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## Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Services Work Group

Date: February 20, 2007

Attending: Carol Aronson, Paul Bennett, Marianne Brennan, Pat Cohen, Ann Cooper, Betsy Creamer, Frank Daigh, Jill Daigh, Risa Glantz Dankwerth, Darcia Ferrari, Cynthia Germain, Donna Ginther, Carol Green, Carolyn Guthman, Julie Hess, Marsha Johnson, Myrtle Klauer, Rich Lansdowne, Juanita McCaffrey, Daniel McCloud, Jennifer McDermott, Walt Meyers, Phyllis Mitzen, Robin Morgan, Margaret Niederer, Mike O'Donnell, Sally Petrone, Joel Rubin, Margaret Rudnik, Jeremy Schroeder, Wayne Smallwood, Tami Wacker, and Debbie Weber.

Guests: Janet Ellis, Mary Geis, Wilma Schmitz, and Kiyeon Yoch.

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The November 27, 2006, minutes were approved with no changes.

### Update on Comprehensive Care Coordination:

- Shelly Ebbert, Illinois Department on Aging, provided an update on the Department's Comprehensive Care Coordination (CCC) project. Shelly informed the group that Phase 1 of the project started on October 1, Phase 2 was implemented on February 1 and Phase 3 is scheduled to begin on April 1. With the implementation of Phase 3, all Case Coordination Units (CCUs) will be providing CCC and new reimbursement rates will be in effect.
- The Department has met with the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to discuss questions related to how CCUs and AAAs will interact regarding CCC.
- The goal of CCC is that every senior in the state will have access to a CCC assessment.
- Shelly presented a flow chart that discussed the concept of intensive casework and intensive monitoring and how that is incorporated into CCC.
- Shelly announced that the goal for the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2007) was for to have every CCU using one comprehensive tool, to have all case managers trained in the philosophy of holistic care coordination, to have implemented new rates and to have those rates be billable through the Department's computer system.
- Identifying service gaps will be possible through data retrieved from the assessment tool.
- Shelly also informed the group that the Department's Flexible senior services program started on December 1 has been begun to start serving seniors. Robin announced that the Emergency Home Response Service (EHRS) started on October 15 and as of January 1 was serving over 4800 seniors. Of those 4800 participants, approximately 300 are receiving only EHRS services.

### **Nutrition Presentation:**

Betsy Creamer, Janet Ellis, Wilma Schmitz, Kiyeon Yok, Ann Cooper, Debbie Weber and Mike O'Donnell presented information about the Home-Delivered Meal (HDM) and Congregate Meal programs in Illinois and discussed the need for a Nutrition Summit to be held:

- 89% increase in HDM since 1987
- More than \$14 million is needed to meet the unmet need for HDMs
- 32% decrease in congregate meals since 1987
- The new state minimum wage increase will cost nutrition providers approximately \$1.7 million.
- Client contributions represent 22% and local financial support represent
- 21% of the total budget for nutrition services in Illinois Department on Aging
- Increased electrical bills will effect how many clients can contribute to their meals and will cost providers through direct service costs.
- Projected costs to meet the new dietary food guidelines is estimated at 40 cents a meal. These new requirements will also affect rural providers who do not have access to caterers and many caterers do not have dieticians on staff.
- Higher gas prices reduce the number of volunteers whiling to deliver meals.
- Pilot projects in Alton and East St. Louis discussed – Marketing is the key
- Exercise programs, volunteerism and other innovated ideas discussed
- Ideas for the Nutrition Summit were discussed and will be presented to the Department. It was discussed that there is a need for a planning committee for the Summit. We would need the Department's go ahead for this. Robin will check with the Department. Donna stated that AARP is drafting a resolution to require the nutrition summit.

### **Next Steps:**

New members were encouraged to read the annual report from last year (the current years report is being finalized) and to visit the website to read past meeting minutes for the workgroups recommendations. The Web site address is [www.state.il.us/aging/1athome/oasa/committee.htm](http://www.state.il.us/aging/1athome/oasa/committee.htm)

### **Meeting Schedule:**

This committee meets on the third Monday of the month, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the AARP office in Springfield. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, and the topics will be "Housing with Services" with presentations by the Departments of Healthcare and Family Services and Public Health. An overview of the ORS program will also be presented by the Department of Human Services.

Future meeting dates are:

April 16	August 20
May 21	September 17
June 18	October 15
July 16	November 19