



## Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: August 19, 2019 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Approved November 18, 2019)**

### **Locations:**

Illinois Department on Aging, 160 N. LaSalle St., 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Chicago  
Illinois Department on Aging, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### **OASAC Committee Members**

Lora McCurdy (for Director Basta) – Department on Aging  
Paul Bennett – AgeOptions  
Amy S. Brown – CRIS Healthy Aging Center  
Carrie Chapman (for Meghan Carter) – Legal Council for Health Justice  
Elizabeth Cagan (for Cindy Cunningham) – Illinois Adult Day Services Association  
Kelly Fischer – Journey Care Hospice  
Topaz Gunderson-Schweska – Molina Healthcare of Illinois  
Jacqueline Rodriguez – SEIU HealthCare – Illinois and Indiana  
Lori Hendren – AARP Illinois  
Linda Hubbartt – Effingham City-County Committee on Aging  
Phyllis Mitzen – Health and Medicine Policy Research Group  
Mari Money (for Christopher B. Meister) — Illinois Finance Authority  
David Olsen – Alzheimer Association Illinois Chapter  
Sandra Pastore – Oswego Senior Center  
Susan Real – East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging  
Gustavo Saberbein – Help at Home LLC  
Teva Shirley – Southwestern Illinois Visiting Nurse Association  
Jason Speaks – Leading Age IL  
Cathy Weightman-Moore – Catholic Charities LTC Ombudsman Program

#### **Ex-officio Committee Members:**

Bonnie Hartman-Walter (for Kelly Cunningham) – Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Gwen Diehl – Department of Veterans Affairs  
Kelly Richards – State Long Term Care Ombudsman  
Melinda Koenig (for Megan Spitz) – Illinois Housing Development Authority  
Lyle VanDeventer – Department of Human Services

#### **Department on Aging staff:**

Mike Berkes, Sue DeBoer, Selma D’Souza, John Eckert, Sophia Gonzalez, Jose Jimenez, Jason Jordan, and Anna O’Connell

### **NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### **OASAC Committee Members**

Sherry Barter Hamlin – The Voyage Senior Living  
Bill Bell – Illinois Health Care Association  
Theresa Collins – Senior Services Plus Inc.  
Dr. Thomas Cornwell – HomeCare Physicians  
Susan Hughes – UIC Community Health Sciences School of Public Health  
Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy

John Larsen – Cantata Adult Life Services  
Dave Lowitzki – Lowitzki Consulting  
Sharon Manning – Family Caregiver  
Sara Ratcliffe – Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council  
Ancy Zacharia – Home Care Physicians

**Ex-officio – OASAC Committee Members not in attendance:**

Debra Bryars– Department of Public Health

**Welcome & Introductions:**

Deputy Director Lora McCurdy welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed everyone that Director Basta was unable to join the meeting because she is attending an annual IACCPHP meeting in Naperville. All members, guests and IDoA staff introduced themselves.

**Call to Order:**

John Eckert asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. Susan Real made the motion and Paul Bennett seconded. All members voted in favor.

**Approve minutes of Full OASAC May 20, 2019 Meeting:**

John Eckert asked for a motion to review and approve the minutes from May 20, 2019 meeting. David Olsen made the motion and Cathy Weightman-Moore seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by members with no additions or corrections. The minutes will be posted on the Department website.

**Overview of Alzheimer’s Association Illinois Chapter: Resources, Initiatives & More:**

David Olsen provided an overview of the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter resources and initiatives. He discussed that Dementia is the umbrella term used to describe a range of symptoms associated with cognitive development. He shared who is impacted by Alzheimer’s and statistics on the number of individuals living with Alzheimer’s. Olsen additionally noted that their mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through advancement in research, to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. The Illinois Chapter offers care and support, research and advocacy. As the Director of State Affairs, David promotes policies that help the people and their families that live with the disease. He also shared that they are fighting to create a dementia-capable state (**PPT attached**).

Paul Bennett asked about supporting housing alternatives available and shared that AgeOptions was involved in the Colbert Consent decree and many Colbert members have Alzheimer’s. David Olsen stated that options like CCP support living outside the NF, but funding is always a challenge. Deputy Director McCurdy asked Olsen about SB 1726 that created Dementia Coordination to promote access to services across the State and was funded by statute. It also ensures implementation of an Alzheimer’s State Plan and includes multiple agencies. Jose Jimenez stated that the Older Americans Act participated in several related grants, including Caregiver Support programs and gap filling funds to support caregivers. Bennett mentioned Memory Café’s. Elizabeth Cagan mentioned safety tracking devices. It was asked if it was possible for the Department to provide a breakdown of how many people have some type of Dementia. Jimenez responded that one year from now the Department will have more data in this area. Deputy Director McCurdy added that it would be great to share this information with CCUs and providers so that they know what is available. Bennett additionally noted that research on living status and support and how they are managing at home without support is needed. Susan Real asked if this information is currently collected during an CCP comprehensive assessment. Deputy Director McCurdy responded that the comprehensive assessment does not collect this information specifically related to Alzheimer’s and dementia, but cognitive areas are identified and addressed following the MMSE (mini medical status exam). She also shared that Senator Villivalam has been interested on what programs are available for individuals under age 60 who have early onset dementia. Linda Hubbart asked about activity centers at Senior Centers. Jose Jimenez shared that a grant is being finalized that will collect information and we will have a lot more data in the future because each of the AAA’s offer different programs. A brochure will be created and may be shared during the November meeting. Phyllis Mitzen asked how the MCOs fit into this. Jose Jimenez stated that the data collection includes tracking how many are under an MCO. Deputy Director McCurdy shared that there was a meeting at the Lawndale Adult Day Service site and all the MCOs were represented to ensure that they are aware

of all services and supports available. Another meeting is scheduled for September for MCOs to learn about all services, including home delivered meals (HDM) and non CCP services. The Department has heard that HDM referrals are not being received. Jose Jimenez shared that the Department created a uniform HDM referral form. Phyllis Mitzen asked if NF's and Dementia/Memory facilities are also trained? David Olsen shared that residential facilities with specialized services have new training standards. He shared that the rules were promulgated July 2019 and are just now going into effect for direct care staff. Cathy Weightman-Moore shared that she has seen the new standards and it is the responsibility of the facilities to provide training and the number of hours of training.

**Update on OASAC CCP Medicaid Enrollment Oversight Subcommittee (PA100-0587):**

Deputy Director McCurdy shared that the OASAC CCP Medicaid Enrollment Oversight Subcommittee met on June 4<sup>th</sup> and looked at the data provided by the Department on the 8,170 individuals that look like they should be on Medicaid. Information received from HFS on these participants was shared with the CCUs. Deputy Director McCurdy stated that the PPT reviewed during the June 4th meeting can be shared with OASAC. The next meeting is scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup>. McCurdy also shared that the Department has made several changes to increase the number of Medicaid applications. The Mandatory Medicaid policy has been updated requiring all age 60-64 AABD participants. In addition, participants already enrolled in CCP that had been grandfathered into the program without being required to apply for Medicaid are now required to apply for Medicaid. The Department worked with HFS and conducted a CCU rate study, and now has a new higher rate for assessments completed by CCUs. The Department currently continues to work with IT staff in testing the Medicaid Uploader feature to better track when CCUs complete Medicaid applications. HFS has also been giving the Department the names participants due for Medicaid annual redeterminations and these names are shared with the CCUs.

**\*Approve the OASAC Workforce Stabilization Work Group Care Coordination (CC) Survey PPT:**

John Eckert noted that there was a request to have OASAC vote to formally approve the OASAC Workgroup CC Survey PPT that had been presented at a recent meeting. Eckert asked for a motion to approve the CC survey PPT. Susan Real made the motion and Cathy Weightman-Moore seconded. All were in favor, the CC PPT was approved. Paul Bennet stressed that the work group needs to stay active because staff turnover is a real problem. Eckert shared that the plan of the work group will continue, including talking to the Home Care Aides as a future activity. Susan Real added that the discussion on Retention needs to be continued, including a recommendation to offer educational opportunities as an incentive. Bennett stated that there needs to be a collaboration with colleges and universities to offer continued education credits for a Masters' degree.

**DRAFT 2019 OASAC 2-year Report to GA (2017 & 2018):**

Eckert shared that the work on the OASAC report to the General Assembly continues and we are at about 75% completion.

**Department Updates:**

**Budget/Fiscal**

Anna O'Connell reported that in August there have been issues with billing closures and it is partially due to staff turnover in the IT Department. However, the first billings for FY20 have been processed and vouchered. In the past the CCUs have been paid from a different mix of funding services and effective FY20 payments will come from the State's Commitment to Human Services fund. Home Delivered Meals will come from the same fund. O'Connell also noted that there have been billing delays from time to time. For example, for FY19 the June payments are not paid, but for FY20 August has been paid. O'Connell shared that there is a link on the Department website under Administration and Funding on waiver rates. McCurdy shared that the PCG rate study vendor will be presenting during the Fall Conference on Wednesday and Thursday in Peoria and taking questions from the network.

**Legislation**

Deputy Director McCurdy informed everyone that the legislative liaison was not present at this meeting. She shared that the Elder Abuse Task Force meets on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The Task Force will be meeting at minimum four times before a Final report is due to the Governor January 2020. The Task Force includes 2 APS providers and one AAA.

### Person Centered Planning Roll-Out

Eckert shared that in response to the federal CMS changes requested on Person Centered Planning (PCP), the Department provided training to all the CCUs on July 1<sup>st</sup> and to all providers on July 2<sup>nd</sup> on the revised PCP policies, the four new updated brochures, and the new forms that include the PCP language and the new participant bill of rights. The pending change from Clients Form Manger (used to complete the CCP Comprehensive Assessment) to the Participants Form Manager will have a more person-centered approach and push Care Coordinators to look beyond offering waiver services by looking at other domains and including Goals and Objectives that are selected by the participant. The 1<sup>st</sup> version will be launched soon; Eckert and Mary Gilman will be training on this at the Conference in Peoria. It was also also shared that the brochures will be translated into Spanish.

### Fall Conference: To Serve & Advocate

Mike Berkes shared that the Fall Conference is scheduled for September 17th-19<sup>th</sup> in Peoria and there is a matrix of presenters. This will be the 40<sup>th</sup> year of CCP and that will be the conference theme. Longevity awards will be presented during the conference. Berkes shared that as of today, a total of 375 individuals have registered and we have capacity for 500. The matrix of presenters and descriptions will be shared with OASAC and there is no fee to register; some of the tracks included are Social Isolation, Person Centered Planning, Risk Mitigation and Department updates.

### State Plan on Aging

Jose Jimenez shared that Department had requested a one-year extension for the State Plan on Aging including strategic priorities with the change of Administration at the State level. However, the Department must revisit where we are and have new 3-year State Plan on Aging finalized by May 2020. He shared that an internal timeline has been created to get the information together. The Department is creating an Inter-Council work group to review, discuss and identify strategic priorities to include as part of the State Plan. Members from OASAC, CCPAC and Illinois Council of Aging. Those want to participate should let the Department know. Meetings will be scheduled in September, October and November via conference calls. Susan Real, Sandy Pastore, Kelly Fischer, Phyllis Mitzen and Elizabeth Cagan agreed to participate.

### Other Issues & Announcements:

Deputy Director McCurdy shared that there will be a Colbert/Williams Consent Decree Summit in Chicago tomorrow. She added that even though Colbert has transitioned to DHS effective July 1<sup>st</sup>; Aging is still involved since the CCUs are completing the pre-screens, Ombudsman play a key role and many older NF residents are Class Members.

### Motion to Adjourn:

John Eckert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Hubbartt made a motion and David Olsen seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.