



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Workforce and Caregiver Work Group

Date: August 14, 2006, conference call

Attending: Darby Anderson, Donna Copeland-Hill, Betsy Creamer, Shai Hoffman, Martha Holstein, Peg Keeley, David Lindeman and Alicia Weber

1) Status Report of Subcommittee Membership and Schedule

The Subcommittee welcomes new participants at any time; they will be eligible for formal membership per OASAC guidelines.

Next Workforce/Caregiver Subcommittee meeting will be held by conference call on Monday, **September 11, 2006, from Noon - 1:00 p.m.**

OASAC meeting dates for 2006 available on the IDoA Web site.

2) Status Report from Coordinators on Subcommittee Priority Efforts

- 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 in process. Discussion was held regarding the State budget, Medicaid and employer contributions to health insurance for homecare workers.
Next Step: The survey will be distributed to the Adult Day Care Association and then to other associations. Subsequently, data will be analyzed to identify the current status of health insurance for workers for a broad array of providers and associations. Recommendations, including legislative and budget strategies, will be made. An update will be provided at the September meeting.
- 2) Priority Training Programs -- Coordinator: David Lindeman
The background document that identifies the array of potential training programs will combine workforce and family caregiver training programs. It remains under revision.
Next steps: The background document will be circulated to the Subcommittee as revisions are made.
- 3) Caregiver Benchmarking Study -- Coordinator: Martha Holstein
A proposal that requests support for the development of a benchmarking survey of family caregivers. Additional data sources for inclusion in the benchmarking data collection process, including data from individual studies as well as anecdotal information, are being assembled. Donna Copeland-Hill offered to share the results of her evaluation of the NEIL Caregiver Program when completed. This evaluation may serve as a model for data collection from other regions of the State.

Next steps: Martha and Betsy are planning to meet with the State Caregiver Advisory Committee for input to the benchmarking survey (meeting Aug 30). A funding request to pilot the benchmarking survey is under review by the Department. Donna will circulate her evaluation results.

- 4) Employed Caregivers Working Conference -- Coordinator: Martha Holstein
The initial plan for holding a consensus meeting, Employed Caregivers Working Conference, was circulated. Help is needed to determine private/public stakeholders who would be invited. A recommendation was made to approach the Chicago Caregiver Employee Taskforce and ATT.

Next steps: Martha and David will expand the work plan for conducting the meeting. A funding request is under review by the Department. Recommendations for organizations/groups that should be included as private/public stakeholders should be submitted to Martha.

3) **Next Steps – Proposed Meetings**

Please hold the following times on your calendar:

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

Subcommittee meeting (concurrent – please hold 12 noon)

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