



**Older Adult Services Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Meeting**

Date: July 15, 2019 (Approved October 21, 2019)

Locations: Illinois Department on Aging offices:

- 160 N LaSalle, Suite N-700, Chicago;
- One Natural Resources Way, Springfield; and
- Conference call

In Attendance:

OASAC Executive Committee Members:

John Eckert for Lora McCurdy, Department on Aging
Paul Bennett, AgeOptions
Amy Brown, CRIS Healthy Aging Center
Linda Hubbartt, Senior Services of Effingham County
Mike Koronkowski, UIC College of Pharmacy
Phyllis Mitzen, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
Gustavo Saberbein, Help at Home/Oxford HealthCare
Susan Real, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Teva Shirley, Southwestern Illinois Visiting Nurse Association
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, Catholic Charities

Department Representatives:

Kelly Cunningham, HFS
Megan Spitz, Illinois Housing Development Authority
Lyle VanDeventer, DHS, Division of Rehabilitation Services

Department on Aging staff:

Sophia Gonzalez and Jason Jordan

Absent:

OASAC Executive Committee Members:

none

Department Representatives:

Debra Bryars, Department of Public Health

Introductions; call to order, and approval of January 7, 2019 minutes:

John Eckert welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed everyone that Director Basta and Deputy Director Lora McCurdy were unable to join the meeting. Members and staff introduced themselves from Springfield, Chicago and on the phone. Eckert asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. Mike Koronkowski made the motion; Teva Shirley seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Eckert asked for a

motion to approve the April 15, 2019 minutes. Teva Shirley made the motion to approve the minutes; Gustavo Saberbein seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections noted and will be posted on the Department website.

OASAC Member Vacancies:

Sophia Gonzalez shared that OASAC currently has three vacancies that include a representative from a Health Care Facility licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, a Parish Nurse, a Trade or Union Member. Members were asked to submit recommendations for these vacancies.

Person Centered Planning Roll out:

John Eckert shared that the roll out of Person-Centered Planning become formal with the recent CCU and Provider trainings on July 1st and 2nd. They were developed train CCUs to empower participants and their authorized representatives to look at developing goals and identifying services and supports beyond Waiver services. This includes Care Coordinators working in partnership with participants and authorized representatives to develop person-centered plans of care (PCPOCs). It also included the development of new forms, a revised participant agreement and consent form and CCP brochures. These new forms will be available August 1st, along with the new CCP brochures that include a participant bill of rights. It was noted that all brochures are available in Spanish. The Department has been testing the new Participant Forms Manager (Comprehensive assessment). Teva Shirley shared that she had her staff review the webinar and start using the new forms as advised by the Department, one per week. Amy Brown shared that her CCU has been following the same process.

It was additionally noted that the CCU training also covered revisions to the Mandatory Medicaid policy that has been in effect since June 2008. This policy requires participants to apply for Medicaid. A portal will be created that will allow the CCUs to submit documentation when a Medicaid application is completed. Kelly Cunningham shared that HFS is exploring how to include the Elderly Waiver population in the Ex Parte Redetermination process. When in place it will allow for the State to use third party data sources to confirm ongoing eligibility for Medicaid when there have been no changes to mitigate the burden of the process.

Finalize Recommendations for 2019 (OASAC 2-Year Report to the GA)

John Eckert shared that he the Department continues to work on the 2-year report for the General Assembly that covers 2017 and 2018 and asked the members for recommendations. Amy Brown asked if OASAC can be informed and involved on all the new layers of review and audits that are occurring under Adult Protective Services (APS). Brown additionally shared that there is a Fatality Review Team but would like more of an overview of what is going on with APS. Linda Hubbartt agreed that not a lot of information is shared with all entities and added that information on the Ombudsman program is also needed. Paul Bennett recommended adding nutrition innovation and shared that the use of ALEXA as a vehicle for older adults to access food delivery has been a topic this year for the I4A. Brown shared that CRIS is just beginning the work with ALEXA in her area and have been working with UIUC. Phyllis Mitzen suggested adding the broader area of Social Isolation. Susan Real shared that this is a big Statewide initiative and would like to hear about piloting programs and innovative resources. Brown stated that she was willing to present at the upcoming November full OASAC meeting. Mitzen added that knowing how models are evolving would be helpful and learning IDoA and OASAC roles. Bennett added that knowing how our industry can

help with regards to food insecurities and Social Determinants of Health would be helpful. Bennett also recommended adding knowing what is going on and what we should be doing regarding the upcoming Census count. How can we use the public schools to reach older adults? Eckert shared that the Workforce Stabilization workgroup will be reconvened, A report from Pennsylvania that was recently reviewed discussed the need for homecare aides to be recognized and respected for the work they do. The workgroup had planned to continue the study with the homecare aides. Bennett mentioned that there is a need for the full OASAC to formally approve the Care Coordination PPT. Eckert thanked everyone for the recommendations and noted that he will work on these to present during the August meeting. It was also shared that the Department will have a Fall Conference in Peoria and there is a potential for six hundred participants and we already have over 100 registered.

Review/approve Agenda for August 19, 2019 full OASAC Meeting:

Sophia Gonzalez asked for a motion to review and approve the August 19th full OASAC meeting agenda. The approval of the Workforce Stabilization Workgroup Care Coordination Survey PPT will be added to the agenda. Susan Real made the motion; Gustavo Saberbein seconded. All agreed in favor, the motion was approved unanimously.

Other Issues & Announcements:

Eckert shared that the small Demo Bridge Model Pilot with CCA and Rush is close to being finalized. Lyle VanDeventer shared that there has been collaboration between IDoA and DHS DRS programs. He noted that their new Bureau Chief David Kuriniec wants to learn more about how services operate with Aging and has met with the Director and different program staff. VanDeventer also shared that there have been some changes on the Community Reintegration Program. This program has now been moved out of the Home Services Program to the Independent Living Services unit at DRS. The Centers for Independent Living (CILs) who administer the program will also be able to assist older individuals in nursing facilities that want to move out to the community and will need to coordinate their efforts with the CCUs. Bennett suggested that the MCOs be included in this collaboration. Cathy Weightman-Moore shared that she has already referred individuals to the CILs in her area. Amy Brown shared that she had a great experience with the visit from Director Basta and Deputy Director McCurdy to her CCU. They both came out to learn about the agency overview and learn about some of their programs (CCU and Bridge Program) and walked around and meet the staff. Their visit coincided with their Aging Mastery Luncheon and they were able to greet the seniors attending.

Motion to Adjourn:

John Eckert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lyle VanDeventer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mike Koronkowski seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 2:51 p.m.