



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Services Work Group

Date: August 20, 2007

Attending: Carol Aronson (co-chair), Betsy Creamer, Kelly Cunningham, Frank Daigh, Darcia Ferrari, Donna Ginther (co-chair), Carol Green, Joyce (Lony) Gusewelle, Matt Hartman, Carol Lentz Headley, Marsha Johnson, Myrtle Klauer, John Lackland, Jennifer McDermott, Robin Morgan, Margaret Niederer, Mike O'Donnell, Amy Paschedag, Sally Petrone, Margaret Rudnik, and Karen Schainker.

Guest: Tagore Sunkara, Intern, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Discussion Summary:

- Introduction and approval of the July 16, 2007, minutes
- The chairs facilitated a review of all the changes to the existing recommendations made by the members. New language was developed to include in the committee's report and recommendations were reassigned as directed by the group.
- Voting by members occurred by each members receiving five votes for each long- and short-term recommendations. Members were not allowed to vote on a recommendation more than once. Recommendations were prioritized based on the number of votes received by the members.

Next Steps:

- The July meeting minutes will be posted on the Department's website. The website address is www.state.il.us/aging/1athome/oasa/committee.htm.
- The committee co-chairs will work on rewriting the committee report based on the prioritization of the recommendations as voted on by the committee.
- The committee's report will be presented to the OASAC Executive Committee at their meeting on August 27, 2007, for review and comments. A copy of the submitted report will be submitted to the workgroup upon completion.
- Donna Ginther asked that members begin to think about the topics that they would like to learn about in the upcoming year. They replied:
 - Presentations on the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program,
 - Out-of-pocket expenses associated with nursing facilities and supportive living facilities (personal needs allowances),
 - Treatment of persons with mental illness within nursing facilities and how to best serve them,
 - The State Police Medicaid Fraud Unit and
 - The CCRS study currently being conducted by the Department on Aging.

Meeting Schedule:

This committee meets on the third Monday of the month from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm at the AARP office in Springfield. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17. Future meeting dates are October 15, November 19 and December 17.