



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Services Work Group

Date: March 30, 2009

Attending: Carol Aronson (Co-Chair), Paul Bennett, Eileen Brewer, Jan Cichowlas, Pat Stacy Cohen, Kelly Cunningham, Diane Drew, Rebecca Finer, Mary Pat Frye, Donna Ginther, Joyce Gusewelle, Joseph Hart, Julie Hess, Myrtle Klauer, Phyllis Mitzen, Robin Morgan, (IDOA staff) Nancy Nelson (Co-Chair), Amy Paschedag, Marta Pereyra, Sally Petrone, Terry Plattner, Lori Reimer, Season Young, David Vinkler, Debbie Weber, Stuart Gaines, Kim Anderson, Jennifer Wick, and Barbra Wylie.

Discussion Summary:

- Introductions, welcome to new members and approval of the January meeting minutes.
- New members were given a brief overview of the Services committee and the role that members play. Members were encouraged to attend Advocacy Day for the FY10 Budget.
- Members heard a final presentation on the DON study report by staff from UIC and HMRPG. Representative Feingenholtz and IDOA Deputy Director, Michael Gelder, were able to attend this presentation via video conferencing in Chicago. Consultants with UIC and HMRPG discussed the final report related to the DON study and the recommendations that were made. Data from DORS were just received and will require more time to analyze and incorporate it into the existing data so that we are comparing apples to apples. It was stated that in 1991 DORS cut the lower end of the DON range structure where IDOA cut from both ends. This is where the deviation in service cost maximums started. DORS suspended intake in 1992 and didn't accept anyone into their program that fell into the lower range. The presenters felt that the data they received was overall very good. Presenters recommended that add on services shouldn't take away from the other services. Any recommended add on services should be added outside the service cost maximums. This could still result in a cost savings since if you provide a client with medication management or depression services and their condition improves it might require less traditional care. Also, since many of these services may only be a one time service or no consistently ongoing, it would be difficult to build this into the service cost maximums. A final report will be available soon as required by legislation.
- Tarry Plattner introduced RSVP staff that will be replacing her on the committee and discussed the RSVP program. Tarry described the process of prescreening volunteers to match the volunteers with agencies and explained that they are already connected to the senior network museums, arts, animal services, etc. Tarry encouraged the committee to keep in mind how could the RSVP program play a role in OASAC initiatives? How could volunteers be used to help us achieve our goals? Tarry stated that volunteers are different today than they were 15-20 years ago.

- The members updated the groups on the work of the sub-committee recommendations. The Coordination of Health group passed out a handout for the members to review noting that it was still a work in progress. Julie Hess discussed the Medication Management recommendation. She pointed out that the DON study report reiterated the need for Medication Management for seniors. There are currently 2 pilot projects going on. The medication audit model uses pharmacists to review the drugs and make sure they were all compatible. The community nursing model uses nurses to set up medications correctly, monitoring the correct usage of the medications and make sure there are no side effects from the medications. Members were encouraged to review the report and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting. No report was available from the nutrition sub-committee. This recommendation is specific to funding so we will need to address the economic stimulus plan in this recommendation. Members of the Elder Economic Security Standard recommendation sub-committee announced that California is now moving to the EESS approach for their senior programs. No report from the Caregiver subgroup was given.

Next Steps:

- Robin will be emailing out the new services members listing for 2009.
- The January meeting minutes will be posted on the Department's website. The website address is www.state.il.us/aging/1athome/oasa/wg-se.htm.

Meeting Schedule:

This committee meets on the third Monday of every other month from 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the AARP office in Springfield. The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2009. Future meeting dates are:

- July 20
- September 21
- November 16