



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Workforce and Caregiver Work Group

Date: July 10, 2006, conference call

Attending: Darby Anderson, Donna Copeland-Hill, Betsy Creamer, Jaime Hersh-White, Martha Holstein, Peg Keeley, David Lindeman, Robin Morgan, Patricia O'Dea-Evans, Ruth Waeltz and Alicia Weber

1) Status Report of Subcommittee Membership and Schedule

Next Workforce and Caregiver Subcommittee meeting will be held by conference call on Monday, **August 14, 2006** from **11:00am-Noon**.

OASAC meeting dates for 2006 available on the IDoA website.

2) Status Report from Coordinators on Subcommittee Priority Efforts

Workforce Priorities

- 1) Improve Health Insurance for Workers -- Coordinators: Alicia Weber and Darby Anderson
The Subcommittee Survey to obtain input on potential benefits/beneficiaries from expanded health insurance is still being distributed to provider staff. Findings will identify the current status of health insurance for workers for a broad array of providers and associations.
Next Step: Survey data will be analyzed in the near future. Recommendations, including legislative and budget strategies, will be made. An update will be provided at the August meeting.
- 2) Priority Training Programs -- Coordinator: David Lindeman
A proposal that requests support for the development of a summary of potential training programs for work force and family caregivers was reviewed. Recommendations were made regarding edits and potential parties to complete the review.
Next steps: The background document will be revised and submitted to the Department when it is completed. David will report on the response of the Department.

Family Caregiver Priorities

- 1) Caregiver Benchmarking Study -- Coordinator: Martha Holstein
A proposal that requests support for the development of a benchmarking survey of family caregivers in IL was reviewed. Recommendations were made regarding edits and potential parties to complete the survey. Several data sources were recommended for inclusion in the benchmarking data collection process, including data from individual studies as well as anecdotal information. The State Caregiver Advisory Committee will be approached to participate in the design of the survey and to support data collection.

Next steps: The background document will be revised and submitted to the Department when it is completed. David will report on the response of the Department. David and Betsy will contact the State Caregiver Advisory Committee.

2) Working Caregiver Meeting -- Coordinator: Martha Holstein

A proposal that requests support for the development of a Consensus Conference on Working Caregivers was reviewed. Recommendations were made regarding edits and potential parties to participate in the meeting. Martha and HMPRG have developed an initial plan for holding the Working Caregiver Consensus Meeting. It was recommended that the meeting be held in late November or early December, prior to the Governor's Conference on Aging. Help is needed to determine private/public stakeholders who would be invited.

Next steps: The background document will be revised and submitted to the Department when it is completed. David will report on the response of the Department. Organizations/groups that should be included as private/public stakeholders should be submitted to Martha.

3) **Potential Funding Strategies**

The Department is considering funding requests from the Subcommittee that will help advance the work of the Subcommittee in reaching its 2006 Objectives. **The priorities identified by the Subcommittee are 1) conducting a review of workforce and family caregiver training programs, 2) conducting a caregiver benchmarking survey and 3) conducting a Consensus Conference on Working Caregivers.**

4) **Next Steps – Proposed Meetings**

Please hold the following times on your calendar:

Monday, August 14..... **Subcommittee**, 11a.m. conference call

Monday, September 11 ..**OASAC Meeting**, Springfield

Subcommittee meeting (concurrent – please hold 12 noon)

Monday, October 16 **Subcommittee**, 11a.m. conference call (avoiding Columbus Day)