



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: October 19, 2015 (Approved January 11, 2016)

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:

Linda Gonulsen, Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services
Megan Spitz, Illinois Housing Development Authority

Department on Aging staff:

Lora McCurdy
John Eckert
Sophia Gonzalez

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
Kristine A Smith, Department on Aging
Kelly Cunningham, Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Introductions and approval of July 20, 2015 minutes:

Members introduced themselves from Springfield, Chicago and on the phone. John Eckert informed the members that Acting Director Kris Smith was unable to attend and that Lora McCurdy may be joining the meeting late. Phyllis Mitzen made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2015 Executive Committee meeting; Susan Real seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted on the Department website.

Membership Term Discussion:

Members were informed that the Department on Aging (Department) has been reviewing the language in the Operations Manual in relation to the number of terms being served by members on this advisory committee. The Department found that there are no specifications as to how many terms can be served by OASAC members. Several members have been serving since the formation of OASAC and the Department would like to offer an opportunity for new representatives to serve on this advisory committee. Amended language is being prepared to change the language on the Operations Manual to specify that going forward. It will state that an OASAC member should not serve more than 3 (3 year) terms. There are currently 11 membership terms that will expire on December 31, 2015. Prior to making formal amendments to the Operation Manual on a 3-term maximum, the Department will be reaching out to the 11 members due for a renewal to inquire on their willingness to continue to serve another term, regardless of the number of terms they might have served. Additionally, the Department asked members for recommendations to fill the one vacancy left by John Becker who has resigned as a representative of a *Senior Center Association*. Members will be notified of any additional vacancies that become available during the November 16th Full OASAC meeting. A follow up email will be sent from the Department to all OASAC members regarding this change.

OASAC Priorities/Concepts Discussion:

Members were asked to review the drafted OASAC priorities/concepts update on August 8, 2015 and to inform the Department if any additions were needed. Members were informed that this document will be used as a template for this year's OASAC Report to the General Assembly. Members advised that it would be important to add an Impediments section to the OASAC report. It was also noted by members that the topics on the OASAC priorities/concepts document reflected the priorities that OASAC was working on last year 2014 and not OASAC's current work. Another member shared that this document appeared to be "a good Department report" on the initiatives that the State Departments have been working on, but it did not allow for involvement of OASAC members.

The OASAC Executive members discussed the following concerns which included: (1) a lack of representation from the Governor's office this year despite several requests from the group to have someone attend an OASAC meeting to inform/direct the group to the new Administrations' vision; (2) a lack of members having the opportunity to provide feedback this year at both Executive and Full meetings; and (3) not having an Department Director in place (instead of having an Acting Director). The Department responded that attempts have been made to reach out to the new administration. After obtaining the consent from the members, John Eckert agreed to notify Department Administration about the concerns discussed by the members.

A member asked the Department if the listed initiatives on the document were still ongoing and moving forward. The response was yes, all of the initiatives are moving forward and updates will be provided during the Full OASAC meeting on November 16th.

Review/Approve Agenda for August 24th full OASAC meeting:

Members reviewed the draft agenda for the November 16th meeting. Members expressed concern because the agenda was full (too many items to be covered in 2 hours). Members were concerned about the available time for questions from members. The members discussed several changes to the agenda to allow time for all of the items on the agenda to be presented and have time for questions/discussion. As a result, the Department will reach out to the presenters to possibly obtain written information on the topic being presented prior to the meeting and will be sending this information out to members before the meeting. In addition, the Department will set a time frame for each presenter. With these changes, Cathy Weightman-

Moore moved to approve the agenda as revised, Carol Aronson seconded to motion. All members voted to approve.

Other Discussion:

A member raised a concern regarding information received that an MCO (1 out of 2 in the area) will no longer be providing services. The concern was regarding both not receiving this information from HFS in advance and regarding the participants limited choice in this area. It was clarified that the clients are receiving notification from the MCO and a new MCO will be added to that service area to ensure client choice.

Another member expressed concern of the overlap between advisory groups (OASAC and the Community Care Program Advisory Council (CCPAC)). A member who is also involved in CCPAC clarified that each advisory group has different goals.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.