



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Executive Committee Meeting

Date: July 20, 2015 (Approved October 19, 2015)

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, Case Management, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Phyllis Mitzen, Citizen member over age 60, HMPRG
Susan Real, Family Caregiver, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, Catholic Charities

Department Representatives:

Kelly Cunningham, Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Guest:

Sharon Post, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group

Department on Aging staff:

Mary Mayes
John Eckert

Absent:

Executive Committee Members:

Darby Anderson, Community Care Program Homemaker Services, Addus HealthCare
Myrtle Klauer, Illinois Council on Long-Term Care
Samantha Olds Frey, Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans

Department Representatives:

Debra Bryars, Department of Public Health
Linda Gonulsen, Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services
Jennifer Reif, Department on Aging
Megan Spitz, Illinois Housing Development Authority

Introductions and approval of April 20, 2015 minutes:

Members introduced themselves from Chicago, Springfield and the phone. Susan Real made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2015 Executive Committee meeting; Cathy Weightman-Moore seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted on the Department website.

Discussion on Balancing Incentive Program initiatives:

Members and state agency staff discussed the development of the Level I of the Universal Assessment Tool (UAT) which will eventually replace the current comprehensive assessment tool. A pilot will be conducted with select CCUs representing various regions of the state and size of the CCU. In addition to the UAT, care coordinators will be doing the comprehensive assessment as well. Eventually the UAT will be completed by individuals and their families at a soon-to-be-launched BIP website; as well as being completed by staff at the BIP HelpLine, or “No Wrong Door” agencies. Once the Level I is completed— based on the answers provided on needs and wants— the referral would be forwarded to the most appropriate state agency to work on the more comprehensive Level II screen. There was a question regarding the difference between what the BIP HelpLine will do versus what the Senior HelpLine currently does. It was agreed that Elizabeth Delheimer be invited to a future OASAC meeting to discuss the similarities and differences. The Nursing Home Deflection Project was also discussed. It was noted that the Lewin Group (IDoA consultant to the project) had completed its first report of activities to date. Betsy Creamer will be invited to attend the next OASAC to review the report and further discuss the project.

Status of Aging Waiver renewal:

Revisions to the Aging Waiver were discussed. They have been posted for comment through June 18th. Comments will be reviewed and compiled for response. The revisions were prepared in collaboration with HFS. There was discussion on the negative implications statewide of having the DON score raised to 37 will have on a significant number of seniors and people with disabilities. This will also be an agenda item for the August OASAC meeting.

Medicaid Managed Care & MLTSS – CMS Proposed Regulations:

There was a discussion on the role of OASAC as it relates to the managed care initiatives currently going on in the state. The federal register issued proposed rules on Medicaid Managed Care on June 1, 2015. It seeks to align LTSS waiver services with MLTSS services and the Affordable Care Act. Comments are due by July 27, 2015. A copy of the proposed rules has been shared with OASAC members. It was noted that Sylvia Riperton-Lewis from HFS would be providing a review of federal CMS HCBS performance measures applied to the Integrated Care Program (ICP) at the August meeting.

OASAC Priorities/Concepts Discussion:

The members reviewed the May 9th draft of OASAC priorities/concepts. It was determined that several areas did not fall under the mandated purview of OASAC and its role on rebalancing (i.e.; outcome of the White House conference on Aging, changes to APS and the ombudsman program); and that others should be consolidated under other headings. It was agreed that further discussion is required to align the priorities with the OASAC legislated mandate.

Review/Approve Agenda for August 24th full OASAC:

Members reviewed the draft agenda for the August 24th meeting. It was suggested the Jaime Freschi, the new State Ombudsman be asked to speak on the new MCO and community-based Ombudsman initiatives at the meeting. Staff agreed to confirm her availability. With this addition, Phyllis Mitzen moved to approve the agenda as revised, Carol Aronson seconded to motion. All members voted to approve.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.