



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Services Work Group

Date: September 17, 2007

Attending: Carol Aronson (co-chair), Marianne Brennan, Betsy Creamer, Bill Dart (for Kelly Cunningham), Frank Daigh, Darcia Ferrari, Donna Ginther (co-chair), Joyce (Lony) Gusewelle, Sherry Hamlin, Margaret Hastings, Marsha Johnson, Myrtle Klauer, John Lackland, Jennifer McDermott, Robin Morgan, Margaret Niederer, Mike O'Donnell, Amy Paschedag, Sally Petrone, Tarry Plattner, Margaret Rudnik, Karen Schainker and Debbie Weber.

Discussion Summary:

- Introduction and approval of the August 20, 2007, minutes.
- There was a discussion on possibly canceling the December meeting date.
- Carol Aronson, Co-Chair, facilitated a review of suggestions made by the Executive Committee members and general members at the full OASAC meeting regarding the Services Expansion Workgroup recommendations for FY08. The members discussed the suggestions and made changes where appropriate. Questions arose as to whether or not the workgroup can continue to add its report since the Executive committee has already reviewed and approved it.
- There was a large discussion on the new Long-Term Care Ombudsman legislation and how it will impact the Illinois program. Sally Petrone will supply more up-to-date numbers for inclusion in the report recommendations. New legislation will allow Ombudsmen to advocate for all residents.
- There were discussions about the Services Expansion Workgroup requesting reports or information from other State Agencies, such as having Director Johnson request that IDOT create a transportation report on transportation services for seniors. Mike O'Donnell provided a copy of a transportation survey that we could offer to IDOT as a method for obtaining the information for the report.
- Members discussed the upcoming year's agenda and topics to be covered. At the October meeting, there will be a discussion on new legislation that will impact the long-term care network. State Department heads will be invited to speak about legislation impacting their agencies. Services workgroup members should send requests for specific bills they want discussed to Carol Aronson so she can provide this information to Donna Ginther to include in the agency letters. This will allow agency personnel to be prepared to discuss these bills. Betsy recommended that maybe agencies would need to send more than one person since the legislation is expansive and one person may not know the true impact of all legislation for their agency. Each agency will get half-hour to discuss the legislation and then there will be a discussion on how the Services committee wants to be involved in the forward movement of that legislation.
- In addition to recommendations for presentations, members recommended that we incorporate time throughout the year to develop recommendations and not to wait until July/August to start drafting them. It was suggested that meetings could be structured with morning presentations and afternoon workgroup discussions with the presenters still present to answer questions. Also recommended was that the

presentations reflect more ethnic and gay/lesbian diversity. It was also requested that the presenters be given topic and know in advance what areas we will want to discuss at the presentations so their presentations can be specific to our needs.

- Discussions were held whether to cancel the November and December meetings. After discussing possible presentation topics, the members voted to meet again in November but to cancel the December meeting.
- Also discussed was the fact that the City of Chicago is not adequately reflected in membership on this committee. Membership recruitment was discussed and how we need to get representation from all areas of the state and all programs. It was mentioned that Elder Abuse and Neglect was not represented on this committee.
- Agreed upon presentations included (specific months that presentations will be held will be decided at the October meeting):
 - Medication Management – to be arranged by Mike, Donna, Carol, Margaret R., and Marianne. **This presentation will be held in November.**
 - Healthy Aging/Prevention/Wellness and Fitness – to be arranged by Mike and Karen.
 - Coordination of Services and Medical Care Services – to be arranged by Marianne and Margaret R.
 - Ombudsman – to be arranged by Sally
 - Cultural Competency – to be arranged by Jonathan L. and the group will contact Beth O’Grady of CLESE to see if she can assist Jonathan in organizing the presenters. This topic will include Health Disparities; Discrimination areas and populations; and getting people to use the services.
 - Supportive housing for special populations (MI, DD, Grandparents Raising Grandkids, etc) – no one volunteered to organize this presentation

Next Steps:

- The August meeting minutes will be posted on the Department’s website. The website address is www.state.il.us/aging/1athome/oasa/oasa.htm.
- The committee co-chairs will work on rewriting the committee report based on the discussions at this meeting.
- Members asked the status of Paul Bennett’s inventory. Robin will follow up with Paul and ask him to give a project update at the next meeting.

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 October 15. Future meeting dates are:

- November 19
- December 17 (CANCELED)
- January 21, 2008 (This is a state holiday and may need to be rescheduled)
- February 18, 2008 (This is a state holiday and may need to be rescheduled)
- March 17, 2008
- April 21, 2008