



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

**Older Adult Services Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Meeting**

Date: October 21, 2019 **(Approved January 13, 2020)**

Locations: Illinois Department on Aging offices:

- 160 N LaSalle, Suite N-700, Chicago;
- One Natural Resources Way, Springfield; and
- Conference call

In Attendance:

OASAC Executive Committee Members:

Lora McCurdy, Department on Aging
Amy Brown, CRIS Healthy Aging Center
Linda Hubbardt, Senior Services of Effingham County
Mike Koronkowski, UIC College of Pharmacy
Gustavo Saberbein, Help at Home/Oxford HealthCare
Susan Real, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Teva Shirley, Southwestern Illinois Visiting Nurse Association
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, Catholic Charities

Department Representatives:

Kelly Cunningham, HFS

Department on Aging staff:

Selma D 'Souza, John Eckert and Sophia Gonzalez

Absent:

OASAC Executive Committee Members:

Paul Bennett, AgeOptions
Phyllis Mitzen, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group

Department Representatives:

Debra Bryars, Department of Public Health
Megan Spitz, Illinois Housing Development Authority
Lyle VanDeventer, DHS, Division of Rehabilitation Services

Introductions; call to order, and approval of July 15, 2019 minutes:

Lora McCurdy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members and staff introduced themselves from Springfield, Chicago and on the phone. John Eckert asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. Gustavo Saberbein made the motion; Teva Shirley seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Eckert asked for a motion to approve the July 15, 2019 minutes. Mike Koronkowski made the motion to approve the

minutes; Linda Hubbartt seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections noted and will be posted on the Department website.

Review and approve OASAC 2020 Meeting Dates:

Members were asked to review the 2020 OASAC Meeting Schedule. A motion to approve the minutes was requested. Gustavo Saberbein made the motion to approve the schedule; Linda Hubbart seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Update on 2 Year OASAC Report to the GA:

John Eckert shared that work on the 2 Year OASAC Report to the GA continues, information from HFS, IHDA and Colbert has been received. It is anticipated that the final report will be shared for review during the November full OASAC meeting.

State Plan Focus Areas & Inter-Council/Committee Workgroup:

Lora McCurdy shared that the Department has created an Inter-Council/Committee workgroup to help with the creation of the Focus Areas for the 3-year State Plan on Aging, an ACL federal requirement. The Department gathered feedback during the first meeting last week. There are two representatives from OASAC in this workgroup, Susan Real and Phyllis Mitzen. Susan Real shared that the meeting was very helpful and appreciated the opportunity to join. She shared that there was a long list of priorities discussed.

Update on Workforce Stabilization Work Group:

Gustavo Saberbein shared that the work group has continued to meet to discuss the HCA/Caregiver Survey and following up with SEIU. Discussion regarding the next steps with the CCU Survey recommendations continue including why Care Coordinators leave and the possibility of partnering with other entities to offer training and academic hours. The workgroup has also discussed whether these surveys should be completed every year, as it is evident that the CCUs are struggling to retain workers. One of the workgroup members shared that former Department Director, Dr. John Holton has developed a curriculum to engage high school students in the Human Service field and recognize it as a possible career. Saberbein shared that Help at Home has options of Caregiver levels I, II, and III and it seems to be working well, they have had great retention. The workgroup will meet again in early November. Meghan Thornton from the Department and Phyllis Mitzen met and discussed the need to re-focus. Amy Brown shared that some of her staff that have recently graduated have been taken back by where Aging is with technology, for example signature requirements. Linda Hubbart shared that she is looking forward to the use of IPADS. Susan Real stated that the overarching administrative rules need to be updated regarding documentation and signatures. Lora McCurdy shared that the new PCP Waiver regulations have new requirements on who signs the plan of care and that other Waiver providers are now required to sign. She shared that Department staff have been working with the CCU Workgroup on logistics on how to get everyone's signatures on the PCPOC and how the participant will be given the signed copy. Hubbartt stated that the Department should look at how the DD population gets signatures from the individual and the representative payees, they have the same Waiver rules. McCurdy shared that the Department will continue to work on how the signatures will be obtained and ensure that the final signed copy is shared with the participant.

Review/approve Agenda for November 18, 2019 full OASAC Meeting:

Members were asked everyone to look at the November full OASAC Agenda and Amy Brown was asked to provide information on her upcoming presentation. Brown shared that she will be presenting with Dr. Wendy Rogers on the tools that the AAA has chosen to use to reduce Social Isolation; the use of smart speakers, congregate facilities, smart purchases and building on skills. Brown shared that the second step would be to teach older adults to talk among themselves. She also added that they will be working with Carle Hospital, as an additional partner. Susan Real shared that they are also looking into Medication Management reminders. It was also noted that Melanie Kluzek from the Department will be presenting on the results of a nutrition study with the AAA's and the nutrition providers. John Eckert asked for a motion to approve the November agenda. Susan Real made a motion to approve the agenda; Linda Hubbartt seconded. All were in favor.

Other Issues & Announcements:

Selma D'Souza, Chief of Staff shared that the AAA's will receive federal dollars for census outreach and education to encourage older adults to complete the census. AgeOptions will be the lead for this initiative and the Department will also be working with DHS. Gustavo Saberbein shared that Help at Home will be expanding to provide Adult Day Services and will be opening 5 or 6 training centers in 2020. He additionally shared that they would like to open more ADS' in Illinois, with the understanding that there is a need. Lora McCurdy responded that she would be happy to talk to Saberbein because the State has had 25 ADS facilities close over the last 4 years and that there are many areas of the State without ADS sites for older adults to access.

Motion to Adjourn:

John Eckert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gustavo Saberbein made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Linda Hubbartt seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 2:37 p.m.