps. They are hiring a Program Manager to work with AAonA.

The committee discussed the need to ensure accuracy on publishing the inventory.

Molly is to update the committee on the status of these projects.

The committee also discussed 27/73 split and Home Maker workers, more Medicaid clients on Medicare and the projects in Decatur and Rockford, the need to revise forms to make them easier for applicants, and study on the DON score.

Review of the Older Adult Services Act

Donna Ginther (AARP) provided a review of the Older Adult Services Act, focusing on the provisions and intent of the Act. She also discussed the need to incorporate affordable housing in the Act. Senate Bill 1967 has been introduced to use information from the Governor's Annual Comprehensive Housing Task Force to use in planning affordable senior housing.

The committee discussed the Comprehensive Assessment Tool, which is currently being used in several areas of the state. Mary Patt will do a presentation at the next meeting on the Comprehensive Assessment Tool.

Index of Services References contained in OASA

Donna Ginther (AARP) reviewed the services referenced in the Older Adult Services Act (service handout).

The committee discussed the services and their role in advising and helping to develop the services.

Outline of Committee Work

1.) Inventory/PSA
- Add barriers
- Molly Spengler to report on
- Guideline and parameters
- Transportation issues
- Presentation by Rural Health Association

2.) Comprehensive tool
- Mary Patt to give presentation
- Advise on tool

3.) Department Visions
- Report back on DON score and 27/73 split

4.) Money for Services
- a.) Medicaid acceptance
  - Sign-up
  - Approval
- b.) Conversions/Bed Reductions – Dennis Bozzi (LSN)
- c.) Quality Services – Cindy Worsley (…)
  - Several assessments
  - Long Term Care Council
  - CCPAC – subcommittee
  - DPA – OA

Work assignments

Meeting Schedules

The Services Committee will meet on Monday, April 18 in Pontiac from 10 – 3 p.m.