

COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL (CCPAC) MEETING

June 13, 2023

10:00 AM – 12:19 PM

Advisory Committee Members in Attendance

Theresa Collins, CCPAC Co-Chair, Senior Services Plus, Inc, IACCPHP; Laura Altenbaumer, Active Day; Sherry Barter-Hamlin, Voyager Senior Living; Mary Callahan, American Medical Alert; Chloe Compton, IACCPHP; Cary Crawford, Addus; Kim Evans, Help at Home; Aaron Fortenbacher, Healthcom/VRI; Ella Grays, Accent Care; Shana Holmes, Southeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc.; LaShun James, Addus Homecare Chicago; Richard Juarez, Solutions for Care; Brycie Kochuyt, Alternatives; John Magee, ADT; Dary Mien, Chinese Mutual Aid Association; Marta Pereyra, CLESE; Tammy Tenton, Premier Home Health Care Services, Inc; Peter Valessares, Hellenic Foundation; and Greg Will, SEIU (Proxy for Jackie Rodriguez).

Nineteen (19) in attendance as verified via sign-in rosters.

Advisory Committee Members Not Present

Natasha Belli, DuPage County Community Services; *Megan Conway, Hanover Township Dept of Aging Services; Yolanda Curry, Chicago Dept of Family & Support Services; Lori Elliott, Williamson County Programs on Aging; Megan Gallegos, Healthcom/VRI; Stephanie Garrigan, Lifeline; Joanne Glenn, Comprehensive Quality Care Inc. Foundation; Lori Hendren, AARP Illinois; *Yvette Holcomb, AccentCare, Inc; *Winnie Lam, Chinese American Service League; Yvette Lyles, Pathway to Living; *Amy Nathan, Northshore Senior Center; **Jackie Rodriguez, SEIU; Grace Schonberg, Lawndale Christian Health Center; *Robert Spaulding, Healthcare Plus Senior Care; Katharine Wright, VRI.

Fifteen (15) advisory council members absent.

*Absence (5) was communicated prior to meeting to beth.a.skeeters@illinois.gov.

** Absence (1) was communicated prior to meeting and identified a proxy representative.

Guests in Attendance

Willie Gunther (IATP), Ivan Colorato, Awilda Gonzalez, Jessica Moxey, Kofi Jones, Teresa Smith, Linda Hubbartt, Pam Jones, Suzanne Kinsey, Wilson Yonan, Topaz Gunderson-Schweska, Lisa Kracht, Kendra Corzine, Mike Snell, Quinn White, and Lisa Miller.

HFS Staff in Attendance

Robin Morgan.

IDoA Staff in Attendance

Paula Basta, Director; Becky Dragoo, Deputy Director and CCPAC Co-Chair; Selma D'Souza, Mike Berkes, John Eckert, Kimberly Flesch, Mary Gilman, Iris Schweier, Sandy Leith, Lisa Zuurbier, Sandra Pastore, Chelsey Peters, Brian Pastor, Glenda Corbett, Gloria Simmons, Jennifer Hebel, Kelly Rice, Joe Danner, and Beth Skeeters.

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order

CCPAC Co-Chair, Theresa Collins officially called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M. and with the assistance of an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, Theresa Collins asked the group if there was anyone in attendance who would like accommodations via interpreter. No responses for the ASL interpreters were expressed.

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome remarks from IDoA Director Paula Basta, IDoA Deputy Director and CCPAC Co-Chair Becky Dragoo, and CCPAC Co-Chair, Theresa Collins.

CCPAC Member Roll Call

CCPAC Co-Chair, Theresa Collins began introductions and requested those in attendance to follow-up with an attendance email to beth.a.skeeters@illinois.gov. Individual introductions included the following: CCPAC members, IDoA staff and guests. Sign-in rosters were available upon entry and were passed around the room.

April 11, 2023, CCPAC Annual Meeting Minutes – Theresa Collins, CCPAC Co-Chair

A motion to approve the April 11th minutes was provided by Dary Mein and seconded by LaShun James. Floor was opened for comments, corrections, or discussion. Correction was identified for page 3, line 3 to change the word “No comments. The motion carried with no objections and minutes were approved.

Public Comments – Theresa Collins, CCPAC Co-Chair

The invitation for public comments was opened. No public comments or questions.

Legislative Updates – Gloria Simmons, IDoA Legislative Liaison

HB 2858, IDoA Agency Initiative, Aging Suspicious Deaths:

Any person who reports abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect of an eligible adult may report this suspicion or information about the suspicious death of an eligible adult to an agency designated to receive such reports. Defines “Abuse”. “Abuser and expands mandated reporter to include investment advisor.

Amends the Adult Protective Services Act. Provides that any person may report information about the suspicious death of an eligible adult to an agency designated to receive such reports or to the Department on Aging. Provides that if a mandated reporter has reason to believe that the death of an eligible adult is the result of abuse or neglect, the matter shall be reported to the agency designated to receive such reports or to the Department for subsequent referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency and coroner or medical examiner. Prohibits employers from discriminating against any employee who makes a good faith oral or written report concerning information about the suspicious death of an eligible adult. Contains provisions concerning the required testimony of a mandated reporter at an administrative hearing concerning the suspicious death of an eligible adult; the referral of evidence to the appropriate law enforcement agency; access to records concerning reports of suspicious deaths due to abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect; and other matters. Makes changes to the definitions of "abuse", "abuser", "mandated reporter", and "provider agency". Defines "Investment advisor".

Amends the Adult Protective Services Act to have a consistent interpretation of the **definition of an Abuser**. Updating the definition of an Abuser will allow for a compatible programmatic approach, regardless of where an alleged victim resides. This clarification will assure that APS jurisdiction does not cross over to others such as the Attorney General’s Office, Illinois Department of Public Health, Law Enforcement, and/or Code Enforcement. Further, this clarification will help determine what entity is responsible for addressing different instances of fraud, abuse or other criminal acts against older adults and adults with disabilities.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Initiatives, Access to Records:

Gives the Long-Term Care Ombudsman the authority to not only inspect but obtain copies of resident’s records in long-term facilities. It has been the practice for facilities to provide records upon request of an Ombudsman when they have the consent of the resident or resident representative, there have been situations in which a long-term care facility staff questioned the authority of the ombudsman to request a copy of the record even though the resident has given consent. This change would provide clarification.

Modification of Mandated Reporter:

Aligns State with Federal regulations clarifying that the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman office, its representative and volunteers cannot be mandated reporters per federal regulations. Section 1324.11 (3)(iv) The change does not affect the ability of an Ombudsman from making an abuse referral when consent is provided by a resident or a resident representative.

Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP) – Willie Gunther,

Explore how assistive technology can help bridge the gap between ability and disability. See and try a selection of assistive technology, with options for all disabilities. Ask questions and discuss recommendations to find the most

appropriate technology for your abilities and needs. The Illinois Assistive Technology Program provides services and support to individuals with disabilities and their families so they can lead fuller lives at work, home, school, and play. Their team of technology specialists will offer free hands-on demonstrations of technology and tools throughout the show. From low-tech tips to advice about sophisticated software, we can help you find solutions.

IATP, 701 North Walnut Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., 1-800-852-5110 or 217-522-7985. Following the meeting the slides were emailed to all participants.

Illinois Assistive Technology Program website: <https://iltech.org/>

2023 Abilities Expo information and registration link: <https://www.abilities.com/chicago/vregister.html>

Following the meeting the slide presentations were emailed to participants.

DEI Initiatives & State Plan – Glenda Corbett, IDoA Special Assistant to the Director on Community Engagement and Equity

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) slides were presented by Glenda Corbett.

State Plan: <https://ilaging.illinois.gov/resources/newspublicationsandreports/stateplanonaging.html>

Following the meeting the slide presentations were emailed to participants.

Medicaid Asset Increase & Mandatory Medicaid Policy – Mike Berkes, IDoA Planning, Research, Development & Training.

Department recognized the challenges associated with unwinding considering the shift in Medicaid asset threshold to \$17,500 and assisting the CCP caseload to apply for Medicaid. Updated Mandatory Medicaid policy was shared to the Aging network when the PHE ended, and asset changes became effective. Department is working closely with subject matter experts at HFS to field questions coming from the Aging network.

Aging will schedule joint call on 8/4 with HFS to discuss Medicaid eligibility and Medicaid Estate recovery with Aging network partners. Aging is committed to clarify within the Medicaid policy should these ongoing discussions identify ways to strengthen. Aging's ongoing communication with HFS will result in sharing of resources to assist the network. Aging will continue to communicate with network partners sharing any questions/comments as necessary to HFS.

In addition, the importance of strong CCU and provider communication/collaboration was raised up. Aging will schedule a joint call with the CCU and CCP providers to highlight roles and work through any potential barriers as the unwinding efforts resume; PHE, Medicaid eligibility, CCP eligibility and Appendix K.

Homelessness –Sandra Pastor, IDoA Division Manager of Home and Community Services

The presentation on Older Adults: Homelessness, at risk of homelessness and IDoA resources, was presented by Sandra Pastor. Following the meeting the slide presentations were emailed to participants.

CCPAC By Laws – Becky Dragoo, IDoA Deputy Director and CCPAC Co-Chair

The CCPAC By Laws are in serious need of revision. There has been no interest shown by membership to work on a committee to revise the by-laws. IDoA will propose some changes and get back to the Advisory Council.

Training Subcommittee Update – Mike Berkes, IDoA Planning, Research, Development & Training

The CCPAC Training Subcommittee met on May 17 and June 8. The Subcommittee:

- Recapped past work of the previous Training Subcommittee
- Reviewed administrative rules pertaining to training of home care aides under CCP, DORS and IDPH
- Discussed training lessons learned during PHE/COVID
- Discussed training needs and considered training models, styles, modalities, and flexibilities
- Received information on the SEIU Hellen Miller Member Education & Training Center's work to provide training to DORS IPs
- Will meet again in July to continue high level conversations and start narrowing down focus areas. Date TBD.

Adjournment – Theresa Collins, CCPAC Co-Chair

Motion to adjourn was provided by committee member Cary Crawford and seconded by committee member Mary Callahan. The motion carried with no objections. Meeting adjourned at 12:19 P.M.

Next meeting: August 8, 2023, In-person at Hanover Township Senior Services, 240 Illinois Rte. 59, Bartlett, IL