



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Services Work Group

Date: October 15, 2007

Attending: Carol Aronson (Co-Chair), Donna Ginther (Co-Chair), Paul Bennett, Marianne Brennan, Pat Stacy Cohen, Linda Durell (for Kelly Cunningham), Frank Daigh, Jill Daigh, Darcia Ferrari, Joyce Gusewelle, Sherry Hamlin, Matt Hartman, Carol Lentz Headley, Julie Hess, Myrtle Klauer, Jennifer McDermott, Robin Morgan (IDOA staff), Scott Musser, Margaret Niederer, Michael O'Donnell, Mary Patton, Karen Schainker, Dave Vinkler and Debbie Weber.

Guests: Jim Merrill and Shelly Ebbert

Discussion Summary:

- Introduction and approval of the September 17, 2007, minutes.
- There was a discussion on future meeting dates due to upcoming state holidays in January and February. There will be no December meeting, the January meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 28, and the February meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 19.
- There was a discussion on the open enrollment of members which will occur in January. To address the concerns of the members that the City of Chicago is not adequately represented as well as some service providers, members should begin spreading the word that enrollment applications will be going out in January.
- The members discussed the presentation topics that they wished to discuss in future meetings. The members also assigned a month and a member to facilitate the presentations. The presentations will occur as follows:
 - November – Update on Comprehensive Care Coordination and HB652 presented by Shelly Ebbert and Medication Management presented by a panel.
 - January – Service Gaps presented by Paul Bennett (45 min. w/45 min discussion) and Money Follows the Person, Consumer Direction and Enhanced Transition presented by Shelly Ebbert (2 hrs w/30 min discussion)
 - February – Panels on Board and Care (2 hrs w/30 min discussion; to be arranged by Donna, Kelly C, and Sherry) and Criminal Background Checks (1 hr w/30 min discussion; to be arranged by Donna)
 - March – Panels on Self Neglect (1 ½ hrs w/30 min discussion; to be arranged by Matt and Myrtle) and Decisional Capacity (1 ½ hrs w/ 30 min discussion; to be arranged by Matt and Myrtle)
 - April –Coordination of Services (1 and ½ hrs w/30 minutes discussion; to be arranged by Marianne and Margaret) and Healthy Aging (1 hour w/ 30 min. discussion; to be arranged by Marianne and Margaret) and 30 minutes for a budget update (to be arranged by Donna).
 - May – Ombudsman (1 hr w/ 30 min discussion; to be arranged by Sally) and Supportive Housing (1 hr w/30 min discussion; to be arranged by Jennifer N. and Kelly C.) and legislative update (1/2 hr w/ 30 min discussion; to be arranged by Donna)

- June – Cultural Competency (1 hr w/ 30 min discussion; to be arranged by Marianne and Margaret) and Caregiving (1 hr w/30 min discussion; to be arranged by Betsy) and 1 hr to begin working on recommendations.
- There was also discussions that in May there needs to be a legislative update on legislation that mirrors recommendations made by the committee. And also if there is time throughout the year a presentation on Liveable communities would be a good topic to explore.
- Linda Durell (Department of HealthCare and Family Services), standing in for Kelly Cunningham, and Shelly Ebbert (Department on Aging) discussed legislative bills that have passed and how they will impact their agencies. A large discussion was held on the implementation of HB652 and its effects on the aging network. Members are encouraged to look at bills on line at www.ilga.gov for further information.
- Shelly also discussed the Nursing Home Diversion Modernization grant that Illinois received. This grant will explore using non-medicaid funds to expand services to seniors. This grant will be used to fund the DON study recommended by the Services group.
- A discussion was also held on the need to review copays and the Medicaid Recovery process. Clients cannot accept all the services they need due to high copay costs. We need to look at what we allow when figuring copays. Also Medicaid Estate Recovery needs to be discussed. If you are poor and need Medicaid to fund your CCP services the state will take your house through the estate recovery process, but if you are in the middle income range and receiving CCP services you will get to keep your house and state funds will be used to fund your services. It isn't a fair process and it needs to be reviewed.
- Shelly reported that HB570 (Rural Meals bill) was subjected to appropriations but the Department plans to fund a demonstration project on this through the AAAs.
- Donna reported that the bill that would codify Comprehensive Care Coordination is still very much in the plan. It hasn't been signed yet but AARP plans to continue pursuing it. She also reported that HB3508 on the ombudsman database is still in concurrence in the Senate and if it does pass then it will be reintroduced with a new sponsor. Donna also reported that there was an override of the governor's veto for requiring Board and Cares to license and that the CNA registry bill may go away due to the Health Care Worker Registry.
- Members asked Shelly to explain how the lumping of funds into 1 line item works? Shelly reported that restrictions on how much money can be moved around between line items was the main reason for the lumping. Internally, the Department needs to know where each dollar is going and we have reports that show this data. Members pointed out that advocates need to be able to see this information and be able to argue for funding for our programs.
- Members also asked where did the \$28 million cut in the budget come from? Shelly reported that the Director pledged that no services would be cut and no seniors would be denied service.
- Members asked what mechanism does the state have for accounting for spending of state tax dollars? Shelly reported that CCPAC (the Community Care Program Advisory Committee) receives reports on expenditures every meeting.
- Another question asked of Shelly was will advocates be in a position to support a supplement with data? Shelly advised members to watch the website and Shelly would also check with staff at the Department.
- Paul Bennett presented a brief status update on the Inventory project. He stated that so far he has prepared a report on nursing home prescreening and a Money Management report. He conducted 23 focus groups to discuss service gaps. The data is being finalized now by the AAAs and a report should be out soon. Members asked if there is a mechanism for continually updating the inventory. Paul reported that we are not there yet and that the inventory will need ongoing maintenance. Paul stated that it was a hope that it will go into a web-based program of

ESP. Members stated that this should be a recommendation that the Department provide a coordinated web based inventory of services.

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/committee.htm.
- Robin will send out the Enhanced Transition presentation by Marianne and Phyllis that was presented to the OASAC members, and Paul's branding presentation.
- Robin will send out a copy of the final report as submitted to the Department to all members.

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 November 19. Future meeting dates are:

- December 17 (CANCELED)
- January 28, 2008 (This is the fourth Monday of the month due to the State Holiday)
- February 19, 2008 (This is the third Tuesday of the month due to the State Holiday)
- March 17, 2008
- April 21, 2008