

**MINUTES
ILLINOIS COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING**

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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT ON AGING OFFICES

**ONE NATURAL RESOURCES WAY – ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE ROOM
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**AND
160 NORTH LASALLE, SUITE N-700
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014
9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M..**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Hosteny
Phyllis Mitzen
J. Diane Adams-Alsberry
Steve Wolf
Jane Angelis
Charles Crowder
Anthany Frazier
Margaret Huyck
Talat Khan
Mubarak A. Mirjat
Dana Rosenzweig
Eugene Verdu

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Betty Martz
Naomi Fowler
Melvin Grimes
Paulette Hamlin
Lee Moriarty
Robert O'Connor
Anna Oestreich
Bernarda Wong
Sen. Julie Morrison
Sen. Sam McCann
Sen. Mattie Hunter
Rep. Dwight Kay
Rep. Ron Sandack

VISITORS:

Margaret Niederer, Citizen Action Illinois
Charlotte Kauffman, Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health

DEPARTMENT ON AGING STAFF:

Mary Killough, Deputy Director
Lisa Zuurbier, Council Liaison
Christopher Boyster, Legislative Liaison
Dennis Miner, CFO/Manager, Division of Finance & Administration
Jennifer Reif, Manager, Division of Benefits, Access, Eligibility and Monitoring (BEAM)
Lance Kovacs, Deputy Division Manager, Division of Community Relations & Outreach
LaTonya Lumpkin, Director's Office
Sandy Leith, Senior Health Insurance Program
Lyle VanDeventer, Home & Community Ombudsman Program
Cathy Houghtby, Division of Community Relations & Outreach
Barb Halstead, Director's Office

SUMMARY

Opening:

The meeting was called to order by John Hosteny, Chairman.

The roll call was taken by Steve Wolf, Council Secretary. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Members, staff and guests at the meeting introduced themselves.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The approval of the Minutes was delayed until later on the agenda.

New Business

Director's Office Report – Mary Killough, Deputy Director:

Deputy Director Killough indicated that Director Holton asked her to talk about the 1115 Waiver. She distributed a hand-out that highlighted moving the current nine State Waivers into the 1115 Waiver.

The Steering Committee of the 1115 Waiver is handled by the Governor's Office of Health Innovation and Transformation (GOHIT), and is looking at all services. There are five workgroups, plus subcommittees. Ms. Killough has been focusing on Services and Supports. Work is being done on defining clear service definitions. The new Universal Assessment Tool (UAT) would be used for all populations. Good definitions are needed so stakeholder groups can understand implications.

The Illinois Aging Network needs to talk about the impact of the 1115 Waiver on current programs, such as who would administer UAT and what resources are to be provided and allocated.

Federal CMS will have a response regarding approval of the 1115 Waiver early in 2015. Approval of the Waiver will mean transformation of the current service delivery system. This is a critical time for Aging. Aging's current waiver expired in September and an extension was granted and HFS has now asked for a second extension. One of the reasons the current waiver has not been renewed is because of new quality standards and rules.

As a result of the Illinois Department on Aging being responsible for Adult Protective Services (APS), Federal CMS is now requesting a system be developed to report on everyone across all the different waivers and to demonstrate ways to mitigate risk associated with those waivers. Communication is necessary to make sure abuse is mitigated and demonstrated to Federal CMS.

New Federal CMS rules are controversial. For example: (1) **Settings** – A community setting has a very strict interpretation. For example, an adult day care facility cannot participate in any way with a hospital setting, and many of the current APS services are located on the grounds of a hospital; (2) **Conflict Free Case Management** – The new Federal CMS guidelines go past what was defined in Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) with regard to expectations around case management; (3) **Person Centered Planning** – There will be a need to re-think how services are being delivered and to work with the individual's wishes, by setting goals with the individuals.

Until a structure is in place for addressing the issues, the Waiver cannot be renewed. The process for addressing and merging issues with the 1115 Waiver is complex. Aging programs differ that than the programs serving the disabled populations. The Department will need to consider how Older Americans Act programs may be impacted; however, no official guidance has been provided. At this time, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) is just starting to have discussions on these issues, and a Transition Report has to be in place by December. Other waivers will need to be extended in order to keep current services in place.

There are many committees and smaller work groups related to the 1115 Waiver and all of the segments are important because of the amount of change being considered in a small amount of time. Basically, the same core group is representing the State Agencies and attends the many meetings. Information from those meetings is published. There are strong advocates from the Disability Network, and there is a need for the Aging Network to talk about older adult needs to be sure current programs are left in place.

Jane Angelis asked how the Illinois Council on Aging could advocate in this effort. It was noted that as one of the stakeholder groups, the Council could submit a written response to the GOHIT group.

Margaret Niederer noted that the idea of Person Centered Care is very exciting for consumers, and, because of the short time-frames involved, asked about the possibility of reviewing efforts on the waiver in other States.

Ms. Killough noted that all States have the same time limits for work on the 1115 Waiver. States are looking at the experience of others in the hope of utilizing ideas already in place in other areas of the country.

Phyllis Mitzen attends the meetings of two separate committees, and there is always a content expert in attendance and the comments of stakeholders are incorporated into the next outline. The Council's role might be to get involved in the stakeholder groups and provide a strong voice for Aging programs.

In regard to the 1115 Waiver, Lisa Zuurbier and Mary Killough will share contact information for different stakeholder groups. The Council has responsibility to self-commit to one or more work groups.

Phyllis Mitzen and Chairman Hosteny will work together to collect all ideas and share at the next meeting.

Chairman Hosteny indicated the following Action Steps: (1) Council Members will receive information from Lisa Zuurbier and everyone was encouraged to get involved in two work groups; (2) the Council needs to make a decision by the December meeting on the position of the Council on advocacy issues related to the waiver; and (3) members can self-nominate and a Council sub-committee can meet by telephone to decide on the position of the Council. The Chairman will be calling members to work on a sub-committee after information from the Department has been sent.

Ms. Killough suggested that perhaps Council Members review the possible committees and work groups, and select a particular area to review, so everyone does not have to read all the information.

Colbert Consent Decree:

Pamela Orr, Project Director of the Department's Office of Transitions and Community Relations, gave a presentation to the Council regarding the Decree, which was a result of a lawsuit filed in 2007 on behalf of people living in Cook County who felt they were being unnecessarily segregated in nursing facilities. The Decree allows Medicaid-eligible nursing facility residents in Cook County to live in the most integrated, community-based settings appropriate to their needs, and empowers individuals with disabilities to live in the community with services and supports.

The Colbert Consent Decree, which was approved in 2011, is the largest of three settled Olmstead Decision related Decrees in Illinois, with nearly 20,000 members in 186 nursing facilities. The Implementation Plan designed by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services was approved in 2012 and implementation started in 2013. A year later, the second phase of the Implementation Plan was started by the Department on Aging.

Components of the Decree include outreach and providing information to everyone about the Decree through the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), AgeOptions in Suburban Cook County, and the Aging and Disability Resource Network (ADRN), the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services. The ADRC/ADRN role, through Transition Engagement Specialists, is to provide outreach and education to all nursing facilities in Cook County, prioritize and target outreach to individuals referred by the Department and others, refer individuals interested in Colbert via the online referral system, and maintain documentation of all outreach and education efforts and report to the Department. There are many obstacles involved in moving the Colbert Class Members from nursing facilities into the community, and goals have not been met. There is a need to work with more nursing facilities in Cook County to locate individuals interested in transitioning to the community.

Colbert referrals are assigned to two Managed Care Organizations (MCOs): Aetna Better Health and Centene/Illini Care. The MCO multidisciplinary team consists of a health care professional, a behavioral health specialist and care coordinators, to determine if an individual can live in the community and, if so, a service plan of care is developed that includes a housing locator and a community mental health center. The MCO provides post-transition care.

There is a Bridge Rental Subsidy that allows a Class Member to pay 30% of their income towards their rent and a subsidy pays the remainder of the rent. Transition funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 provides for security deposit, utility connection, and furniture, food and other necessary household items.

Mr. Frazier asked about the racial breakdown of Colbert Class Members, and Ms. Orr indicated there are a large number of African American males over the age of 58.

Ms. Khan asked what the obstacles are to transitioning the Class Members into the community. Ms. Orr indicated that not everyone wants to get out of a nursing facility, and less than half of the referrals received are appropriate for transition, and some refuse to be assessed. A lot of referrals come from a questionnaire in the nursing home

A small number of people have moved back into a nursing facility, after transitioning to the community.

It was noted that 24-hour care for those transitioning is not provided in the community, and services are provided within the current rules. The Determination of Need (DON) score determines the amount of care provided.

Dr. Mirjat asked if the Class Members get an incentive to transition to the community, and expressed an interest in knowing how the quality of care and the standard of living are monitored. It was noted that the incentive is being able to leave the nursing facility and that resources are provided to live in the community. Any adverse incidents are reported and a file is maintained. Quality of life reports will be issued the end of the year.

Mary Killough mentioned the many challenges of finding housing for the Class Members in Cook County. There is a lack of appropriate housing and many want to live on the North side of Chicago. She asked Phyllis Mitzen about a program called Adult Foster Care. Ms. Mitzen reported that the Department had a contract in 1980 with Council for Jewish Elderly to develop shared housing in the community and then Council for Jewish Elderly did continue with the program. Adult Foster Care was initiated where retired nurses took unrelated individuals into their home; however, the program ran into zoning issues. A group of young entrepreneurs at Northwestern University were trying to develop a program for home seekers. Ms. Mitzen would like to see the Department and Council take a serious look at this issue.

The Chairman noted there is a place in society for nursing homes.

The total cost of maintaining a Class Member in a community setting cannot be more than was being paid for nursing home care. The costs of care will be broken down into groups to decide on comparative costs.

Mr. Frazier asked if a Class Member has a third party legal representative, as SSI recipients do have an attorney to represent them. It was noted that a team of three individuals do a face-to-face interview and if Class Members do not agree with the determination, they can appeal and are allowed legal representation.

Department Updates:

Dennis Miner, CFO and Manager of the Division of Finance and Administration, indicated the Department's FY15 Budget information is on the Department's website. FY15 began on July 1, 2014. The total appropriation for FY15 was \$1.1 Billion, which is an increase of 1 ½%. The increase is a result of increased Federal spending authority. The Community Care Program (CCP) includes several programs. Cost containment controls helped to manage CCP in a more effective way. There was no carry over debt from FY14 and, in fact, the program lapsed \$50 Million because of good projections and other saving initiatives. The FY15 appropriation for CCP totaled about \$970 Million and that included \$745 Million in State General Revenue Funds and \$99 Million in spending authority for CCP commitment to the Human Services Fund. This

is a new fund to assist with revenue coming in after the first of the year to carry out the mission for the year. It is a shared fund with other State Agencies.

The FY15 Budget was based on known revenues.

Ms. Mitzen asked how the CCP case load is being managed. Mary Killough indicated that over the last couple of years, the Department initiated a number of measures, including service authorization guidelines. Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) showing times in and out of client's homes, and rounding was put in place. As a result, a report is filed with the General Assembly. Also, because of the Managed Care Program, people are transitioning out of CCP into a managed care environment, and costs are moved out of CCP and into another line.

The Comptroller's Office is currently paying bills from August.

The Department has already received the first communication from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) to start the preparation process for the FY16 Budget. The Department is in step with the Governor's Office on projections. CCP costs are being monitored very closely.

The Federal Fiscal Year runs from October through September, or, in some instances, April through March.

Chairman Hosteny congratulated the Department on a clean Audit.

Sandy Leith, from the Department's Senior Health Insurance (SHIP) Program reported that SHIP has held five regional education conferences around the State in preparation for the open enrollment period for Medicare. The goal of SHIP is to help Medicare beneficiaries make the best choices regarding their coverage. Council Members Dr. Khan and Anna Oestreich are both trained as SHIP Counselors.

The "Medicare and You Handbook - 2015" has been distributed by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Ms. Leith shared a copy of the "CMS Guide to Consumer Mailings from CMS, Social Security, and Plans in 2014/2015", which provides information about available plans and ratings. Ratings are based on feedback received from consumers. When a plan is a low performer, Medicare will take them out of the market. If an individual receives a subsidy, then no premiums are charged for prescription coverage.

The website, Medicare.gov, will pull up an individual's record. A check-up can be done every year and the individual can enroll online. A lot of security measures have been updated this year.

Ms. Leith also distributed a copy of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Care Coordination Expansion, which noted the areas of the State covered by Managed Care.

Jennifer Reif, Manager of the Division of Benefits, Eligibility, Assistance and Monitoring (BEAM), gave an update on the Division's activities. BEAM has been working to make sure there is no interruption in service for clients in the Community Care Program that are transferred to managed care, and that providers are billing correctly and paid accordingly. Efforts are made to provide quality assurance through the timely transfer of information. There will be 19,000 – 22,000 Community Care clients transferred to managed care. Individuals will be given 60 days to pick a managed care plan. Clients can opt out; however, in a few months, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services will mandate they go back into managed care. BEAM is sent a weekly file from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services listing waiver clients and staff work to make sure the notification process is seamless.

Ms. Reif noted that the managed care agencies have attended all of the necessary meetings and they do respond to issues and are held accountable. Ms. Killough noted that if a process or procedure is not being followed by the managed care agencies, the Department notifies that particular agency and asks for clean up, and there is a certain level of sanctions by withholding money unless they meet requirements. This language is included in the contracts. Ms. Mitzen indicated it is good the Department has taken this initiative.

The Medicare/Medicaid Alliance Initiative (MMAI) is in the process of rolling out. Over the past year, the Integrated Care Program was initiated, which provides assistance for about 4,000 clients.

Dr. Mirjat inquired about the collection of data related to quality assurance. Ms. Reif reported the Department is in the beginning stages of working with University of Chicago on quality issues. BEAM works with the transfer of clients to make sure no one falls through the cracks and the managed care plan follows up with the client.

Ms. Killough indicated the BEAM Division has a major role in bridging the gap with providers. No other department is providing this assistance.

Ms. Mitzen noted a recent article regarding providers being lost because of a lack of payment. She will forward the article to Mary Killough.

Dr. Mirjat noted quality assurance is needed as the State has rolled out programs for mentally challenged individuals and small providers have not been paid and insurance payments are not being made. Ms. Killough indicated the Department met with all associations and provider agencies and talked about services and advertised the toll-free number to call for assistance, so they can learn best practices.

Chairman Hosteny asked that the toll-free numbers be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

BEAM TOLL-FREE # - 1-855-228-6516

SENIOR HELPLINE TOLL-FREE # - 1-800-252-8966

Lyle VanDeventer, Deputy State Ombudsman for Home and Community-Based individuals, indicated the purpose of the program is very similar to the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program. It provides advocacy for seniors and disabled 18-59 who reside in the community in their own homes. Advocacy services are being provided by other entities, but this program is supported by State Law, which provides the legal basis to protect their rights.

The Department received a grant from Federal CMS for about \$1 million over a three-year period to advocate for people who are Medicare/Medicaid eligible (MMAI). This is sponsored through the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP), as well as other General Revenue Funds. The monies are provided directly to community providers to expand Long Term Care Ombudsman services to home and community-based individuals. Both the Federal grant and the Balancing Incentive Program money ends as of September, 2016. At that time, a decision will need to be made on how to continue the program.

The Home and Community-Based Ombudsman Program started working on benchmarks and goals for providers with MMAI clients, beginning July 1. An MMAI expansion was made for Chicago and Central Illinois. The rest of the State is still covered through the Ombudsman Program. There are about 140,000 individuals to be covered by this expansion.

For the MMAI portion of the funding start-up, 10 grants were renewed in July. There are seven more potential grantees for the medical waiver portion.

Total funding over the four-year period is \$4.6 Million from Federal BIP and GRF. The total for MMAI is less than \$1 Million.

The Home and Community-Based Ombudsman Program will help with complaints regarding non response about services. The Illinois Act on Aging was expanded to include Home and Community-Based Ombudsman Program. Governor signed the law providing the Bill of Rights for Community Services. A Fact Sheet is available to provide an overview of the program.

Brochures on the Home and Community-Based Ombudsman Program and the Bill of Rights are available and it is hoped that a video can be created using people who have received Home and Community-Based Ombudsman services.

Mr. Frazier asked if the video can be linked to the Department's website, and suggested that webinars can also be placed on the website related to the program. Mr. VanDeventer will check on securing a link to the video.

Ms. Killough noted this is a purposeful role the Department sought. MMAI required an ombudsman program be in place. No Federal guidance was provided on this role because it is a demonstration grant. In the future, additional funds may be needed. There is a need to give people a voice to say they are not getting the services they need. The Department took on this role and helped form this process of what we can do for these people.

Dr. Khan asked how clients learn about the program. Mr. VanDeventer indicated there is a Fact Sheet available now and the brochures will be published. Mr. Frazier asked if the Fact Sheet and

brochures will be multi-lingual. Ms. Killough indicated the Department works closely with populations served under the Community Care Program and will work with those groups in order to have the material translated into other languages.

Ms. Mitzen asked if there is anything the Council could do in support of BEAM and the new Home and Community-Based Ombudsman Program. Ms. Killough indicated all of these items are unfunded mandates the Department took on. She suggested continuing support in these areas. In subsequent years, the Department will have to ask the General Assembly for support of the services and would need the Council's support to help navigate a process in the State.

Margaret Niederer noted that nursing homes are required to apprise people of their rights. Under the new procedures, she asked who should be responsible for that as the brochures should be given to individuals in both nursing homes and home-based settings. Mr. VanDeventer noted that nursing homes are required to post and entities that are providing services at a government level would distribute this information in mailings.

Ms. Killough noted that a Consumer Bill of Rights is a very important piece of information. This is a demonstration project, so it may not be in Statute, but a decision should be made on who would be responsible for disseminating the information. Charlotte Kauffman, Division of Mental Health, noted Conflict Free Case Management should be a separate entity.

Phyllis Mitzen recommended that information on Conflict Free Case Management be a part of the information provided and should be required at certain points in the process.

Christopher Boyster, the Department's Legislative Liaison, is new to the Department and previously worked at the Department of Children and Family Services.

Department staff will be meeting soon to discuss possible new initiatives for the Spring Legislative Session. No items will be presented during the Veto Session.

Mary Killough invited the Council to send her any ideas for Aging-related legislation by November 14, which would be discussed at the Department and would then have to be approved by the Governor's Office. Any budget impact would have to be considered, as well as proponents and opponents of possible legislation.

Steve Wolf asked Ms. Killough to send an e-mail to Council Members about the issues being considered for Aging-related legislation and discuss at the Council's meeting in December.

Ms. Killough briefly noted that legislation that may be put forth by the Department for the Spring Session would include clean-up language for Adult Protective Services, repealing the Circuit Breaker language, as the program was de-funded in 2012, perhaps carrying over the mandatory reporting issue for financial institutions, and Ombudsman Program issues. Also, as the Department works through the Colbert Consent Decree, might look at trying to increase the ability for people to transition. One barrier is that people do not have ID cards and there may be a need to mandate that nursing homes keep patient's ID information on file. Dr. Mirjat noted that privacy laws may come into play in regard to personal ID information.

Ms. Mitzen asked about legislation to place cameras in resident's rooms at nursing homes. This is legislation backed by the Attorney General's Office and would provide an option for a resident's family to place cameras in the room. The Department and the State Ombudsman will be looking at the legislation to figure out how or if this can be supported. This will not be considered during Veto Session, but may be in the Spring Session.

Approval of Minutes from June 5, 2014, Illinois Council on Aging Meeting:

A quorum was present at the meeting.

A Motion was made by Steve Wolf that the Minutes from the June 5, 2014, Illinois Council on Aging Meeting be approved.

The Motion was seconded by Charles Crowder.

Motion carried.

Report on Committee Related to 50th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act and Medicare:

Diane Adams-Alsberry reported the committee met by telephone three times to discuss a theme for the celebration, possible activities, and to consider different logos.

Mary Killough noted that any celebration during the 2014 Governor's Conference on Aging has a very tight time-line, as planning is mostly already in place. For 2015, the celebration can certainly be included in the planning for that conference.

Suggestions from members regarding the celebration:

- The possible themes selected by the committee were: (1) The Shape of Things to Come: Age Strong, Live Long; (2) Unleash the Power of Aging: The Shape of Things to Come; and (3) Celebrating Aging in America: 50 Years and Beyond.
- Suggested possible celebrations during the 2014 Governor's Conference included having a short program during the Conference Opening Reception, or a Breakfast one day during the Conference—need to identify the target audience for the celebration. Need to select a time when the most people would be available to participate.
- Probably a program lasting no more than a half hour would be ideal, and it could be during the Opening Reception, or a second reception, or perhaps a Breakfast, or during the Awards Luncheon. A one-page hand-out could be developed highlighting the celebration, and could be added to the conference program booklet.
- The consensus of the Council for the theme was to use the following: "Celebrating Aging: 50 Years and Beyond".

- The consensus for the time and place of the celebration was to hold a special reception during the Governor's Conference, with a program that would last between 10 and 20 minutes. Council Members should send ideas for the celebration to Mary Killough and Ms. Adams-Alsberry will contact Ms. Killough to finalize details
- A celebration may also be planned for the 2015 Governor's Conference on Aging.
- **Final Comments Regarding the Celebration:** Mary Killough spoke with the Department's Training staff during the meeting, and it was decided that a separate Reception or Breakfast could still be planned during this year's Conference. She will work with the Council's Committee on details.

Development of a Foundation

A committee has reviewed issues involved in the establishment of a foundation and there are many issues to be considered.

- The foundation would be designed to support aging issues, such as staff training and equipment. Best practices would be determined by what the resources could support.
- It was decided that passing a Statute enabling Aging to create a foundation is probably not the best option.
- The second option would be to partner with a current foundation to create a donor fund, such as the Chicago Community Trust or the DuPage County Community Trust. Donations could be specifically dedicated to a particular issue. The Council could approach one of the organizations and sign a contract asking them to accept donations to benefit Aging services in Illinois. There are certain tax benefits to donors. It was noted that the perception might be that the foundation would only benefit certain areas of the State.
- The possibility of the Council creating a 501c3 non-profit was discussed, as well as a 501-c4. It was noted that the C-4 is a membership organization. There is a lot of work involved in maintaining a foundation.

A Motion was made by Charles Crowder that the Illinois Council on Aging consider obtaining expert advice from an entity that can advise on the development of a 501c3.

The Motion was seconded by Jane Angelis.

Motion carried.

Updates by Council Members:

Jane Angelis will share with Council Members a copy of a Senate Resolution that was passed by the Senate in April, and resulted in a Senate Forum. The Resolution set in motion a

celebration of the accomplishments of volunteers and labeled 2015 The Year of the Volunteer. She asked for ideas from Council Members and hopes to work together on the celebration. The Generations Serving Generations group will be meeting December 10, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Marriott Downtown Chicago.

Eugene Verdu noted the St. Clair County Office on Aging continues to do all of its efforts without Older Americans Act funding by working through local agencies. The success is due to the coalition and partnership with other groups that do have resources and are motivated to work with senior services.

Steve Wolf noted the Programs and Services for Seniors is currently looking for a new Director. This is a position formerly held by Mr. Verdu. Mr. Wolf has been notified that he will be receiving an elite award from the Racial Harmony group, for people who have served the community.

Dana Rosenzweig noted that Charles Crowder is a candidate for Mayor of Flora. He reported that St. Clair County has expended resources for caregiving counseling. Also, the County Board approved a grant to St. Clair County Office on Aging to continue providing resources.

Margaret Huyck is very involved in the Older Women's League (OWL), and their annual meeting was held in Hyde Park on October 11. The new Director of the White House Conference on Aging attended the meeting and said the Village movement would be an important theme because it supplements Aging in Place. The Village will open on November 22. Representatives from the Kaiser Foundation also attended the meeting and spoke on Medicare policy.

Talat Khan has been involved with Senior Health Insurance Program Conference in her area.

Phyllis Mitzen reported that Health and Medicine Policy Research Group will be having an awards celebration in the West Loop in Chicago, honoring contributions to the community. The Village is having a party on October 29, celebrating the people in the community. Every year, Senior Health Insurance Program gives a presentation and provides individual counseling.

Mubarak Mirjat reported that Congressman Davis hosted a dinner, which provided an opportunity for many issues to be discussed.

Anthony Frazier noted it is his pleasure to be a member of the Illinois Council on Aging. He continues to work with Social Security Administration and broadcasts live and answers questions from callers.

Chairman Hosteny asked how members liked the meeting being held by videoconference. It was noted that one meeting should be held with the entire group being in the same location. He noted that information received has indicated that there will be no Delegates to the 2015 White House Conference on Aging. Mr. Frazier noted that at the 2005 Conference, he worked as a volunteer.

A Motion was made by John Hosteny that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion was seconded by Anthony Frazier.

Motion carried.

s/Steve Wolf
Steve Wolf, Secretary
Illinois Council on Aging