



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Workforce and Caregiver Work Group

Date: July 14, 2008, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. conference call
Attending: Susan Real (Chair), Darby Anderson (Co-Chair), Frank Daigh, Betsy Essex, Sharon Hamilton, Martha Holstein, Benita Johnson, Darby Morhardt, Naoko Muramatsu, Evelyn Nabors, Marta Pereya, Dan Rappaport, Jeremy Schroeder, Sarah Stein, Jewell Williams, Jisun Yu.
IDoA Staff in attendance: Janice Cichowlas and Barb Schwartz.

Welcome

Last meeting's minutes are missing some details. Please email Susan Real to add or change to the minutes circulated.

ACTION STEP

Please send any changes to the May 12 meeting minutes to Susan Real.

Working Caregiver Conference

IDoA can offer free space at the Governor's Conference for 50 people and include it in the announcement brochure. There is no money from IDoA to support this conference or to provide staffing; Barb Schwartz (IDoA training division) indicated that IDoA will provide assistance with the hotel and conference registration. Employers to be invited would need to be identified. . The IL Respite Coalition meets next week and this topic will be discussed at this meeting as well.

Susan asked who of the original conference planning committee would be willing to continue to work on an intensive for the Governor's Conference on Aging:

Jewell (yes) , Sarah (yes) , Pat (not on call), Donna (not on call) and Wilma (not on call)

The focus of the conference would not be on lifespan respite as discussed at one point; that initiative would be dependent on which state agency the Governor designated to take the lead.) The focus would remain that of working caregiver/employer issues.

ACTION STEP

Susan will set up a conference call with Jewell and Sarah to further discuss the upcoming intensive at the Governor's Conference on Aging.

Limited English Proficiency Project Update, Marta Pereya

Marta will forward (to Jan for distribution to the group) the form she referred to during her presentation. A questionnaire has gone to providers of homemakers and Emergency Home Response Service (over 20 surveys sent) asking about billing issues, how many people workers are serving, how many were family members, difficulties with clients, staffing, supervising, relationships with case management units; how the Coalition of Limited-English Speaking Elderly (CLESE) can be of assistance to them. Regarding Adult Day Service (ADS), there are questions in the survey about developing care plans, transportation issues, issues generally. There are also questions regarding the working relationship with IDoA, etc. The surveys went to CLESE members (ethnic providers who have contracts with IDoA) in the Chicago area.

This survey was prepared before Marta joined CLESE. Marta repeated the same procedure that was done in August 2006. The CLESE website (www.clese.org) has additional information, and Marta will be happy to send a list of CLESE members to Jan for distribution to the group.

ACTION STEP

Marta will send a copy of the survey instrument and the CLESE membership list to Jan for distribution to the committee members. Jan will also include the CLESE website information.

State Budget Update

The house is coming back this week to discuss various revenue issues. The \$1.70 rate increase and the \$1.33 health insurance increase should stand because it was in an appropriation. Jeremy does not think the Senate will return until the Fall. A memo went out from Director Johnson regarding HB4144 on July 3 indicating the money is there for the rate increase and increase for health insurance.

Sarah Stein indicated that the RED TAPE CUTTERS program is fine, as of today. Ombudsman will not receive their additional funding. Frank believed the Ombudsmans increase funding was cut in lieu of the red tape cutters funding continuing. The cuts proposed for CCP had to do with increases that we did not get so the level is the same as last year.

Additional Business

Is the phone conference format working? Would we prefer video conference or face-to-face meetings? Most prefer the phone conference and the fact that it is kept to one hour. Some would like occasional face-to-face/video conference meetings. It was suggested that the group could meet one hour prior to some of the full OASAC meetings, using the Some felt the announcement of the names entering the conference call is too disruptive. Darby recommends attendance at the beginning and ending of the call only.

ACTION STEP

Jan will eliminate the automated announcement of who is on future calls.

The next OASAC meeting is September 8, 2008. We could start the workgroup meeting at 10 a.m. at the video conference meeting rooms. It was suggested that the members of the committee be surveyed about their preferences as to meeting format.

ACTION STEP

Jan will check with Leann about the possibility of having a video conference meeting of this workgroup one hour prior to upcoming OASAC full committee meetings. Susan to survey the members about meeting format issues.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is August 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.