

Meeting Minutes from Illinois Senior Residents' Advisory Council Meeting 04/23/2024

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

3:00pm-4:30pm

Via WebEx

Members in Attendance

Mary Killough (Glenda Corbett), Edna R Lee, Alice Quinlan, Burtrell Selph Sr, Jennifer Epstein, Will Wilson, Dilane Knights, Julie Lewis.

Members Absent

Sharon Ewing, David Castillo, Dennis Powell, Katrina Smith, Rhona Jacobs, Deborah Palmer, Leo Davis, Margie Logman, Adam Moore.

Guest in attendance

Iris Schweier, Roberta Vojas, Gloria Simmons, Selma D'Souza, Billy Rogers, Latorya Simon, Heather Saenger.

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of 10/24/2023 and 1/23/2024 meeting minutes
3. Mandatory Trainings
4. Council Work
5. Public Comment Period
6. Closing- Summary and Next Steps

Minutes

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call** – Edna R Lee, Council Members, and participants.
2. **Approval of 10/24/2023 and 1/23/24 Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve 10/2/2023 and 1/23/24 meeting minutes approved; 2 votes via email and 8 votes during quarterly meeting.
3. **2024 Mandatory Trainings** – Glenda gave a reminder about the 2024 Mandatory Trainings to the Council. Trainings can be accessed in the same website as the 2023 Mandatory Trainings. If Council members were able to log in to the OneNet Training website last year, the same log in information can be used to access 2024 Trainings. In case of any questions or concerns Council members can email Glenda at Glenda.Corbett@illinois.gov and/or Pamela at Pamela.MartinezRuiz@illinois.gov.
4. **Introduction of New Council Member** – New Council Member, Burtrell Selph Sr., was introduced to the Council.
5. **Council Work**

- a. **Guest Speaker – IDoA Senior Advocate, Billy Rogers:** Billy Rogers introduced himself and the work he has done within his community (Southern Illinois) and throughout the whole state as IDoA's Advocate. Billy has met with five of the thirteen AAAs' Directors throughout the state as part of his work with the IL Commission on LGBTQ Aging and the Advocate. He is meeting with the AAAs to encourage them to collaborate with Aging Organizations to bridge the gap with existing organizations to help the aging community. Billy also shared about the work the Commission is working on such as moving forward to identify the problems the aging community is facing, provide testimony, and work on cultural competency training as defined on the legislation. The Commission's Subcommittees are also working towards its final report to the Governor and General Assembly in 2025. Billy also shared with the Council that he is always available if anyone has questions or concerns. You can contact him via email at billylgbtqadvocate@gmail.com.
 - b. **Recognition to Council Member, Julie Lewis:** Julie worked on seeking legislation for Long-Term Care Residents and it passed on June 2023. The legislation is [The Essential Support Person Act](#).
 - c. **Sub-Committee Assignment:** Subcommittees have been assigned and sent out to Council Members. The Council consists of 3 Subcommittees. If the Council Members would like to move to a different Subcommittee, feel free to notify Glenda or Pamela. The Subcommittee description and members have been forwarded to Council Members. The Healthcare Subcommittee needs a Chair/Co-Chair.
 - d. **Sub-Committee Meeting Schedule:** Starting May 15th, subcommittees will meet on the third Wednesday of every month in the timeframe of 9:00 am through 11:45 am, based on your subcommittee. Pamela will send out the meeting invites to all Council Members after Quarterly Meeting adjourns.
6. **Meeting was opened for Public Discussion and Questions**
 7. **Next Meeting was announced for July 23rd, 2024 @ 3pm virtually/hybrid.**
 8. **Meeting Adjourned.**