



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: October 17, 2016 (Approved January 9, 2017)

Locations: Illinois Department on Aging offices:

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

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members:

Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Terri Harkin, SEIU HealthCare
Phyllis Mitzen, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, Catholic Charities

Department Representatives:

Jean Bohnhoff, Department on Aging
Kelly Cunningham, Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Megan Spitz, Illinois Housing Development Authority

Department on Aging staff:

John Eckert
Sophia Gonzalez
Lora McCurdy

Guest:

Renaé Alvarez, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group

Absent:

Executive Committee Members:

Samantha Olds Frey, Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans
Susan Real, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging

Department Representatives:

Debra Bryars, Department of Public Health
Lyle VanDeventer, Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services

Introductions, call to order and approval of July 18, 2016 minutes:

Director Jean Bohnhoff welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members introduced themselves from Springfield, Chicago and on the phone. John Eckert asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. Cathy Weightman-Moore made a motion; Carol Aronson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Eckert asked for a motion to approve the July 18, 2016 minutes. Phyllis Mitzen made a motion to approve the minutes; Cathy Weightman-Moore seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously without any corrections and will be posted on the Department website.

Discuss Membership Vacancies and Renewals:

Sophia Gonzalez provided an update on the 2016 Membership renewals due in December, current vacancies and upcoming 2017 vacancies and potential representatives that the Department has been looking at. There was a brief discussion on low membership attendance.

2017 OASAC Report to the General Assembly:

Eckert shared that he will be working on the 2017 OASAC Report to the General Assembly and shared the draft Table of Contents. He shared that information on the topics covered last year will be updated. In addition, topics on other activities that are currently being worked on will be added. A section on Housing Initiatives will be added to the Report this year that will include information on subsidized housing. A Bridge Model/Nursing Home Deflection section will also be added that will include information on Choices for Care issues. Kelly Cunningham and MCO staff will help update the MCO section on the 2017 OASAC Report. Director Bohnhoff shared that there is a new Fraud Task Force in place that will look at all of the State programs internally and externally for fraud. Eckert asked if there was anything that needed to be added to the draft table of contents. He shared that the draft will be worked on for the next 4-5 weeks.

Update on Lewin Deflection Pilot & Choices for Care study:

Eckert shared that the Lewin Group will be providing a presentation on the Choices for Care Evaluation and the Nursing Home Deflection Pilot for the FULL OASAC Meeting in November. The Lewin Group has provided the Department with a Draft Report. In July a Nursing Home Deflection Report was completed on the synopsis of enrollment information for the participants enrolled in the Demo sited through spring. Environmental Modification and Assisted Technology were the most common services provided under NH Deflection. A total of 5,600 participants were engaged in this program. The findings in the final report show that 2/3 of the participants were able to maintain existing housing and 97% of the participants reported a satisfaction level with the program. The Report shows that these participants were contacted within the initial 30 days of hospitalization which allowed the Care Coordinator (CC) to be able to solve complex cases and pull together resources. Overall, the CC's learned from the Nursing Home Deflection Pilot learned how to communicate with medical providers and coordinated together and found it rewarding to be part of a team.

Eckert shared that the Choices for Care Study was a Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) funded initiative. Eckert provided an overview of the questions that the study addressed. Eckert shared some of the findings that included: a) brand Choices for Care b) need for adequate notice by hospital discharge planner to CCU for prescreening c) a standardized procedure to submit documentation to NH d) a consistent statewide training for all entities involved e) formal guidance for the under 60 population with mental health need f) a searchable database and g) address concerns for OBRA Level 2 completion. Eckert also shared recommendations received from the study that included separating the reimbursement requirement, focusing on short-term NH placements, development of policies and programs, and offering Choices for Care as an option to NWD. The Lewin group will be providing a presentation to the Full OASAC group in November.

Review/Approve Agenda for November 14, 2016 Full OASAC meeting:

John Eckert asked for a motion to approve the full OASAC meeting agenda for November 14, 2016. Cathy Weightman-Moore made a motion to approve the agenda. Kelly Cunningham seconded. All were in favor. The Agenda was approved.

Other Issues & Announcements:

Carol Aronson announced that there is a HERSA Meeting coming up regarding the Geriatric Workforce training modules that include a Caregiver and Older Adult Track. Aronson shared that these trainings are available for free and that more training will be developed. Eckert announced that the Department's new CFO Anna O'Connell will be providing a budget update during the November Full Meeting and Deputy Director Jennifer Reif will be providing a CRP update.

Motion to Adjourn

Eckert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Carol Aronson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kelly Cunningham seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.