

Meeting Minutes from Illinois Senior Residents' Advisory Council Meeting 10/22/24

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

3:00pm-4:30pm

Via WebEx and In-Person at Ruth Shirman House

Members in Attendance

Acting Director Mary Killough (Glenda Corbett), Edna Lee, Dilane Knights, Alice Quinlan, William T. Wilson, Jennifer Epstein, Sharon Ewing.

Members Absent

David Castillo, Leo Davis, Rhona Jacobs, Julie Lewis, Adam Moore, Deborah Palmer, Dennis Powell, Katrina Smith, Burtrell Selph Sr.

Guest in Attendance

Gloria Simmons, Pamela Martinez Ruiz, Bill.

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of 04/23/2024 Meeting Minutes
3. Mandatory Trainings
4. Council Work
5. Public Comment Period
6. Closing-Summary and Next Steps

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Edna Lee.
2. **Approval of 07/23/2025 Meeting Minutes** – Minutes were approved, quorum present.
3. **2024 Mandatory Trainings** – Council members were reminded to complete the mandatory trainings. If Council members are having issues accessing OneNet, please reach out to Pamela.MartinezRuiz@illinois.gov to put in a request to check in your account and reactivate it. All trainings should be completed by December 31st the latest.
4. **Attendance Expectations/Review of Legislative Language** – The importance of Council Members to attend Formal Quarterly Council Meetings was expressed. Gloria Simmons – IDoA's Legislative Liaison joined the discussion and gave an overview of the Council. The Senior Housing Residents' Advisory Council was established on May 31st, 2022. The Council shall 1) examine the effect of COVID-19 on congregate arrangement for seniors; 2) evaluate outreach to seniors by identifying barriers for seniors to be supported and connected to their communities. The charge of the Councils is to submit a final report with recommendations to improve housing, access to benefits/services and supports for seniors and their caregivers.
 - a. **Question:** Council Member Wilson raised the question whether the language explains if management for facilities should be present during Council Meetings. **Answer:** The language stated that residents should be part of the Council, nothing about

management is mentioned except for administrative personnel from an assisted living facility and an affording house development. Access legislative language for Public Act 102-0986: [102-0986](#)

5. **Sub-Committee Updates** – The importance of attendance during subcommittee meetings. The subcommittees have been a little slow with meetings and we need more engagement from Council Members to start working on research and prepare materials for the final report.
 - a. **Healthcare Subcommittee** – The subcommittee has met and talked about medication access and healthcare insurance fraud targeting the senior population. Seniors receive the most calls, advertisements, and solicitations to enroll in plans that do not apply or be eligible to them. The subcommittee meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a. m.
 - b. **Training and Outreach Subcommittee** – Subcommittee has had low attendance and needs more engagement from members. The subcommittee meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a. m.
 - c. **Housing Subcommittee** – Subcommittee has had low attendance and needs more engagement from members. The subcommittee meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a. m.
6. **Draft Report** – The Draft of the December 2024 Report will be sent out to all Council Members for review and feedback before submission.
7. **Public Comment Period** – No public comments were made.
8. **Closing: Summary & Next Steps** – Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2025, at 3:00 p. m. via WebEx.
9. **Meeting Adjourned.**