

ILLINOIS COUNCIL ON AGING

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

**160 N. LASALLE ST., SUITE N-700
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019
10:00AM – 12:00PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jane Angelis, Anthany Frazier, Christie Goleman, Margaret Huyck, Talat Khan, Susan Lawler, Patricia Marton, Phyllis Mitzen, Lee Moriarty, Anna M. Oestreich, Steve Wolf

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

J. Diane Adams-Alsberry, Paulette M. Hamlin, Representative Rita Mayfield, Representative Anna Moeller

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Mark Batinick, Charles A. Crowder, Senator Mattie Hunter, Mubarak A. Mirjat, Robert O'Connor, Bernarda Wong

VISITORS:

None

DEPARTMENT ON AGING STAFF PRESENT:

Paula A. Basta, Director
Rhonda Armstead, General Counsel
Kelly Richards, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
John Eckert, Policy Analyst, Division of Planning, Research, Training and Development
Sarah Harris, Manager, Division of Finance & Administration
Phyllis Roate, Social Services Planner, Office of Older American Services
Amber Bolden, Administrative Assistant
Portia Riley, Administrative Assistant

SUMMARY

Opening:

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Mitzen at 10:10 a.m.

Roll call was taken by Lee Moriarty and it was determined that a quorum was established.

Approval of September 18, 2018 ICoA Minutes:

Phyllis Mitzen entered a motion to approve the minutes from the Illinois Council on Aging (ICoA) meeting held on March 12, 2019. In the interest of time, Anthany Frazier will submit corrections to the meeting minutes in writing. A draft copy of the ICoA minutes from March 12, 2019, will be re-submitted to Council Members at the next meeting to be held on September 10, 2019.

Public Comment:

None

OLD BUSINESS

Department Updates – Director Paula A. Basta:

The Illinois Department on Aging successfully kicked-off the legislative and budget season. Things are progressing with Department legislative initiatives. The Department has a fully funded budget. Additional highlights will be forthcoming from Department staff during the meeting today.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15, 2019. In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the Department worked with the Building Manager’s Association to illuminate the building in purple. The Department is pleased to put recognition towards a very difficult but important topic.

The Department is working diligently with its sister state agencies regarding rate studies and the results will soon be announced. The Department is pleased with the work that’s been completed and looking forward to collaborating with sister state agencies and the Governor’s Office on rate changes. The Department believes that the Aging Network will be pleased as well, and that the new rates will strengthen the Aging Network. The Department will work with its sister state agencies and the Governor’s Office to have a unified message regarding the rate changes to communicate to the Aging Network.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Basta is building a robust, energetic, and diverse team of employees to move the Department into the future. Director Basta announced Lora McCurdy, as Deputy Director; Amy Brennan, as Legislative Liaison; and Cheryl Barrett, as Human Resources Administrator. The Department has a few vacant Division Manager positions that Human Resources is working to fill.

Kelly Richards is the Department’s State Long-Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman. Kelly comes to the Department with extensive background knowledge and has been with the Department since November of 2018. Kelly has been in her current position as the State LTC Ombudsman for one month. Prior to accepting the position, Kelly served as the Deputy State LTC Ombudsman under Jamie Freschi. Kelly originally came to the Department from the Elizabeth Ludeman Developmental Center, located in Park Forest, where she served as Director. Kelly also worked for the Department of Human Services (DHS) as the Regional Administrator for eight

of the Family Community Resource Centers and Public Aid offices in the suburbs and Chicago. She also served as Local Administrator for four DHS local offices on the south and west sides of Chicago.

Amy Brennan is the new Legislative Liaison for the Department. Amy formally worked for DHS, where she served four years as the Legislative Liaison. Amy also worked in Speaker Madigan's Office many years ago and has lobbied for various organizations including the Citizens' Utility Board, where she worked diligently to keep utility costs low for seniors.

Lora McCurdy was announced as the Department's new Deputy Director. Lora has been with the Department for four years. She previously served as Division Manager, Planning, Research Training and Development. Before coming to the Department, Lora worked with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) where she served four years as Director of the Balancing Incentive Program and Money Follows the Person. At HFS, she also worked on the Medicaid waivers. Prior to HFS, Lora worked at the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (IARF) for 18 years where she served as Policy Director focusing on mental health and developmental disabilities issues. Ms. McCurdy also worked for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for five years.

Panel Discussion on Dementia Friendly Illinois – Raj C. Shah and Darby Morhardt:

Raj C. Shah, MD works at Rush University Medical Center where he has served as a family physician and geriatrician for over 19 years. Dr. Shah has also worked with the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Centers with colleagues Darby Morhardt, Ph.D. who serves as a clinical social worker at Northwestern University Alzheimer's Disease Center, and Greg Cusack at Southern Illinois University.

Dementia Friendly America came out as a national movement three to four years ago after a meeting at the White House Council on Aging. It was based on work that was done in Minnesota seven to eight years prior, with funding from the Target Foundation where they worked through a public health model on training communities and multi-sectors to think about reducing the stigma associated with dementia. The program was accepted on a national level where there were funds provided by sponsors to help with technical support through the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a). The n4a was able to support communities by providing technical support resources in each state across America. Dr. Shah's team has been organized as the Illinois Cognitive Resources Network (ICRN), bringing various entities together. Due to the extremely high number of individuals who will be affected by dementia, the caregivers involved, and the idea of preventing some of the loneliness experienced by people who are going through dementia, Dr. Shah's team applied for and was appointed technical resources support for Illinois. The ICRN put together a State Conference two years ago to be recognized by the n4a as Dementia Friendly Illinois. The 5-year goal of ICRN is to add one community that is dementia friendly in each area of Illinois.

ICRN is dedicated to making Illinois a national leader in the development and implementation of effective community-based models for adults to access research, education, training, and support services to promote cognitive health and quality of life. Member organizations include

volunteer health advocacy groups, Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Centers, aging and disability organizations, as well as public health networks in Illinois.

Building dementia friendly communities in Illinois is significantly important to the families and persons living with or at risk for dementia. In Illinois, there are over 3,000 people who have signed up to be Dementia Friends. There are approximately 50,000 who have signed up across the United States and over 3 million people have signed up to be Dementia Friends around the world.

How Rush and Northwestern Got Involved with the Dementia Friendly Initiative – Darby Morhardt:

The National Alzheimer's Program Act was signed into law by President Barak Obama in 2011. The President and his staff were looking at bringing together the Administration on Aging, now called the Administration on Community Living (ACL), National Alzheimer's Association, and the National Institute on Aging. These groups were brought together to work on issues dealing with dementia. However, there wasn't much discussion amongst those entities. The National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA) propelled communication to happen. Dr. Raj C. Shah and Darby Morhardt, Ph.D. were invited to a meeting in Chicago where the formation of the Dementia Friendly America was just getting underway. Together, they organized staff from the Illinois Department on Aging, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services for individuals living with dementia under the age of 60, and the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Centers, which includes Northwestern University, Rush University, and Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. The Alzheimer's Association's five chapters were also a part of the coalition of professionals working towards a Dementia Friendly Illinois. Dr. Shah took the lead on the project, bringing everyone together through the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center. The group held several in-person meetings and has been conducting monthly conference calls for the last five to six years. The group developed a logo, chose the name "Illinois Cognitive Resources Network (ICRN)," and developed a website. ICRN created the subcommittee, Dementia Friendly Illinois, for anyone who wants to put together a dementia friendly community.

In addition to the monthly conference calls, ICRN provides letters of support to communities ready to be designated as dementia friendly. ICRN has written letters of support for communities that have been designated as Dementia Friendly, including North Chicago in Lake County, Kankakee, Evanston, and River Forest. ICRN has also written letters of support for the communities of Glencoe, Oswego, Kendall, and Elgin. Representatives from the Northeastern Area Agency on Aging (NEILAAA) also participate on the monthly calls. There is synergy with the ACL grant for dementia friendly funding to help provide the infrastructure for the Dementia Friendly Communities initiative. On June 10th, the City of Chicago was awarded a grant from ACL to help develop their program titled, "Dementia Friendly Building Management." ICRN has also been working closely with Catch-On, which is one of the geriatric workforce enhancement programs out of the Rush Center, designed to improve health outcomes for older adults by developing a healthcare workforce that is age and dementia friendly.

Dementia Friendly and the ACL – Phyllis Roate:

The Department's goal is to keep seniors healthy and safe in their homes and communities. The Department was awarded an 18-month discretionary grant through the ACL to help in this

endeavor. Whether a business owner, faith-based community leader, first responder, law enforcement, or financial institution, individuals need to work together to serve people with dementia in their communities. Through the activities of the grant, the Department was able to develop dementia specialist training for anyone in the Aging Network who works in a non-clinical capacity. Council Members are encouraged by the Department to participate in the Dementia Friendly initiative and take information back to their communities for distribution to local entities.

Dementia Friendly Activities in Planning and Service Area (PSA) 2 and PSA 08:

Initially, the Department chose NEILAAA PSA 2 and AgeSmart Community Resources in PSA 8 to implement the Dementia Friendly America initiative. Each AAA was asked to choose two local communities to focus on for the program. The Department's goal is to have all AAAs with dementia friendly communities within their PSAs.

In PSA 2, the communities of Kankakee and North Chicago were chosen for the implementation of the Dementia Friendly Communities initiative. NEILAAA held kick-off events, targeted/trained eight to 12 community sectors and conducted orientations in senior centers. A webinar was conducted with Aetna Better Health that reached over 2,000 care coordinators with the dementia friendly training. They also conducted dementia trainings by webinar with the Aging Disability and Resource Network, which includes the Centers for Independent Living, (CILs), Information and Assistance (I&A) providers, and Care Coordination Units (CCUs). The AAA participated in the North Chicago Community Day Celebration, and the Mayor signed a Proclamation, declaring the day as Dementia Friendly Day. Activities also included participation in the Kankakee Daily Journal Senior Fair, Kankakee Alzheimer's Walk, and the Farmer's Market. Because of all these activities, Kankakee and North Chicago have both been recognized as dementia friendly communities.

With regards to Lake County, the community has been involved in the Dementia Friendly Community initiative for a long time and is very active. Lake County, who wasn't a part of the ACL grant, decided Lake County Housing Authorities would become involved in the initiative. Lake County started hosting memory cafés within the Lake County Housing Authorities that house seniors. Individuals didn't have to go anywhere to participate since the cafes were being conducted in-house.

The Manteno Fire Department trained in the Dementia Friendly Initiative, but their training was not funded by an ACL grant. The entire community got involved because of the passion the firefighters have for this initiative. The Manteno Fire Department donated land and built a memory garden for people with dementia. A local architectural firm donated their services to design the memory garden. They also host an annual safety fair for seniors.

In PSA 8, AgeSmart Community Resources held dementia training in Collinsville and in small towns in the Columbia/Waterloo area. Because the area is large, AgeSmart Community Resources partnered with entities in their area including St. John's Adult Day Center; Center Stone; Ruth's House Assistant Living Facility; and other human services, counseling, and behavioral health organizations. They offered Savvy Caregiver, which is a 12-hour course with the aims of introducing family caregivers to the caregiving role, providing them with the

knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to carry out that role and alerting them to self-care issues. Savvy Caregiver training is separate from Dementia Friendly training, but the entities involved participated in both training initiatives. Ruth's House Assistant Living Facility provided free respite care to the loved ones of all entities that were trained for Dementia Friendly and Savvy Caregiver.

AgeSmart Community Resources also partnered with the Madison County Sheriff's Office and the State Police in this initiative and because of the success of the dementia training, the Madison County Sheriff's Office made dementia friendly training mandatory for everyone in the Department. They also developed a webinar for dementia friendly training that they can continue after the grant has ended.

The Department has statewide initiatives and each of the 13 AAAs choose the local initiatives in which they want to participate. During informal conversations with other AAAs, many have chosen Dementia Friendly America as their local initiative. Most of the AAAs will continue to provide dementia training after the grant has ended.

The Department is looking at conducting a conference where all the dementia friendly communities around the State of Illinois can come together to share their experiences. There was a suggestion from the Council that the Department ask each community to invite one other town that is not dementia friendly to participate.

Representatives from NEILAAA will present their work on the Dementia Friendly initiative during the Illinois Department on Aging Conference to be held in Peoria on September 17-19. Discussion followed regarding the role that local faith-based organizations and libraries can play to support the Dementia Friendly Community initiative.

There are four Phases for Dementia Friendly community planning and implementation (listed below). General information about community planning can be found on the Dementia Friendly America website.

Four Phases of Dementia Friendly Community Planning and Implementation:

1. Convene. Convene key community leaders and members to understand dementia and its implications for your community. Then, form an Action Team.
2. Engage. Engage key leaders to assess current strengths and gaps in your community using a comprehensive engagement tool.
3. Analyze. Analyze your community needs and determine the issues stakeholders are motivated to act on and set goals.
4. Act. Act together to establish implementation plans for your goals and identify ways to measure progress.

Key sector specific resources provided by Dementia Friendly America include:

1. Banks and Financial Services
2. Neighbors and Community Members.
3. Legal and Advance Planning Services
4. Government, Community, and Mobility Planning

5. Health Care throughout the Continuum
6. Libraries
7. Communities of Faith
8. Businesses
9. Community-based Services and Supports
10. Memory Loss Supports and Services
11. Government: Emergency Planning and Response
12. Hospitals

Additional info, regarding the Illinois Cognitive Resource Network (ICRN) can be found by accessing the Dementia Friendly Website: <https://ilbrainhealth.org/dementia-friendly-illinois/>

The You-Tube video shown during the Council meeting can be accessed by copying this link into your browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9g0oK2G9x8&feature=youtu.be>

Long-Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman Program Update – Kelly Richards:

- The Department is currently in the process of planning the Adult Prevention and Advocacy Conference and is looking at dates in October and November.
- The Ombudsman Program is looking at partnering with a legal services developer to acquire stronger relationships of legal resources for people who are in nursing facilities.
- The Department is working with Public Health on facility-initiated discharges and transfers. Prior to the nursing home-initiated discharge, the nursing home must notify the Resident and the Regional Ombudsman. There's also an appeal process that must be followed prior to discharge. The Ombudsman is working on a tracking system to allow the State LTC Ombudsman to track all discharges across Illinois. The Council suggested that the Illinois Pioneer Coalition be recruited to conduct some training with the LTC Ombudsman to help facilitate unification of the discharge process. It was also suggested that the Illinois Pioneer Coalition appoint someone to the LTC Council.
- ACL is changing the way the Department reports data. Trainings are being scheduled in September to make sure all Ombudsmen within the Department's 17 programs are trained on the new reporting process.
- The Department has conducted Level 2 Trainings and has scheduled additional Level 2 Trainings in August for Volunteer Ombudsman staff. The State LTC Ombudsman is looking at ways the Department can reach more volunteers. Currently, there are approximately 200 volunteers around the State, and the Department would like the number to increase. It was suggested by the Council that the Dementia Friendly initiative may be a way to reach additional volunteers. The Department could also include volunteer outreach materials when creating marketing information for other program areas.
- Another resource for the Alzheimer Awareness Program and the Ombudsman is the Serve Illinois Commission. The input from these two programs could help the Commission in their endeavor to reach additional volunteers. Kelly Richards will contact Jane Angelis to discuss ways the Department can partner with the Serve Illinois Commission to share information.
- Council Member Anthony Frazier's wife has a radio station and she'll be conducting an interview with Director Basta. This could also be an avenue that the Department can

utilize to help inform the public about the Dementia Friendly initiative and the Ombudsman Volunteer Program.

Proposed By-Laws Revisions – Anna Oestreich:

Per the by-laws, the Council Members should represent, as much as possible, the geographic sections of Illinois. This geographical representation gives the Council an opportunity to hear what’s going on in every area of Illinois. The Committee tried to be mindful of not only the by-laws, but also of legal issues, experience, diversity, as well as Council growth and development. To help facilitate the process, two by-law revisions are under consideration.

Suggested Revision (1) – Section V

- There shall be four elected officers from the membership: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Nominating Committee Chair. Each shall serve a two-year term.
- A full Slate of Officers shall be elected within the same year, instead of alternate years.

The Nominating Committee will select the Slate of Officers, which is a part of their duty to the Council. They take into consideration longevity, knowledge, geographic area, and other types of diversity. Not all Council Members are on board with the suggested change. However, it was noted that anyone on the Council can serve three consecutive terms, so the rotational problems can be solved by keeping that in mind. During past Nominating Committee meetings, the Committee looked at this issue extensively and investigated the way other State Boards are handling rotation of their Officers. The Nominating Committee concluded that selecting an entire Slate of Officers within the same year would be best for the Council. Council Members must trust the Nominating Committee to ensure that the Council keeps the institutional knowledge on the Executive Committee, while at the same time bringing in new thoughts and ideas to the Committee to help develop leadership in the future.

Suggested Revision (2) – Section VI

- To develop leadership and broader involvement within the Council, the Nominating Committee is suggesting the inclusion and development of new Council Members by extending the Executive Committee membership to include appointed new Council Members, and perhaps a Legislative Member. The suggested changes would permit the Chairperson to appoint two Members at Large to serve one-year terms on the Executive Committee and may be re-appointed for a consecutive additional one-year term. Ad hoc appointments will be made following the Annual Meeting and before the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

According to the by-laws, the suggested language changes must be submitted to the Council 15 days prior to voting; therefore, the Council won’t be able to hold a vote today. The vote will be held during the September 10, 2019 Council Meeting.

Legislative Update – Amy Brennan:

The Department thanked Representative Mayfield and Representative Moller for their support during the Legislative Session.

At the request of Director Basta, the Department's Communications and Public Information Officer, Mike Dropka, put together informational packets for state legislators. The information included Department's brochures along with an introductory letter from Director Basta and the contact information for the legislative liaison. Some of the material included is posted in the reception area in the Chicago office and can be obtained from the Springfield office by mail. Council Members are encouraged to examine these materials to become better acquainted with the Departments' services.

During the last week of the legislative session, legislators passed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Operating Budget Bill, along with the Budget Implementation Bill. Approval for additional nursing home jobs was included in the Budget Implementation Bill, after a great deal of negotiations with stakeholders. Summary of legislation is included below:

- **SB 1321 (Senator Steans and Representative Harris).**
This bill includes several reforms. The language the Department requested was the inclusion of waiver recipients as a separate category under the groups to be included in ex parte Medicaid redeterminations. The Department will collaborate with HFS on this legislation.

Link to Legislation:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/101/SB/10100SB1321enr.htm>

- **HB 3065 (Representative Bryant and Senator Rezin)**
This legislation passed both the House and the Senate. The Bill deals with Adult Protective Services (APS), regarding additional family notification when reports of abuse or financial exploitation arise. HB 3065 amends the APS Act. In a provision concerning face-to-face assessments conducted by a provider agency designated to receive reports of alleged or suspected abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect under the Act, provides that the assessments shall (rather than may) include interviews or consultations regarding the allegations with service agencies, immediate family members, and individuals (rather than with service agencies or individuals) who may have knowledge of the eligible adult's circumstances based on the consent of the eligible adult in all instances, except where the provider agency is acting in the best interest of an eligible adult who is unable to seek assistance for himself or herself and where there are allegations against a caregiver who has assumed responsibilities in exchange for compensation.

Link to Legislation:

<http://ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=10100HB3065sam001&GA=101&LegID=119426&SessionId=108&SpecSess=0&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=3065&GAID=15&Session=>

- **Senate Joint Resolution 13 (Senator Crowe and Representative Stuart)**
This legislation creates the Elder Abuse Task Force. This legislation passed the Senate and House Human Services Committee. The Department worked with legislators to amend timing of the report, allowing 60 days from the date the legislation passed to

name task force members and put together the Committee. The Task Force will host four meetings and their final duty will be to draft the report due January 2021. The first Task Force Meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2019.

Link to Legislation:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=10100SJ0013enr&GA=101&SessionId=108&DocTypeId=SJR&LegID=117278&DocNum=13&GAID=15&Session=>

- **HB 347 (Representative Flowers and Senator Crowe)**

The Department is monitoring this bill. The Bill deals with penalties for assault of elderly. The legislation passed both House and Senate and sent to the Governor for approval; Amends the Probate Act of 1975; Provides that a person convicted of assault, aggravated assault, battery, or aggravated battery of an elderly person shall not receive any property, benefit, or other interest by reason of the death of that elderly person.

Link to Legislation:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=10100HB0347enr&GA=101&SessionId=108&DocTypeId=HB&LegID=114528&DocNum=347&GAID=15&Session=>

- **HB 3343 (Representative Harper and Senator Aquino)**

The Department is monitoring this legislation. The Bill passed both House and Senate. It requires DHS to establish a Restaurant Meals Program to permit individuals who are elderly, persons with a disability, and homeless individuals to redeem their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits at private establishments that contract with the State of Illinois at concessional prices; Requires the Restaurant Meals Program to be operational no later than January 1, 2020; Requires DHS to adopt rules that are effective immediately.

Link to Legislation:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=10100HB3343enr&GA=101&SessionId=108&DocTypeId=HB&LegID=119845&DocNum=3343&GAID=15&Session=>

- **SB 69 (Senator Tarrant and Representative Manley)**

The Department is monitoring this legislation that increases penalties for financial exploitation of the elderly. The legislation passed both the House and Senate. It provides that the court shall not order the sealing of the records of arrests or charges not initiated by arrest that result in a conviction for financial exploitation of an elderly person or a person with a disability, aggravated identity theft against a person 60 years of age or older or a person with a disability, abuse or criminal neglect of a long term care facility resident, or criminal abuse or neglect of an elderly person or person with a disability. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a person who commits the offense of financial exploitation of an elderly person or a person with a disability may be tried in any one of the following counties in which (1) any part of the offense occurred or (2) the victim or one of the victims reside. Provides that theft by deception

from a person with a disability is a Class 2 felony. Provides that consent is not a defense to financial exploitation of an elderly person or a person with a disability if the accused knew or had reason to know that the elderly person or a person with a disability lacked capacity to consent.

Link to Legislation:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=10100SB0069enr&GA=101&SessionId=108&DocTypeId=SB&LegID=114592&DocNum=69&GAID=15&Session=>

- **SB 1319 (Senator Villivalam and Representative Mah)**

This Bill deals with the discrimination in Assisted Living. The bill passed both House and Senate; Defines "greatest social need" for the purpose of a specified rule; Makes a conforming change; Amends the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act; Prohibits unlawful discrimination by an owner, licensee, administrator, employee, or agent of an assisted living establishment of residents in assisted living establishments; Provides that unlawful discrimination does not include an action by an owner, licensee, administrator, employee, or agent that is required by the Act or rules adopted under the Act; Effective immediately.

Link to the Legislation:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=10100SB1319enr&GA=101&SessionId=108&DocTypeId=SB&LegID=118569&DocNum=1319&GAID=15&Session=>

- **SB 1726 (Senator Glowiak and Representative Manley)**

The Bill passed both House and Senate. The legislation Provides that the Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee shall consist of 17 (rather than 16) voting members; Provides that the additional voting member of the Committee shall be an individual with medical or academic experience with early onset Alzheimer's disease or related disorders; Provides that the Dementia Coordinator shall be funded out of the Alzheimer's Disease Research, Care, and Support Fund.

Link to Legislation:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=10100SB1726enr&GA=101&SessionId=108&DocTypeId=SB&LegID=118976&DocNum=1726&GAID=15&Session=>

The Department will put together a synopsis of the above discussed legislation and send to Council Members. If Council Members need more information, please contact Amy Brennan at (312) 814-5407 or by email at Amy.Brennan@Illinois.gov.

Budge Update – Anna O’Connell:

- The Governor’s introduced budget is just over \$1.2 billion in All Funds and just over \$1 billion in General Funds, which includes the Commitment to Human Services Fund and the General Revenue Fund. The Department will post a budget overview on its website and send to Council Members.

- The Department was able to move more than 80 percent of the Community Care Program (CCP) budget line, as well as several other budget lines that affect the AAAs into the Cash Back Commitment to Human Services Fund. Therefore, the Department will be able to manage the funds better, and the vendors will get their payments in a timelier manner.
- The Fiscal office has been able to recode appropriations, reallocate payrolls, and address other technical items. These changes will help create a cleaner budget so the funding flows more naturally from the Department and processes are more efficient within the Department.
- The Department surveyed the AAA's to determine the funding needed to accommodate CCP rate changes for senior service providers. The Governor's Office included in the Department's Budget this year, an additional \$900,000 to accommodate the rate changes and address the minimum wage pressures. The Department will move to annualize the funding in the Department's budget next year. The Department will continue to work with our sister state agencies to implement the rate changes.

Closing Remarks:

The Department is very concerned about the process to fully count the older adult population in the 2020 Census. The Department has started working with DHS and Forefront, the non-profit group in charge of outreach for the entire State of Illinois, to determine how the Department and the AAA's can actively get involved in the planning process for outreach. The Department will let the Council know how plans are progressing. The Council is encouraged to think of ways it can support this initiative. The Council will discuss the topic again during the September Council Meeting.

Amongst the meeting materials received by Council Members today, is a printed copy of the Illinois Council on Aging's Orientation Manual. An electronic copy will also be sent to Council Members. The Orientation Manual was researched and created by Council Members, Anthony Frazier and Diane Adams-Alsberry. Council Members are encouraged to read the Manual to become better acquainted with the Council's duties.

Council Members were asked to complete and submit Ethics Training as soon as possible. John Eckert will send a reminder email to the Council Members who have not yet completed the training.

Motion to Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

/Lee Moriarty

Lee Moriarty, Secretary
Illinois Council on Aging