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## Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

# Workforce and Caregiver Work Group

Date: April 10, 2006, conference call

Attending: Betsy Creamer, Ryan Gruenenfelder, Martha Holstein, Melissa Kahn, David Lindeman, Robin Morgan, Scott Musser, Brian Schwarberg, Ruth Waeltz and Alicia Weber

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### 1) Status Report of OASAC meetings, report, retreat

Governor's Budget impact on OASAC report still to be determined.

Next Workforce/Caregiver Subcommittee call set for Monday, **May 8, 2006**.

OASAC retreat set for Wednesday, **April 26**.

OASAC meeting dates for 2006 available on the IDoA website.

### 2) Potential Funding Strategies

A draft document listing potential funding requests to conduct pilot projects/ consensus conference was reviewed by the Subcommittee. The purpose of this list is to identify potential funding streams that could help advance the work of the Subcommittee in reaching its 2006 Objectives.

Next Step: The draft document will be submitted to the Department for consideration. If there is any opportunity for moving ahead with any project the Subcommittee will be notified immediately. This document, and/or a status report, will be presented at the OASAC Retreat.

### 3) Status Report from Coordinators on Subcommittee Priority Efforts

#### Workforce Priorities

1) Improve Health Insurance for Workers -- Coordinators: Alicia Weber and Darby Anderson  
Alicia reported that HB 404 passed out of the House but did not pass out of the Senate. Current efforts are focused on maintaining current budget level for benefits in the next fiscal year. The Subcommittee Survey to provider staff to obtain input on potential benefits/beneficiaries from expanded health insurance will be distributed in the near future.

Next Step: The survey will be distributed in the near future. Darby/Alicia will determine the means to distribute the survey. Goal will be to complete the survey by mid-May. Update will be provided for 5/8 call.

2) Priority Training Programs: Career Ladder and Lattice Programs -- Coordinators: Brian Schwarberg, David Lindeman and Melissa Kahn

Workforce training goals have been combined into a single objective. A background document that identifies the array of potential training programs is under revision, with the goal of avoiding duplication.

Next step: The background document will be circulated to the Subcommittee when it is completed; potential next steps will be discussed on the 5/8 call.

## Family Caregiver Priorities

- 1) Improve Respite Funding and Alternative Services -- Coordinators: Martha Holstein and Brian Schwarberg  
Betsy suggested that the data available from the state may be a core part of a benchmarking study. Betsy and Martha noted that \$1.3 million of the Title IIIIE Caregiver Support funding is currently being provided as respite funds, serving 2,600 caregivers as well as supporting caregiver resource centers. Data availability through PSAs is being reviewed. Again, justification for increasing the respite funding level in the state is expected to be supported by the benchmarking study.  
Next step: Data sources are being explored by the Coordinators.
- 2) Caregiver Benchmarking Study -- Coordinators: Brian Schwarberg and Martha Holstein  
Martha and Brian will attend the State Caregiver Advisory Committee on May 10. Martha reported anecdotal data on caregiver experiences. Mechanisms for funding the collection of quantitative statewide data need are being pursued.  
Next steps: The funding request is being submitted to the Department; depending upon the response a contingency plan for data collection may need to be pursued.
- 3) Working Caregiver Meeting -- Coordinators: Brian Schwarberg and Martha Holstein  
Work has commenced to determine private/public stakeholders.  
Next step: Coordinators will develop a list of organizations/groups that should be included as private/public stakeholders and distribute it for the 5/8 call.
- 4) Individualized Caregiver Training -- Coordinators: Brian Schwarberg and Martha Holstein  
Brian has begun a list of Caregiver Training programs.  
Next step: An update of data on representative training programs will be provided at the 5/8 call.

## 4) Next Steps – Proposed Meetings

Please hold the following times on your calendar:

Wednesday, April 26..... **OASAC Retreat**, Springfield

Monday, May 8..... **Subcommittee**, 11a.m. conference call

Monday, June 12..... **OASAC Meeting**, Chicago

**Subcommittee Meeting** (concurrent)

Monday, July 10..... **Subcommittee**, 11a.m. conference call