



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Workforce and Caregiver Work Group

Date: April 9, 2007, conference call

Attending: Darby Anderson, Betsy Creamer, Elizabeth Essex, Shai Hoffman, Martha Holstein, Jonathan Lackland, David Lindeman (Chair), Robin Morgan, Naoko Muramatsu, Scott Musser, Karen O'Beirne, Jeremy Schroeder, Sherry Thomas, Tim Thomas, Danette Wade and Ruth Waeltz.

- **2008 Report Schedule** – David reported that the Department has moved up the timeframe for workgroup reports for the next year's OASAC report to August. Workgroups will be asked to report on activity up until August so that the report can be distributed at the Governor's conference in December.
- **Health Insurance Survey** – Darby reported that he sent out the surveys to the identified associations with instructions, but he has not heard anything back from any of them. He will follow up on this. He suggested that the committee begin thinking of other ways to obtain this information. It appears that this proving to be a daunting task for the associations. David will contact some research groups to see if they have any information.
- **HB1728: Health Care Worker Background Checks** – amendment to the current background check law that would require provider agencies to complete fingerprint background checks on all workers instead of just a name based check. Current checks cost approximately \$10 each to complete. The proposed fingerprint scans would require using live scan technology and would cost between \$35-\$40. Scott indicated that this is an AARP initiative and that if members had more questions regarding the bill they should contact Donna Ginther at AARP.
- **Legislation updates** – David will ask at the April 23rd Executive Committee meeting to have the Department's legislative liaison update all OASAC committees on legislation that would be of interest to the workgroups.
- The **benchmarking study** and the **caregiver conference** will be put on hold due to lack of staff time to work on it. Betsy Creamer suggested that the Department's training unit assist with this. She will supply David with the training divisions contact information. Martha reported that she will be providing members with her report on the focus groups she completed. The report will be both descriptive of experiences and also discuss interventions and suggestions. She suggested that her report could be a report the committee uses as a work product.
- **Comprehensive Care Coordination Tool** – Elizabeth Essex stated that she had comments regarding the caregiver addendum on the assessment tool. She will put her suggestions in writing to the Robin for forwarding to the Department staff working on that project.

Next Steps:

- Review our tasks and if you want to volunteer to help move some of them along please let David know.
- Robin will check on the availability of a phone at the June meeting in Chicago to see if the committee can meet at 10 am prior to the full OASAC meeting.

Meeting Schedule:

This committee meets via conference call on the second Monday of the month from 11:00 a.m. - noon.

Future meeting dates are:

- May 14
- June 11 (prior to the full OASAC meeting – time to be announced)
- July 9
- August 13
- September 10 (prior to the full OASAC meeting – time to be announced)
- October, November and December dates are all to be announced due to potential conflicts with holidays.