

Meeting Minutes from Illinois Senior Residents' Advisory Council Meeting 4/26/2023

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

3:00pm-4:30pm

Via WebEx

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of 1/24/2023 meeting minutes
4. Mandatory Trainings
5. Council Work
6. Public Comment Period
7. Closing- Summary and Next Steps

Attendance: Alice Quinlan- Member, Edna R. Lee- Member, Rhonda Jacobs- Member, Julie Lewis – Member, William Wilson – Member, Jennifer Epstein- IDPH, Evan Ponder – IHDA, Adam Moore – IHDA, Director, Paula Basta- IDoA, IDoA, Selma D'souza- IDoA, Iris Schweier- IDoA, Glenda Corbett – IDoA, Becky Dragoo – IDoA, Benetta Davies – IDoA, Pamela Martinez-Ruiz - IDoA

Minutes

Roll Call- Alice Quinlan- Member, Edna R. Lee- Member, Rhonda Jacobs- Member, Julie Lewis – Member, William Wilson – Member, Jennifer Epstein- IDPH, Evan Ponder – IHDA, Adam Moore – IHDA, Director, Paula Basta- IDoA, IDoA, Selma D'souza- IDoA, Iris Schweier- IDoA, Glenda Corbett – IDoA, Becky Dragoo – IDoA, Benetta Davies – IDoA, Pamela Martinez-Ruiz - IDoA

1. **Welcome and Introductions** - Edna R. Lee, Council Co-Chair and participants
2. **Approval of 1/24/2023 Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve 1/24/2023 meeting minutes tabled; quorum needed.
3. **AARP ADU Presentation (Adam Ballard)** – Adam was unable to present. ADU Flyer shared with the Council.
4. **Mandatory Trainings**- Glenda Corbett went over the mandatory trainings that must be completed and the dates cutoff for completion. Dates were as followed:
 - July 31st - Ethics Training
 - August 31st - HIPAA Training
 - September 30th - HDP Training
 - October 31st - Security Awareness Training
 - November 30th- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Members are having issues with the Open Meetings Act Training and therefore will be tabled until Attorney General's Office is contacted for assistance. <https://foiapac.ilag.gov/>

5. **Housing Survey** – William Wilson discussed the drafting of a tenant survey. Currently in the process of drafting focused questions to garner resident's expectations of what

supportive housing means to them. William with the Council plans to research the needs of supportive housing residents and the goals of supportive housing at its creation.

6. **Sub-Committees-** Edna R. Lee advised that there are currently two (2) subcommittees “Understanding Qualitative Care of Older Adults” and “Understanding Outreach Materials”. She expressed the need for additional members for the subcommittee’s. Upon acquiring additional members, the next subcommittee meeting dates will be set. Edna expressed that the committees have discussed the need for publication materials that are language accessible.
7. **Vacancies were announced for the council:** Glenda Corbett announced that one vacancy remains for one Senior residing in Western Illinois. Senator Simmons and his team as well as our AAA’s are actively assisting with identifying that person.
8. **Future Meeting Topics** – AARP outreach was discussed. The Council would like for a representative to share their outreach plans. Julie Lewis shared that SB2322 the Essential Support Person Act is moving through the legislative process. This Act provides that a resident or resident’s representative may designate a primary essential support person and a secondary support person who may visit the resident in the event of general visitation restrictions. This legislation is in response to the COVID 19 pandemic when family members were not allowed to see their sick/dying family members - Social Isolation. William mentioned creating connections with youth organizations – Broadway Youth Center.
9. **In-Person Meeting Opportunities** – All members present agreed to offering in-person meeting options. The Council would like to host the next meeting in July at Williams Development. Would like to invite Senator Simmons to that meeting. Glenda Corbett asked if the Members would be interested in sprucing up their website by adding short bio’s and photo’s of the members. Iris Schweier and Marcia Walker can assist with this process. Information will be shared with them both.
10. **Meeting was opened for Public Discussion and Questions**
11. **Next meeting was announced for July 25, 2023 @ 3pm in-person and virtually**
12. **Meeting Adjourned**